

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1206

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing the Collector of Salem to inform the Commandant, Madras Railway Station that he should address the staff officer of his district on the subject of the payment of rent for the rifle range at Suramangalam, & that he should continue the payment of the rent pending the receipt of the orders of the military authorities on the question.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Memorandum which was
 received in Pithi on ^{second time}
 4/8/57 was sent ~~down~~
 down to Madras on
 14/8/57 - as this
 appears to be complete.

It is returned to
 be today 1-9-57.

The delay in Mr. Ganesa
 Record is probably due to
 the retirement of the old
 Madras Record keeper. ~~AK~~

AL

Received from R. A. ...
I have the ...

to date 12/8 -
I have ...
1/12/8

In the Ref

Please say - I submitted this yesterday evening to Mr.
AS when I received from the D.P.W. their no 545 B
1/12/8
D 25-6-96 + 2174C 87-5-96 in Compliance with
our memo dated 1/12/8. As soon as the time

received I sent the whole file in.
In this connection I submit to the
U.S. there are upwards of 70 papers
lying on the Pub Reps table & I
have been all one sudden called
on to attend to them.

Mm.
1997

Note for the U.S.

This file appears to have been
received here on the 25th or 26th and
Perhaps the U.S. wanted to see certain
P.W.D. papers & a memo from Smith
to P.W.D. on the 26th & the papers
were received only yesterday.
So there ^{file} was not delayed anywhere.

H
119197

Note
With reference to
the remarks of the U.S. ^{which} are
very much regretted, the follow-
ing explanation is submitted.
There is only one copy of
Vol IX of the Army Regula-
tions available in the Ge-
neral Record kept and that
is the edition of 1886 which
contains the para referred
to. Considering it unde-
sirable to send away the
only copy, I submitted upon
the Indian Library for
another copy for submission
with the current. I was
^{that the library copy had been sent to the U.S.}
however informed that co-
pies were available at
Ooty and that to send ano-
ther was unnecessary. As
I had no other occasion to
consult the regulations, I was
not aware of the existence of a
revised edition of them. But
this would be no excuse, if
a copy of the revised edition
were ^{for reference} available here. No copy,
however, was available and
I had therefore no opportunity
of asking the variations in the
nomenclature of the Sections.
Consequently I submitted the
file without the ~~voluntary~~
provided to but with a note
that copies were understood
to be available at Ooty. The
General Record copy is here-
with submitted for favour of
return.

return when no longer required.

In connection with the present papers first put up for the current, I respectfully beg to submit that the late Mr. R who was consulted regarding the current said that the Regulations and the G.O. of 1894 flagged ~~it~~ would do. I took great care pains to find out all the papers on the subject and precedent, if possible, to collect all papers which in any way related to sites for Volunteer ranges from 1894 ~~onwards~~ ^{up to} for about 10 years, we having ~~the records~~ ^{records} there only up to that year ~~stop~~. But no precedent could be traced and therefore each of the papers as contained important rulings were submitted for information. It was thought that at this stage ~~of the question~~ ^{of the question} and till the Collector came up with a proposal for the acquisition of a site - vide the concluding para of the Bd's pro: - the R. S. might not wish to have the file encumbered with examples of correspondence connected with ~~various~~ ^{various} proposals regarding sites made on previous occasions. The current, however, has now been copiously re-perused and thus will invariably be done in future in regard to such papers. The five G.Os referred to by the Bd. and included to in para 3 of the Order flagged to, all of which relate to the acquisition of a piece of land

land at Coonoor for the use of the Nilgiri Vol. Rifles, are flagged respectively as E. F. G. H. & I.

There is almost a parallel case in G.O. No. 1519 Nul. of 6th March 1893 flagged K where India sanctioned arrears of rent on account of a plot of land in the Mysore dominions used as a rifle range by the British Cavalry at Secunderabad and sanctioned payment of rent so long as it was used for the purpose. But that case differs in an essential particular from that in the current ~~under disposal~~ ^{under disposal} in as much as it does not relate to Volunteers governed by a distinct set of regulations. Reference, however, is invited to the paper for what it is worth.

KD
23/8/97.

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

May the
Suggested
reference to
the C.M.A.
in the note
below be
made?

as
in 18197

US
for approval.

M.K.
M

For my
papers on the point
and a note

CW

9. 8. 87

Note for S.A. No exact precedent can be
found. Certain papers, ^{however,} containing

general orders bearing
~~the same~~ on the subject and
~~proceeding the order to the~~
orders are put up.

