

Public Works (1899) Department.

W. G. O.

G.O., No. 310 W

DATED 1st Feb '99

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evening*

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Gun practice from the Lighthouse Battery

Communicating to the J. C. Dept. and the
Consq: Architect letter from the J. C. Dept. and the
Madras Command, stating that Regiments
must be carried out from the Lighthouse Battery
and that it will be very undesirable to its continuance
the practice from that Battery; and directing the Consq: Architect
to report from him to him upon the effects of the
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G.O., No. 310 W., 1st February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

Gun Practice from the Lighthouse Battery

Communicating to the Judicial Department and the Consulting Architect letter from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, stating that regimental practice must be carried out from the Lighthouse Battery and that it will be very undesirable to discontinue the practice from that battery; and directing the Consulting Architect, with remark, to report, from time to time, upon the effects of the regimental practice on the High Court buildings.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

From order.
Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General,
Madras Command, R. A. 870, dated 16th
January 1899.

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ORDER. No: 310 W & J. 2. 99.

(To
The Hon. the Chief Secretary
for favour of counterinitials)

The letter read above
will be communicated to
the Judicial Department
and to the Consulting
Architect. The latter officer
will report from time to
time upon the effects on
the building of the Regi-
mental practice about
to take place, and will
arrange with the Honourable
the Judges of the High Court
to throw open all doors and
windows during the practice

The Judicial Department
" Consulting Architect to Govt.
Copy to the Dy. Adj. General,
Madras Command, for
the information of the
Lt. General Commanding
the Forces
" Asst. Adjutant General,
Madras.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

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Letter from the Dy. Adjutant General, Madras Command

No. RA 870 D. 16th Jan'y 1899

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ORDER.

The letter read above will be communicated to the Judicial Dept. with the request that the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court may be asked to report on 15th March next, in communication with the Consulting Architect, on the damage caused to the High Court buildings after by regimental practice from the light Horse Battery, has been

in the Cause Architect - The letter office will report To bring the end from time to time upon the effects of the R in the building of the Regimental practice what to take place, & will arrange with the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court to throw open all doors & windows during the practice for which

To The Judl. Dept. The Comm. Architect to Govt. Copy to Dy. Adjutant Genl., Madras Command, for communication to the Lieut. Genl. commanding the Forces.

APK 27.1.99.

Re write

READ the following:—

Letter from the Dy. Adjutant General, Madras Command,

No. RA dated 18th Jan'y 1899
870

Circulated to H.R. the Governor.

FOR ORDERS.

The course proposed in para. 5 of this
Note should be followed.

A. G. H.
27.1.99

1) As directed by His Excy. in the paper flagged E, the Lieut. General has been asked whether, in view of the damage caused to the High Court buildings, gun practice from the Light-Horse battery could not be discontinued.

2) In the reply quoted above, the Dy. Adjutant-General states that regimental practice must be carried out from this battery as it is now too late in the season to obtain sanction to discontinue practice, & that there is not sufficient data to warrant such an application being made.

3) He asks that when Regimental practice is taking place from the Battery all doors & windows of the High Court be

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thrown open, & he suggests that
report be made ^{on} 15th March
as to what damage has
actually been caused when it
can be determined as to what
further action in the matter may
be necessary.

4) The Dy. Adjutant Genl. adds that
the question is of such vital
importance to the defence of
Madras that it will be
very undesirable to discontinue
the practice ^{from this battery} which might as well
be dismantled altogether if the
proposition is given effect to, &
that the Govt. of India are not
likely to sanction such a measure
unless very severe damage is
caused to the building.

5) It is proposed to commu-
-nicate this letter to the
High Court & the Consulting
Architect, & call for a report
on the damage caused after
experimental practice from this
battery has ~~taken place~~.

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The roof part of the build-
-ing where serious damage
is likely to occur is in the
large window facing East,
which cannot be opened, &
one of which fell in during the
late violent cyclone. I consider
the remaining two to be
unsafe, & have already directed
the Insp. Architect to remove
them, & submit new & more
stable designs which

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From The Deputy Adjutant
General, Madras
Command.

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No. 22
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Dated 16-1-99

Received 23-1-99

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SUBJECT.

Offering his opinion regarding
the question of discontinuing
practice from the High Court
Battery and informing that
arrangements have been
made to carry on the Compe-
-titive practice from the Napier
Battery.

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R.A.
No.

From

The DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL,

Madras Command,

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government of Madras

Fort St George

SIR,

I am desired by the Lieutenant General Commanding to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 61 W dated 7th instant submitting for consideration the question of discontinuing practice from the Light House Battery in view to the damage likely to be done to the High Court Buildings.

2. I am to say that arrangements have been made for the competitive practice which takes place generally from this battery to be carried out on the 21st instant from the Napier Battery, so as to avoid causing any more damage than can be possibly avoided.

3. Regimental Practice must however be carried out from the Battery, as it is now too late in the season to obtain sanction to discontinue practice; moreover there is not sufficient data forthcoming to warrant such an application being

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being made. I would remark however that
no complaint was made apparently of
any damage being done to the High Court
Building consequent on the practice being
carried out from this Battery during 1897-98.

4. It would seem unfortunate that at the time of the construction of the High Court, the question of damage likely to be done by concussion was not taken into consideration, and with a view to determining what amount of damage is likely to be caused, I am to ask that when Regimental Practice is taking place from the Battery, all doors and windows of the building be thrown open so as to lessen the concussion as much as possible, and to suggest that a report at the end of the season, say 15th March next, be made as to what damage has actually been caused, when it can be determined as to what further action in the matter may be necessary.

No complaint was made to the Military authorities, but the High Court complained to the Judd Dept.

5. I may state that the question under reference is of such vital importance, and affecting the defence of Madras, that it will be very undesirable to discontinue the practice from the Battery, which might as well be

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be dismantled altogether if the proposition is given effect to, and it is very unlikely that unless severe damage to the building is caused by practice being carried out from the Battery, the Government of India would sanction such a measure.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant

A. A. Saunders B. Genl RA.
for Dy Assistant General MC