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Recording proceedings, P.W.D. directing that a site other than that proposed for a rifle range for the S.I. R.M. Vol. Corps at Pakala should be sought.

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Site for a Rifle Range

Considering that another — for the South Indian Railway Volunteer Corps at Pākala than the one proposed must be sought and that the Corps must bear the cost of removing the butts to the new site.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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READ—the following papers:—

From S. H. WYNNE, Esq., Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palmaner, 23rd April 1896, Ref. on Cur. Ver. No. 997/B.

At the end of June last the Commandant, South Indian Railway Volunteers, asked for the acquisition of certain land at Pākala for a rifle range. As the land required was not clearly described by him and could not be correctly ascertained for the purposes of a draft notification, there was some delay and the Divisional officer's report was not received by me till January last. I then found that there were objections to the use of the land for this purpose, viz.: it was surrounded by cultivated land, there was a right of way across it for cattle, &c., the ryots objected, and there was other land mostly waste and poramboke which could be obtained at a cheaper rate.

2. Under these circumstances, I did not approve of the land selected and informed the Commandant accordingly, stating that I would recommend the acquisition of the other land on hearing from him. He replied that he did not consider the other land "suitable," giving no reasons, and said the Corps would be ready to pay the cost of the land, if necessary. He further informs me that "the range has already been constructed" and states that his "authority for constructing the range before the land was finally handed over will be seen in the attached copy of a letter received by me in November 1895 from the Acting Head Assistant Collector."

3. Copy of the Head Assistant Collector's letter is enclosed, and it will be seen that it was no authority of any kind for entering upon the land. Moreover, at a much later date, viz., 1st February, the Commandant wrote to me asking that "information might be sent to this office at a very early date stating whether the ground may be taken up" but saying nothing about his having entered upon it, and constructed a range.

4. The action of the Commandant in entering without authority upon land which he wished to have acquired under the Act, is very embarrassing.

5. I do not think the land is such as should be acquired at all. There are objections as stated above. Government when putting the compulsory provisions of the Act in force has to make a declaration that the acquisition is necessary, and it is straining the Act to make such a declaration when there is land belonging to Government available. The cost of the land preferred by the Commandant will, I believe, undoubtedly be heavier, and the Commandant's proposal to pay for the land from the funds of the Corps is inadmissible if the land is to be taken up under the Act, because the South Indian Railway Volunteers are not a registered Company—*vide* section 3 (e) and the second paragraph of section 6 (1).

6. It seems to me that as the Commandant has occupied the land without authority and is willing to pay for it, he may be left to make his own arrangements; but I have the honour to request orders as to whether a draft notification is to be sent up for the land.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. W. HUGHES, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, North Arcot, to the Commandant, South Indian Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps, Negapatam, dated Ránipet, 15th November 1895, Ref. No. 3670.

Referring to your letter No. 1218, dated 6th instant, I have the honour to inform you that, as soon as the declaration is published and the award made, the land will infallibly be transferred, but that it is necessary to have the ground cleared in order to measure it, for, without this, no declaration can be prepared.

2. The enclosure is returned.

From the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th June 1896, No. B/M.W. 4043.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces considers it desirable to acquire the site on which the Volunteers have commenced to construct a range, and have already expended about Rs. 800. As the land is required for a "public purpose," His Excellency recommends it being taken up under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act.

2. The General Officer Commanding Madras District has been informed that the Officer Commanding the South Indian Railway Volunteer Corps was entirely at fault in entering upon the land before he was officially informed that he could do so.

From S. H. WYNNE, Esq., Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 16th August 1896, Ref. on Cur. Ver. No. 997/E.

Adverting to the memorandum from Government, No. 545 D., dated 25th June 1896, I have the honour to state that the use of the land therein referred to as a rifle range would cause danger to the public. It is reported that the site is about 30 yards from Chennugaripalli and 280 yards from Manappavaripalli, hamlets of Pákala, and that the ryots of these and two other hamlets and their cattle have to cross the line very frequently. Besides, a country-cart track from Pákala to Chittoor is reported to pass across it.

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As the Collector reports that a rifle range on the proposed site would be a source of danger to the public, it is, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, clear that the land should not be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act. Another site must be sought, and the Corps must bear the cost of removing the butts. Their construction on the present site was unauthorized.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector, North Arcot.

„ Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

„ Public Department.

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

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