The M. & R. having retired, the
S. & R. is in charge of July
records also. I have, however,
consulted Mr. Ramaswami
Mudaliar on the subject of
the current. He suggests
that it may be first referred
to the Controller of July Section
for report as to what funds
are available to meet the
charge and that on receipt
of the report the Govt of India
may be applied to for the
necessary sanction.

It is understood that 12/9/97
Copy of Army Report Vol. IV, is
available. 12/9/97

H.C.

The Under Secy. Revenue
Dept. wants to know
why this was settled
in P.W.D. Please
let me know.

C.H.S.

1.9.97.

D.W.

As all notifications
for the acquisition of lands
required for Military Works
at stations in charge of the
P.W. Department are dealt
with in that Department,
the Collector, in para 6 of his
letter No: 997 of 23rd April
1896 inquired ^{of the P.W.D. as usual} whether draft
for the notification for the
acquisition of the land in
question might be sent up.
The question was therefore
finally settled in the P.W.D.

May
1/9/97

Revenue (1897) Department.

4118 M.D. 27 4-7-94
1520 " 27 9-3-94.
73 " 27 9-1-94.
8106 " 27 8-12-93.
R 6414 " 27 11-10-92
4957 " 27 11-8-92
1439 " 27 5-3-86.

CURRENT No. 6232.

From

The Bd. of Rev.,
Land Rev.

Sub.
Order No: 1459 R.

Transferred to the
Public Department.

No. 2635 mi.

G. Allen.

as Secy to Govt.

Dated 16th }
Received 21 } July 1897
Registered 22 }

Enclosures 1.

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Ootacamund, }
2nd August 1897 }
Recd 4/8/97

Dated 2.8.97

Recd 4.8.97

Regd 4.8.97

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Recd 9.8.97.

sidings in the
Ref. Sept. 22nd 1897
in the way of
reference

SUBJECT.

Intro: for orders letter
from the Collector of Salem re-
questing sanction for the
payment, from Land Rev.
Contingencies, of the rent
for the Jaghir land in Am-
mapalaisiam used as a
Rifle range by the Reg.
Volunteers at Saranangalam
and requesting the Collector
to report at an early date
the result of his further endeavours
to secure a suitable site on the
Kannamalai side.

Wm
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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

REGISTER No. 3393

Salem Collector's Office,

30th June 1897

FROM

C. H. Mousey Esq.,

Ag COLLECTOR OF Salem

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE

COMMISSIONER OF Land Revenue, Madras.

SIR,

A piece of land measuring 4.26 acres of the Annapollicem Jaghir in the Salem Taluk is used by the Railway Volunteers, at Suramangalam as a Rifle Range and the assessment on the land amounting to Rs 6-12-11 was being paid to the Jaghirdars till fasli 1304 by the Commandant of the Volunteer Corps. In October 1876 the Commandant on being addressed, as usual to remit the amount due for fasli 1305, stated that under para 400 of Volume IX, Army Regulations, all sites for Volunteer Ranges were to be furnished by Government free of charge, and further asked

asked for the refund of the amount paid
by him since 1887.

2. I then made enquiries with a
view to acquire the land under Act I of
1894 and found that this is a rent free
Jaghir with an extent of 1074 acres assess-
-ed at Rs 3037, and that it has been granted
for the support of a Durga at Bangalore.
The service is kept up - No suitable land
is available anywhere to be given in
exchange to the Jaghirdars and they are
unwilling to part with it, on account
of magnesite which it contains. In re-
ference to the disposal of which I know
negotiations with Europeans are going on.
To take up the range might cost thousands
of rupees and I cannot certify to its
necessity. I inspected the locality and
suggested another site which seemed to me
quite suited for a Range - The Command-
-ant sent me the following reply -
" I have to thank you x x x for the trouble
you have been so good, as to take in
this

" This matter and in reply I have the honor
" to state that I inspected the site proposed
" by you for the new Range x x - I find
" that the distance of the Range is
" probably so far, as, actual distance
" goes, about the same, as that to the
" range now being used, but since
" the Railway line runs close up to the
" latter it is always possible to carry
" the men to and from the Range, or
" rather to a spot within a few hundred
" yards of it on trolleys".
" In the case of the former, presuming
" the Range were removed as suggested,
" it would always be necessary to
" provide Jathas or carts for the men's
" transport and the consequent expense
" thrown upon the Corps would be
" very considerable.
" There is further an objection to the
" site proposed in that the line of fire
" would be exactly due east and
" not

"not only therefore would the sun
"be directly in the men's eyes but
"the target itself being close to
"Peramal malai x x is thus in deep
"shadow and shooting in ^{the} morning
"or until the sun was well up would
"be almost an impossibility x x
"under these circumstances I fear
"the proposal to remove the Range
"to the site in question is not feasible".

