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Camarina Lopes on the Beach.*

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 26. *Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department; dated 17th September 1890, No. 2483-W.*

No. 2483-W, Public Works.

Order—

3. A certain amount of nuisance appears to be caused by the use as a latrine of the casuarina tope in front of the Lighthouse battery, and as the existence of this tope and those in front of the Fort and the Napier battery is objectionable on sanitary grounds, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested in the Military Department to state whether their retention is considered necessary for military purposes.

4. In the meantime the Municipality should take measures for their proper conservancy and for preventing them from being used as latrines.

(True Extract.)

17th September 1890.

To the Military Department.

(Signed) W. L. C. BADDELEY, Major, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 27. *From Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General, Madras Army; dated Fort St. George, 9th October 1890, No. 6300.*

In continuation of this department docket No. 6055, dated 26th September 1890, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will be good enough to bring prominently to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that the casuarina plantations on the Madras beach, which are placed there to mask the shore batteries, have become objectionable for several reasons.

2. Some of these are—

- (1) The privacy they afford induces natives to use them as latrines, and the sea breeze which passes through and over them is therefore contaminated by their presence.
- (2) They form a screen for the shelter of soldiers and others who resort to them at night for purposes of an immoral nature.
- (3) The portion of the plantation which is adjacent to the Fort shuts off the sea breeze from the barracks and quarters occupied by the officers of the garrison and others who are compelled to live within its precincts.
- (4) The plantations also shut off the sea breeze from the island and all that portion of the town lying to the north-west of the shore.

3. Under these circumstances, I am to request that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's assent may be obtained for the removal, at an early date, of the plantations referred to.

No. 28. From Lieut.-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, President, Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated Madras, 7th October 1890, P.W. No. 949.

With reference to G.O., dated 17th September 1890, No. 2483-W, Public Works, para. 4, I have the honor to point out that the conservancy of the casuarina topes are in charge of the Military Department and should be conserved by it.

2. As to preventing them being used as latrines, I would suggest that a copy of the order under reference be sent to the Commissioner of Police, who would doubtless issue special instructions to his men on this point, the Police being the only parties who can act in this direction.

No. 4136-C.

Referred to the Military Department for favor of remarks.

11th October 1890.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 6055.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of remarks with advertence to para. 3 of the order.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
26th September 1890. Secretary to Government.
To the Quarter Master General.

No. 29. From Colonel E. H. EYRE, Officiating Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 24th October 1890, No. 745-MW (Defences—Coast).

With advertence to reference order No. 6055 of 26th ultimo, herewith returned as requested, forwarding for favor of remarks G.O., Public Works Department, No. 2483-W, dated 17th idem, and your subsequent letter No. 6300 of 9th instant, I am desired to state, for the information of Government, that the casuarina groves on the Madras beach were planted in accordance with the views expressed in a confidential memorandum on coast defences, dated 6th December 1884, drawn up by Sir Andrew Clarke, R.E., then Inspector-General of Fortifications, communicated to the Military Department for information and guidance with G.O., Public Works Department No. 753-W, *

* Military Department No. 1786 of 1st April 1885.

† Embodied in Proceedings of Government, No. 4761, dated 28th August 1885.

of 26th March 1885, and concurred in by Sir Frederick Roberts (*vide* para. 4 of this office letter † No. 1197-B, dated 28th May 1885), for the purpose of screening and concealing the position of the beach batteries from the view of an enemy approaching Madras from the sea, for which purpose they are still considered essential.

2. The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion, however, that gaps might with advantage be cut through the belts of trees in several places so as to allow of the sea breeze having free access to the Fort and town of Madras, and instructions have accordingly been issued to the General Officer Commanding Madras District in view to this being carried out.

3. In regard to the proposal for the entire removal of the casuarina plantations now objected to, I am desired by His Excellency to say that as the Defence

Committee, under whose recommendations these plantations were grown, is responsible to the Government of India for the efficiency of the several batteries and fortifications under military control in India, it would, in Sir Charles Arbuthnot's opinion, be necessary to refer the question for its consideration before any action is taken to remove the screen of trees entirely.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1890, No. 6806.

The instructions issued by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for cutting gaps through the belts of casuarina topes are approved. In the event of this measure proving insufficient for the purpose intended, the Government of India will, hereafter, be addressed in view to the plantations being entirely removed.

2. In the meanwhile, the Judicial Department will be requested to issue the necessary instructions in view to the vigilance of the Police being strictly exercised in order to prevent the topes in question being used as latrines, or resorted to for other purposes.

(True Extract.)

H. Shilling Colonel,
for Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

„ Judicial Department.

„ Public Works Department.

„ Public Department for information.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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To THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
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