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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Defences—Forts.

Read the following papers:—

No. . From Major-Genl. E. H. H. COLLEN, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 8th October 1891, No. 2688-MW.

Defences.

I am directed to forward the letter marginally noted and its enclosure from the Secretary, Defence Committee, regarding certain building operations which are stated to be contemplated on the esplanade of Fort St. George, Madras, and with reference to Public Works Department Circulars Nos. 13-PW and XXVII-PW, dated, respectively, 17th August 1881 and 20th December 1881, to request that the Government of India may be favoured with an expression of the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council on the matter.

From Major W. G. BOWYER, R.E., Secretary, Defence Committee, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Simla, 29th September 1891, No. 361.

I am directed by His Excellency the President of the Defence Committee to submit, for the information and orders of the Government of India, the marginally-noted correspondence regarding certain building operations which are stated to be contemplated on the Esplanade of Fort St. George, Madras.

2. So far as the Defence Committee are aware, no zone to be kept free from obstructions has ever been defined round this Fort, and from the plan which accompanies the correspondence it seems that the site of the new building, though only some 250 yards from the outworks, is not upon Government land. Whether this be the case or not, however, it would appear, I am to observe, that Government of India Circulars Nos. 13-PW and XXVII-PW of 1881 have been overlooked in this instance.

3. The Defence Committee look upon the preservation of clear esplanades round all places of defence as a matter of the greatest importance, and I am to recommend that in the case of Fort St. George such a zone as may be considered desirable by the Commander-in-Chief of the Madras Army should be defined, acquired if necessary, and strictly preserved.

Copy of a letter from the Director-General of Military Works, to the Secretary to the Defence Committee; dated 27th August 1891, No. 2449-C.

I have the honour to forward, for favour of the remarks of the Defence Committee and subsequent transmission to the Government of India, the marginally-noted correspondence regarding proposed building operations within a short distance of Fort St. George, Madras.

Chief Engineer, Madras, No. 6708, dated 6th August 1891, and enclosure.
Director-General of Telegraphs, No. 2307-C, dated 13th August 1891.
Chief Engineer, Madras, No. 6991, dated 15th August 1891, with plan in original.

Copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, Madras Command, Military Works, to the Director-General of Military Works; dated 6th August 1891, No. 6708.

With reference to your Circular No. 1-C, dated 12th February 1891, on the subject of encroachments on the ground in the vicinity of existing Forts, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Madras Division, Military Works, regarding proposed building operations within a short distance of the outworks of Fort St. George.

2. Nothing is known in this office as to the requisite sanction of the Government of India having been given for the construction of the buildings in question.

3. I have reported the matter to the Quarter Master General, Madras Army, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and for such action as he may deem fit.

4. I am calling on the Executive Engineer, Madras Division, for the early submission of the description of the glavis of the Fort called for in your No. 1298-C, dated 14th May 1891, and am requesting him, at the same time, to forward a site plan showing the land which should be preserved intact from further encroachment in accordance with your circular quoted above.

Copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Madras Division, Military Works, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras District; dated 31st July 1891, No. 4449.

I have the honour to report, for the information of the General Officer Commanding, that extensive building operations are apparently to be commenced on the portion of the esplanade immediately to the east of the Medical College and between that College and Fort St. George. Large quantities of bricks and other materials have been collected on this spot, from which it would appear that the building will be one of considerable size.

I have received no information as to what this building is being constructed for, nor have I heard that the sanction of Government has been granted.

I would draw attention to the fact that the erection of a large building so close to Fort St. George will most seriously affect its defensive powers.

The new High Court building at present commands the Fort on its north side within short range.

From correspondence which has been forwarded to me by you, I learn that it is contemplated to erect a new Law College and Home for Sailors and Soldiers on the esplanade immediately to the north of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's camp, and the large building referred to in para. 1 is being actually commenced close to and on the west side of the Fort.

It thus appears probable that in the near future there will be several large buildings, all within short range of the Fort, which would render its defence most difficult.

I report this matter in accordance with Government of India Circulars No. 13-PW, dated 17th August 1881, and No. XXVII-PW, dated 20th December 1881, and Circular No. 1-C, dated 12th February 1891, from the Director-General of Military Works, copies of which are forwarded herewith for ready reference.