3. I am trying to see if another site
can be found on the Kanjamalai
side. The jaghirdars are, however, pressing
for the payment of their dues and I
think we may keep the land on
paying them the annual rent from
contingencies. I have the honor to
request therefore that the proposal
may be sanctioned.

I have the honor to be

- Sir

Your most obedient servant

Thurman

Acting Collector

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22/10
+ 12/20/69

the present site seems to be unavoidable, but
The Board does not consider that rent for land
used by Railway volunteers is a legitimate charge
on 'Land Revenue'. It accordingly recommends
that Government will be pleased to sanction
an allotment from some other source.

3. The Collector will report, at an
early date, the result of his further endeav-
-ours ^{to} secure a suitable site on the
Kanjimalai side.

/True extract/

Ld. Swamikanan
19.7.97.

Ant. Sundaraj
for Mr. Senechett.

The Secretary to Government,
Rev. Dept., with letter in origl.
to be returned.
Collector of Salem.

21/7/97
KLB

[G.]
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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2904

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Volunteer Rifle Range
at Annamapalayam.

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the current. The
Collector's suggestion that the
rent of the range should be
paid by him from contingencies
appears quite inadmissible.
The cost of the range is a
military charge.

The article of A.P.C. Vol. IX
quoted by the Collector refers to
the old volume. The number
of the para. in the present
(promissory) issue is 436.
It is there laid down that
"Free sites for volunteer
ranges will be granted by
Govt." From the precedents,
even those referring to periods
before the local mil. & dep.
was abolished, it is plain

With expenditure for such
ranges has been sanctioned
by the Govt of India, as at
Anagali included in the
military budget and it received
the sanction of India. It
seems clear therefore that
any such expenditure must
now be sanctioned by India
in the military Dept. and
not by this Govt.

The question arises however
why this matter should
be in Public at all, &
how that it has come
what should be done
with it. This is one more
of the great military
questions which since the
abolition of the local
military Dept. have
fallen to Public. Some
some volunteer matters
are no doubt in Public,
but we have nothing to
do with Capitalism grants,
expenditure on, & in the
recent case of the new
military for the Nilgiri

Order G.O. no 874 Feb
d. 19/10/95 M

Order also G.O. no 4118 mil
d. 4 July 1894 A

Not the case recently, that
of the proposed range at
Pakkala, has been
(under P) desert in the m. P.D.
The only explanation of
this m. P.D. can
give is that it may
be because Pakkala
& some of the surrounding
land is under Railways.

Volunteer Rifles the
correspondence was carried
on direct by India with
the G.O. 7, has got only
occasionally seeing the
papers.

Under the circumstances
it is submitted that this
letter may be referred to
the D.A.G. for disposal
with the remark that
the present range cannot
continue to be occupied
unless rent is paid for
it as before. The question
whether the Corps or the
Ind. Dept of the Govt of India
should bear the cost is
no concern of this Govt. The
Commandant should not, if
it is submitted, have refused
to pay without first obtaining
instructions from the mil
authorities and the Collector
need not have gone to the
trouble of looking out for
& suggesting a new site.
The correspondence if it
came up to this Govt
at all, should it

Submitted have come
through the D.A.G. from
the Commandant, and
not through the Collector.

The Govt. refers to in
436 A.D. Vol IX is the
Govt. of India, Ind. Dept.
+ not this Govt. It is
submitted with this
may be pointed out to
the D.A.G.

Ax.

1/9/97

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, D. C. No. 393 Dated, 4.9.1897
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P. O.

Ootacamund
3rd / 4
September 1897.

My dear Simpson,

Will you kindly look through
the accompanying papers and advise me as
to how they should be dealt with. This
military cum Civil Jurisdiction is at
times rather puzzling. The case is brief-
ly this:-

There is a rifle range (whether
passed by the according to regulations
does not appear) at Suramangalam - the
station for Salem - which is used by the
Salem detachment of the Madras Railway
Volunteers. This has never been acquired
by government. It is the property of
certain private proprietors and for some
years past rent has been paid to them by
the Volunteer corps concerned. Recently
however the commanding officer refused to
pay on the score that the regulations lay
down that rifle ranges will be provided
free by government. So added insult to
injury by asking for the refund of the
rent paid since 1897.

