

Public Works (1897) Department.

Press

✓ G.O., No. 2269 W

DATED 18 August 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.] with remarks

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## The Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles

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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated 19th July 1897, No. 2845.

In G.O., No. 652 W., dated 6th March 1897, I was instructed to convey the building occupied by the sergeant-major, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, to the corps, and in communication with the Collector and the Commandant to settle the boundaries of its compound.

2. I enclose two tracings—one marked A showing the armoury and sergeant-major's quarters and the compound L G H M L as approved by the Collector; the other marked B showing the same buildings and the compound A B C D E F G H J K A as desired by the Commandant.

I also enclose copies of Collector's letters, Nos. 892 of 9th and 12th July 1897.

3. The Collector's contention that the compound should be restricted to that required for the sergeant-major's quarters is in accordance with the Government order, but the demand made by the Commandant is very different from what the Collector approves of, and as it is based on grounds which seem reasonable, I think it advisable to ask for orders on the subject.

4. The reasons given by the Commandant as personally expressed to me are, as far as I remember, as follows:—

- (1) A drill ground is required near the armoury.
- (2) A building is now rented at a cost of Rs. 35 per month for Sergeant Taylor. He ought to be located near the armoury, and the corps propose to build quarters for him in the corner of the proposed compound near E.
- (3) The armoury is frequently used as a place of public entertainment. Space is required for packing carriages near it, and this space and the slope below it should be under the control of the corps.

5. The Commandant desires to have an entrance made in the main wall of the Jail at K and a screen wall built up in the Jail yard to form a passage and means of access from the road at K to the existing back door of the armoury at X tracing (B). I consider this request should not be granted.

The corps can arrange for an entrance on the upper or lower floor of the armoury near J and can drive round to such an entrance, and I believe that the corps were never intended to have an entrance from the armoury into the Jail yard and that they should be required to close the existing back door in a permanent and satisfactory manner. The Collector agrees with me in this view (*vide* paragraph 3 of his letter No. 892, dated 9th July 1897).

6. If the larger compound is granted to the corps, it may be advisable for Government to retain a right of way for themselves and any parties who may claim through them from the road near B past the armoury and through the boundary line D E (tracing B), as Government may see fit at some future time to erect buildings on the north side of the hill below the District Jail, and this may be the most convenient way to get to such buildings.

7. On receipt of final orders, I propose to ask the Government Solicitor to draw up the necessary legal documents.

## ENCLOSURES.

From the Collector of Nilgiris, to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, dated 9th July 1897, No. 892.

In reply to your letter No. 2612, dated 1st July 1897, I have the honour to point out that I must take objection to the compound suggested in your sketch, as G.O., No. 652 W., dated 6th March, contemplates the grant of a compound, not for the armoury, but only for the building occupied by the sergeant-major.

2. I would suggest a line marked in your sketch by the measurements 24, 67, 65, 30, 43 and 81.

3. I agree with the view you express in paragraph 5.

4. The letter you quote in paragraph 2 was not forwarded.

From the Collector of Nilgiris, to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, dated 12th July 1897, No. 892.

In continuation of my letter, No. 892 of the 9th instant, I have the honour to say, on consideration, that in my opinion the compound of the sergeant-major's quarters should not extend beyond the blue line on the plan which I return to you.

No. 407/W.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of orders.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,  
23rd July 1897. Supg. Engineer, IV Circle.

ORDER—No. 2269 W., dated 18th August 1897.

The sale to the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles of the sergeant-major's quarters sanctioned in G.O., No. 652 W., dated 6th March 1897, included the grant of only so much land as would be required as a compound for the quarters. The boundaries approved by the Collector must therefore be adhered to.

2. The need for additional land for a drill ground and for a site for quarters for a sergeant instructor, is quite a separate matter and application for the same should be made through His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.

3. The Government concurs in the views expressed in paragraph 5 of the Executive Engineer's letter.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with two plans.  
" Revenue Department.

Copy to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,  
for the information of His Excellency the  
Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.

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Additional land for a drill ground  
for the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles -  
Public Works DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

No. 2269W, dated 18 August 1897

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 7390

Order

From *The Supg. Engineer*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Circle.*

No. *407*

Dated *23<sup>rd</sup> July 1897*

Received *26<sup>th</sup> 7.97*

Enclosures *4-3 (2 plans)*

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SUBJECT.

*Building occupied by the*  
*Serjt Major of the Nilgiri*  
*Volunteer Corps at Ootacamund.*

*Submits for favor of orders*  
*Comptroller D<sup>y</sup> Officer's letter*  
*Regarding the compound of the*

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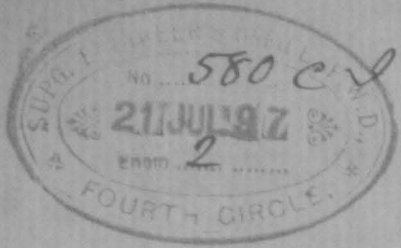


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Executive Engineer



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Superintending Engineer  
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