Copy of a telegram from the Director-General of Military Works, to the Chief Engineer, Madras Command, Military Works; dated 13th August 1891, No. 2307-C.

Your 6708 of 6th August. Send plan showing site of encroachment and Fort esplanade, also Military Department property boundaries.

Copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, Madras Command, Military Works, to the Director-General of Military Works; dated 15th August 1891, No. 6991.

With reference to your No. 2307-C, dated 13th August 1891, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a tracing showing Military Department land round Fort St. George in red colour.

2. The position of the proposed new building alluded to in my No. 6708, dated 6th August 1891, is also shown on the site plan.

3. I am requesting the Executive Engineer to furnish a site plan showing all the land recommended by him to be kept free from further encroachment; this plan will be submitted to you, if approved by the Military authorities, in accordance with the procedure described in your No. 1624-C, dated 12th June 1891, in the case of the Agram entrenchment.

No. 5941.

Forwarded for favour of the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 5293, dated 6th October 1881.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
24th October 1891. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

No. From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 30th October 1891, No. 2412-MW (Defences).

In returning reference order No. 5941 of the 24th instant, with its enclosures, I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to state that, taking into consideration that the construction of the High Court within the vicinity of Fort St. George is an accomplished fact and that ground to the westward of the main building has already been taken up for stables and offices connected with it and is also required for a Law College, he is of opinion that the zone which should in future be strictly reserved around the Fort should be as marked in pencil on the accompanying plan and that within this area no building of any description should in future be permitted to be erected.

No.

No. 6493.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

In retransmitting the plan * received with Quarter Master General's letter No. 2412-MW, dated 30th October 1891,

* Return requested.

the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to request that

the limits of the military zone of Fort St. George, within which it is proposed that no buildings be erected in future, may be defined by some distinctive colour, as the pencil boundaries marked on the plan are not very clear and are liable to be effaced.

2. It is requested that a duplicate of the plan may be prepared and furnished to this office for record.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
17th November 1891. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with plan.

No. From Colonel A. G. HUTCHINS, for Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 27th November 1891, No. 2617-MW (Defences).

In compliance with your request in memo. No. 6493 of the 17th instant, I have the honour, by order, to return the plan forwarded therewith, the limits of the military zone of Fort St. George, within which it is proposed that no buildings be erected in future, having been shown thereon in emerald green, and to forward a duplicate copy of this plan for record.

No. Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, Madras Army, Ootacamund; dated Fort St. George, 14th December 1891, No. 7131.

In plan received with your letter 2617-MW, 27th November, position of new building being built and Medical College are shown in a square marked with emerald green. Is it to be understood that there is no objection to erection of buildings within that square? Please reply urgent.

No. Telegram from the Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 14th December 1891, No. 2721-V.

Your 7131. No objection to erection of buildings within square referred to.

No.

No. 7267.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to return herewith the plan received with Quarter Master General's letter No. 2617-MW, dated 27th November 1891, and to request that fresh plans may be submitted on a larger scale with the limits of the proposed zone clearly marked by a thin emerald green line.

2. The Government further desires to be informed why the limits of the zone have been placed where marked thus * * * (in black ink) on the true copy of the plan signed by the Deputy Quarter Master General.

3. It is believed that the zone should follow the course indicated in red ink, thus * * *, on the east of the "new building being built." If this surmise is correct, it should be so shown on the enlarged plan now asked for.

(By Order.)

(Signed)

H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th December 1891.

To the Quarter Master General, with duplicate plan.

No. From Colonel A. G. HUTCHINS, for Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 19th January 1892, No. 106-MW (Defences).

Adverting to Military Department memo. No. 7267 of the 18th ultimo, I am

* By banghy.

desired to forward, in duplicate, a plan prepared in this office on a larger scale than that previously submitted, the limits of the military zone of Fort St. George, within which it is proposed that no buildings be erected in future, having been shown thereon in emerald green, and to express the hope that the fresh plans now submitted may be found sufficiently clear.

2. With reference to para. 2 of your memorandum, I am to say that a portion of the ground on which the General Hospital stands is military land, while the two plots of land situated to the east and west of it respectively are in the possession of the Civil department, and the Commander-in-Chief considers it undesirable that any further buildings should be erected on the military land in question as they would be within rifle range of the Fort walls.