The Collector after making enquiries
in view to taking up the land under the
Land Acquisition Act and finding that
this would probably be a costly measure
suggested to the Commandant another piece
of ground for a range which was however
not approved of. The Collector is looking

about for some other site and pending his finding a suitable one asks for sanction to pay the rent which the Commandant will not pay, out of "Land Revenue Contingencies" ^{of Revenue}. The Board when forwarding his letter very ^{probably} observes ^{that the} rent of the range is not a legitimate charge against Land Revenue.

It is true that the Regulations lay down that rifle ranges are to be furnished by Government free of charge, but is not the charge debitable to military and should not all the business come up from the Commandant through the General Commanding the Division ^{to the} G.O.C. ^{the} and be dealt with by him? It is a matter of doubt whether this Government can order the Commandant to go on paying the rent but I take it that this Government cannot decide whether the land occupied by the present range should be taken up or not, ^{or} whether another one should be selected. It certainly has nothing to do with paying for the range: that is not a charge ^{on} Provincial funds any more than any other charge on accountant or Volunteers is. All that in my opinion it has to do is when the Military Department requests it to acquire under the Act the land required.

It appears to me that the best course would be to transfer the papers to you when the Commandant if he has been guilty of any breach of the rules or Regulations or of ~~the~~ military etiquette can be duly jumped upon and the difficulties regarding the range set right.

All that as far as I can see that we can say if we deal with the case is that the

charge

charge for rent for the range cannot be charged to Land Revenue and must be met from the funds of the corps concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) C.F. Price.

Brig. Genl G. Simpson S.C.) ^{dealt with the}
Office Note, the Col. W.)
Lt. Col. & B. Pro —)
4/2/97

(1897) Department.

D. O. No.

From

Brief: Genl G. Simpson,

D. O.

No.

Dated 11th 9. 97

Received — — —

Registered 14th — — —

Enclosures Recd. 29th 9. 97

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SUBJECT.

Returning papers in connection
with the Vol. Rifle Range
at Salem with his opinion
thereon.

J. H.
This is the reply to D. O. No 393
of 4-9-97 below 7711
11/9/97

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OOTACAMUND.

11-CHIEF SECRETARY
11. SEP. 1897
DEPARTMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Sir

I return herewith the papers in connection with the Vol: Rifle Range at Salem.

Regd provide that Govt finds rifle ranges for Volunteers, but I doubt ~~very~~ much if pick now any.

would care to expend a considerable sum in acquiring the necessary land, when the Vols have a range at a small rental.

In either case, Mr. Chase or sent, the money has to be found by 'Military' since the present instance the O.C. the Corps should address the Staff.

Again G.O., No.	dated	189
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Current No. 2904	of 1897, dated 16/7	, from The Rev Dept.
" "	" 189 , "	" " (80731)
" "	" 189 , "	" "

C.S. ORDER. W. 12068 of 15th Sept 97
alias

The Collector of Salem will inform the Comdt, Madras Ry/Vols, that he should address the staff officers of his district on the ^{whole} subject ~~sitting out during the~~ ~~case and stating~~ ~~what he wants.~~

2. The Collector's proposal to pay the rest of Mr. present ~~Cw~~ ^{14/9/7} nph range from Land Revenue Contingencies is inadvisable, the charge being ~~that of a soldier~~ ~~the Revenue~~ ~~(not a soldier)~~

2 Military and a civil one. The Comdant should be requested, pending the receipt of orders from the military authorities on this

Office of the District to which he belongs, fully stating the case & saying what he wants. The District people will pass the case on here when the L.S. will deal with it in the usual course, either passing it on to Govt or

issuing orders him-
 self..

Yours sincerely
G. Dickinson

note
 The D. A. F. seems to ignore the suggestion that the papers should be transferred to him

Cw
 14/9/7

question, to continue the
 payment of rent, and it
 should be clearly explained
 to him that, if the payment
 is not continued,
 the owners of the land
 may cause considerable
 trouble by claiming this
 property.

AK.

14/9/97

15/9/97

Contd. by Salem the the Govt. of
 18/9/97

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 When signed

READ AGAIN G.O. No.
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DATED

CURRENT No.

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