

8TH JUNE 1895, No. 1365 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

From Lieutenant-General C. M. CLARKE, c.B., Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 15th May 1895, No. 877 M.W.

* Minute No. 1514-B. of 8th instant from General Officer Commanding Madras District, with enclosures.

I have the honour to forward the accompanying correspondence * relating to the cutting of a canal through the Royapuram lines, Madras, which is the first I have heard of this proposal.

2. As it involves the evacuation of the Royapuram lines, I shall be glad to be favoured with the views of the Local Government on the matter, in order to enable me to communicate with the Government of India.

3. In any case no work can be permitted to be commenced in a military cantonment until the sanction of the Government of India has been obtained and arrangements made for accommodating the troops elsewhere.

4. In the meantime, I shall be glad if instructions are given to Mr. Smyth, the Executive Engineer in charge of the Coom Improvement Scheme, that he is not at liberty to commence work on the cantonment ground at Royapuram.

5. The return of the enclosures of this letter is requested.

No. 1077, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND,
18th May 1895.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 8th June 1895, No. 1365 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that no orders on this subject can be passed until the complete plans and estimates of the canal are received. It is believed that it will be impossible to align the canal so as to avoid the Native Infantry lines at Royapuram, but the latter will not in any case be interfered with until the consent of the Government of India in the Military Department has been obtained.

2. It has been ascertained that Mr. Smyth's letters of 23rd April and 3rd May 1895, Nos. 64 and 73, were intended only for the personal information of the Commandant of the regiment and not to supersede the regular report in his own department without which no action could be taken. The Government, however, considers that the last paragraph of the latter letter should have been omitted.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, with six enclosures.
„ Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 8th.

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Encl.

G.O., 8th June 1895, No. 1365 W.

JUNE.

**Native Infantry Lines at
Royapuram**

Orders on correspondence relative to the
cutting of a canal from the Harbour to the
Buckingham Canal through the —.

Bantonnments. Lands

Ootacamund,

No. 877 M W

15th May 1895.

CURRENT No. 1537

From

The Lieutenant-General COMMANDING the FORCES, Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.

SIR,

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ENCLOSURES.

Minute No. 1514 B of
8 Inst. from General
Officer Commanding
Madras District
with enclosures.

5. The return of the enclosures of this letter
is ~~kindly~~ requested.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your obedient Servant
Ans. Myrsk

Ans. Lieut: General
Commanding the Forces.
Madras. *Ans.*

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Public DEPARTMENT.

From

The Lieut. - General,
Commanding the Forces,
Madras.

No. 877 M. N.

Dated 15 } May 1895.
Received 15 }
Resd 16 }
Enclosures - 6

Rev P.W.D. 20/4/95
SUBJECT,

Requesting that he may be
favoured with the views of
this Govt. on the matter of
the evacuation of the Raja-
poomu lines.

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P. W. CURRENT No. 4426

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Transferred to the
Public Works Dept.

Frederick
Chief Secretary

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For orders.

The Military Dept.
rulings quoted by the
Brigadier General Com-
manding the Madras
District are not on
record at Cotacamund,
but it seems clear
that the Canal cannot
be cut without the
sanction of the Govt. of
India in the Military
Dept.

N.A.
20 May 95.

Compd
20/5/95

The word "contaminant" is
very incorrect - but
I am sure the committee of the
Military Department will
be agreed - by that in
order on the subject must be
final until the complete

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

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off M.N.

(H.E. No. 1077 d/18 May 95)

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
observes that no orders
on this subject can be
passed until the
complete plans and
estimates of the Canal
are received. The
Native Infantry lines
in Rajapuram will
not be interfered
with in any case until
the consent of the
Government of India

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in the Military Dept
has been obtained.

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The N. I. Lines at Royapuram -
Interference with - by the
Canal from the Harbour

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that Mr. Smyth's letters of 23rd
April and 3rd May 1895, Nos: 64
and 73 were intended only for the
personal information of the Commandant
of the Regiment and not to super-
sede the regular report in his
own Department, without which
no action could be taken. The
Government however considers
that the last paragraph of the
latter letter should have been
omitted.

To
The Dy Adjutant Genl
Madras Command.

" S. E. H. Cole.

" C. E. H. Sprigg.

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the draft of
J. B. G. G. G.

Let us hear what Mr.
Smyth has to say.

It is not that Mr. Smyth
intended or even committed
any act of discourtesy.
What the Lt. General
wishes to convey - as I
understand - is that the
intimation in question
sh^d. have reached him
through the Gov. and not
through a subordinate -
as the removal of troops
is a Gov. matter - ~~and~~ any
intention to interfere with
them sh^d. be communicated
in a formal manner by the
Gov. to him.

I think he is right - but
the matter can be easily
put right.

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28 May

Note for His Excellency the
Governor: -

I have instructed
Mr. Smyth to come up
here to discuss with me
the alignment of the
Canal and various
other points on which he
wishes for orders before
the detailed estimate
can be prepared, and
I expect him here tomorrow
or the next day.

2. Perhaps therefore
it will be as well to
let this matter stand over
until I am satisfied -
whether or not interference
with the Royapuram
lines can be avoided;
I am afraid it cannot.

3. I am sure that
Mr. Smyth had no idea
of any discourtesy or

disrespect towards the
Military Department,
his intention was merely
to warn the latter that
the land would "most
probably be required"
not in "two months" but in
"a few months" time, so
that unfruitful expenditure
might be avoided.

It is not quite clear
what else he could have
done; he would certainly
not have been justified
in keeping silence until
the "few months" had been
reduced to weeks or
days.

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The N. S. Lines at Rayapuram.
Interference with - by the
canal from the Harbour.

P. W. D.

Note for His Excellency the
Governor.

I have examined Mr
Smyth's survey and discussed
with him the question of the
alignment of the canal
from the Harbour to the
Buckingham Canal, and
am satisfied that it will
be impossible to avoid in-
terference with the Raya-
puram lines.

2. With regard to his
letters to the Adjutant
of the 27th N. S., I have
ascertained that these
letters were written at the
personal request of one
of the officers of the
Regiment, who, acting as
Mr Smyth believes, under
instructions

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instructions from the
Commandant, asked him
to inform the latter if
there was any intention
of interfering with the
lines, he had no idea
that these would be made
the subject of a report
to His Excellency the Lieut.
General Commanding the
forces.

3. Under the circumstances
it will perhaps be suffi-
cient to add to the ori-
ginal draft G.O. (now
resubmitted) the following:-

"2. It has been ascertained
that Mr. Smyth's letters
of 23rd April and 3rd May
1895, Nos. 64 and 73 were
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personal information of
the Commandant of the
Regiment

Yes - I presume the formal notice
will be sent in as soon
as possible
2 June

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The N. I. Lines at Rayapuram
Interference with — by the
Canal from the Harbour

No 1365 W dated 8th June 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following

Endorsement in the Public Seph
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Comd^r the Forces, Madras,
No 877 M.W. dated 15th May 1895. (H.E. No 1077 d/18 May '95)

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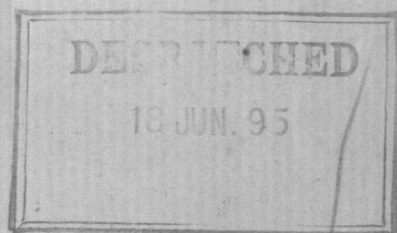
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To
The Dy Adjt Genl
with ^{adding command} ~~6 copies~~ -
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C. E. for ^{spec} ~~spec~~