3. In regard to para. 3, I am to note that the limits of the zone have been drawn as close as possible on the east side of the proposed new Female Hospital

and across the piece of triangular ground alluded to, as His Excellency considers it necessary to preserve as much clear land as possible around the Fort. It will be observed that the new building proposed to be erected will be about 250 yards distant from the Fort walls and a fire from its roof would render the ramparts on that side untenable.

4. The plan received with your memorandum under reply is also herewith returned.

No. From Brigdr.-Genl. E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 10th February 1892, No. 163-T (Defences).

In continuation of my letter, No. 106-MW of the 19th ultimo, relating to the clear zone of ground around Fort St. George on which the erection of any description of permanent building should, in the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, be in future strictly interdicted, I am now desired to state that, on a reconsideration of the subject and in view of the position of the Medical College, His Excellency sees no reason why the piece of ground on which the greater portion of the General Hospital stands, and shown as included within this zone on the plans which accompanied my former letter, should not now be put outside that zone, as the erection of buildings on it in rear of the Medical College would not materially affect the defence of the Fort walls. At the same time Sir James Dormer would wish that the boundary line should run along the southern edge of the South Indian Railway from where it crosses that line to the east of the proposed Women and Children's Hospital to the left bank of the northern arm of the Cooum as marked X X on the plans. Should, however, the Women and Children's Hospital not be erected on the site now chosen, I am to say the boundary line of the clear zone should be run from the corner near the Memorial Hall along the front of the Medical College as now marked in pencil. There would then be no objection to the plot of ground in front of the Medical College being laid out in gardens, tennis-courts, &c., the only interdiction being the erection on it of any building of a permanent nature.

2. In connection with this subject, I am desired to report that the possibility of surrendering that portion of the General Hospital now used as a Station Hospital for the troops in Fort St. George by the utilization of the hospitals at St. Thomas' Mount and Poonamallee has been again referred to the consideration of the General Officer Commanding Madras District, and, should it appear after receipt of his report to be a feasible and desirable measure, His Excellency will again address Government on this point. Such a scheme, if it can be carried out, might obviate any necessity on the part of Government to provide further accommodation for the treatment of women and children.

No. From Brigdr.-Genl. E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 24th February 1892, No. 184-T (Accommodation).

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the erection of a Hospital for Women and Children on the plot of ground between the Medical College and the glacis of Fort St. George and in continuation of para. 2 of my letter No. 163-T of the 10th February, I am desired by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to report, for the information of Government, that the question of the possibility of surrendering that portion of the General Hospital building used as a Station Hospital for the garrison of Fort St. George by the utilization, to a greater extent, of the Military hospitals at Poonamallee and St. Thomas' Mount has

now been referred for the opinion of the Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces, and the Chief Engineer, Military Works, and Sir James Dormer hopes to be in a position very shortly to formulate his propositions for submission to Government.

No. . From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Consulting Architect to Government; dated Fort St. George, 19th February 1892, No. 1160.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will be so good as to indicate on the accompanying plan the exact dimensions of—

the new High Court buildings,
the proposed Law College,
the proposed Women and Children's Hospital,
the Medical College and its surrounding buildings, and
the General Hospital.

Or, should you consider it preferable, I am to say that there would be no objection to a separate plan on the same scale of 440 feet to an inch being prepared on tracing cloth showing the buildings above named in their respective positions and which on being placed over the accompanying sketch would enable the Government to decide on the zone round Fort St. George within which no buildings should be erected.

2. I am to ask for an early compliance with the above request.

No. . From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Chepák, 24th February 1892, No. 4076.

I have the honour to return the tracing received with your letter No. 1160, dated the 19th instant, with another tracing showing the positions of the following buildings as requested:—

New High Court.
Proposed Law College.
New Women and Children's Hospital.
Proposed site for new police station, and present station occupying a portion of the Law College site laying to be demolished.
Medical College and subsidiary buildings.
General Hospital.

No. . To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 16th March 1892, No. 1820.

No. . From Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, Madras Army, Ootacamund; dated Fort St. George, 27th May 1892, No. 3411.

With reference to your letter No. 184-T, dated 24th February 1892, stating that the question of the possibility of surrendering that portion of the General Hospital building used as a Station Hospital for the garrison of Fort St. George by the utilization, to a greater extent, of the Military hospitals at Poonamallee and St. Thomas' Mount had been referred for the opinion of the Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras, and the Chief Engineer, Military Works,

and that Sir James Dormer hoped to be in a position very shortly to formulate his propositions for submission to Government, I am directed to enquire when the propositions in question may be expected to reach Government.

No. . From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 31st May 1892, No. 1069-MW (Accommodation for Troops—European).

In reply to your letter No. 3411 of the 27th instant, I am desired to inform you that preliminary reports having been received from the Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces, and the Chief Engineer, Military Works, showing that the proposed scheme, viz., the utilization of the Station Hospitals at Poonamallee and St. Thomas' Mount, for the treatment of the sick of the garrison of Fort St. George seems likely to be a practical one, under the Commander-in-Chief's orders a committee was convened in order that the whole project might be thoroughly worked out in detail and its bearings as regards its medical, engineering and financial aspects and the best means of carrying it into effect duly considered.

2. The Committee's proceedings were received in this office at the end of last month; but as several important matters had not been touched upon, the papers were returned to the Committee for further consideration and I have been informed they will probably be resubmitted sometime this week. On their receipt from the General Officer Commanding Madras District the matter will receive immediate attention, but I am to say that the scheme being one involving very careful consideration and also probably the preparation of approximate estimates of the cost of building requirements and of other items of expenditure connected therewith, some time may elapse before the Commander-in-Chief will be in a position to submit his proposals on this subject for the orders of the Madras Government.

No. . From Major-Genl. E. H. COLLEN, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 20th June 1892, No. 1751-MW.

Defences.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1820, dated 16th March 1892, on the subject of the zone which should be maintained round Fort St. George at Madras.

2. It is stated that, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, the zone which should be strictly reserved around the Fort should be as shown in red ink on the plan forwarded with your letter, but that should the Women and Children's Hospital not be built on the site chosen, then the boundary line should run as marked thus — — — in black ink on the plan.

It is also stated that sanction has been accorded to the erection by the Madras Native United Club of a pavilion within the zone subject to the payment of rent and certain conditions.

3. In reply, I am to state, for the information of His Excellency, that the Government of India are of opinion that the Women and Children's Hospital may be erected on the site proposed and that the zone to be preserved round the Fort should accordingly be as marked in red ink on the plan.

4. As regards the Madras Native United Club pavilion, I am to state there is no objection to its erection within the zone, provided that the structure is of the lightest possible kind.

No. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1892, No. 5204

The foregoing letter from the Government of India, No. 1751-MW, dated 20th June 1892, communicated for the

Adjutant-General ...	2	information of His Excellency the Com-
Quarter Master General ...	8	mander-in-Chief and departments of the
Public Department ...	2	Secretariat.
Educational Department ...	2	2. The plan showing the zone which
Local and Municipal Department ...	2	should be maintained round Fort St.
Revenue Department ...	2	George will be forwarded to the Public
Public Works Department ...	2	Works Department in view to the same
Military Department ...	2	being lithographed and 30 copies fur-
Reserve ...	8	nished to the Military Department for
Total ...	30	distribution as noted in the margin.

3. It is understood that the pavilion proposed to be erected by the Madras Native United Club will be a light and small building capable of being easily demolished.

4. The plan of the pavilion received from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be returned to the Quarter Master General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

- " Quarter Master General, with plan of pavilion.
- " Public Department.
- " Educational Department.
- " Local and Municipal Department.
- " Revenue Department.
- " Public Works Department, with plan referred to in para. 2 of order.
- " Chief Engineer, Military Works, Madras Command, } for information.
- " Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces, }

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To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
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Dated August .

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G.O., 22 August 1892, No. 5204

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Defences—Forts.

Fort St. George.—Reply of the Government of India relative to the zone proposed to be reserved round — at Madras and the erection of certain buildings within the zone, communicated, with remarks, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned.

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communicated
to the Consulting
Architect who will
await further orders
in regard to the
New Women's and
Children's hospital.

(Sd) J. P.

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C. A. to Govt.