

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No 219-20

Dated 6. 3. 97

INDEXED.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting, with remarks, the sanction
of the Govt of India to the transfer to
the Nilgiri Hunter Rifles of the certain
"building" on the exercise ground of the
European Barracks at Ooty.

BACK PAPERS.

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 Eudh No 1623.
 Referred to the Revenue
 Dept for favour of inform-
 ation as to what was
 actually handed over
 to the Volunteers under
 G.O. No 636. Mis. Rev. dy.
 13th Feb: 96.
 Indruchand
 Chief Secretary
 3013
 11/8/96
 Gotacamund
 12th August 1896
 Dated 3"
 Received 9"
 Registered 10" } August 96
 Enclosures - nil
 Recd 13. 8. 96.
SUBJECT.
 Requesting to be in-
 formed whether the exercise yard
 attached to the European prison
 at Gotacamund has been made
 over to the Nilgiri Vol. Rifles
 with or without the walls
 there existing.
 TO BE RETURNED
 WITH REPLY.
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Special and Miscellaneous. No 2087 M. W.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 2nd August 1896.

It is requested that the
above heading, with number
and date of this communica-
tion, may be quoted in any
subsequent correspondence on
this subject.

To

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

9. AUG. 1896

Public ~~Military~~ Department.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No 729, dated
10th July 1896, I am directed to state for the
information of His Excellency the Governor
in Council, that an application was received
in March last for the grant of a loan to
the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles of Rs 10,000 for
"converting" the Exercise yard attached to
the European prison at Cotacamund
into an armory, store room, etc, and that
it was understood to be the intention that
the existing yard should be roofed over
utilising the existing walls (which are
"building" in the technical sense of the
term) these having been made over to
the Volunteers by the Local Government
along.

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Public (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 4075

along with the site.

I am to add that the particulars furnished with regard to the estimated cost of conversion bear out this view.

2. I am, accordingly, to request that under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be informed whether they were mistaken in the above view, and whether a piece of land only was transferred to the Volunteers as would appear from your letter under reply.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Mumtaz Ali

Captain, R.E.

Secretary to the Govt of India.

Order

Revised
VLM
18/1/97

Reminded again
on 1st Feb 97
JDB

Noted
Distributed with last number
6000 was sent on 21/1/97

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Please send reminder
on memo 1623
12-8-96

VLM
1/2/97

Reply read
one 454 of 21/1/97
There wait
JDB
21/2/97

From The Revenue Dept

No. 4900 his

Dated 2nd Dec '96

Received 4. 12. 96

Registered 5. 12. 96

Enclosures - one

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the order of
Nilfins to expedite reply
to go. ref: old European
prison at Aotacamund

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read _____

Read Reminder from the Public Department d/
23rd November 1896.

Order thereon, No. 4900 Mis., dated 2nd Decr. 1896.

The Collector of Nilgiris is requested to expedite
2. reply to G.O. No. 3462 dated 27th August 1896.

(True Extract)

Donald Davidson
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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Nilgiris.

Public Department, with Copy of G.O. 3462 d/ 27th

August 1896.

Govt. of {189 } Madras.

REVENUE.

To

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

Mis. G.O.,

189 , No.

SUBJECT.

Requesting the Collector of
Nilgiris to expedite reply to G.O.
regarding old ~~Exi~~ European Prison at
Ootacamund.

Public (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 457

From

The Revenue Department

Order

No. 524 Mis

Dated 27th January 1897

Received

Registered 4th Feb. 1897.

Enclosure 1

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to the Public Department
the Board's report stating that the
site of the exercise yard of the old
European prison at Ooty with the
four walls was handed over to
the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles.

BACK FILES

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	2502W	"	10-10-95

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

457 Revenue Department.
Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read again G.O.No. 3462 Mis, dated 27th August 1896, referring to the Collector of Nilgiris, Endorsement of the Public Department, dated 12th August 1896, No. 1623, for report as to whether the site of the exercise yard of the old European Prison at Ootacamund with the walls thereon was handed over to the Volunteers and if so under what authority and by whom.

Read also the following Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue(Land Revenue),dated 15th January 1897,No.
167 Mis on the following letter from the Collector of Nilgiris
dated 12th December 1896,~~xxx~~ R.C.B.No. 592/96 :-

By Board's Proceedings 4065 Mis, dated 4th September.
1896, I was directed to report

(1) Whether the site of the exercise yard of the old European prison at Ootacamund with the walls thereon was handed over to the Volunteers

(2) ~~and~~ if so, under what authority

(3) and by whom,

Government having observed that by Government order 636 Mis dated 13th February the transfer of the site alone had been sanctioned.

2. I have ^{now} the honour to report (1) that the walls ^{also} ~~were~~ _{Rs} handed over.

(ii) Under the authority of the Government order last quoted. It is true this transfers "the site" but the Collector's letter (82 of 23rd January 1896) correctly represented the application as for "the yard", and he was reporting upon a file of correspondence ending ⁱⁿ letter No. 2133 M.W, dated 4th December 1895 ~~CR23~~ from the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces to the Chief Secretary to Government, forwarding for the favourable consideration of Government an application from the Nilgiri Volunteer

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27 August

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18-2-91

67 Public Dept

Memo No 370.

2/11-2-97.

The Revenue Dept is requested to state whether the word "Site" in G.O. No 636 ^{mis} Revenue dated 13th February 1896 was intended to include also the buildings standing on the site.

(Sd) J. F. Price
Chief Secretary

To The Revenue Dept 20/2/97

Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 716

From The Revenue Dept-

Order

No. 44

Dated 20

Received 23

Registered 23

Enclosures 1

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Feb. 97.

SUBJECT.

Stating that the word
"Site" in Govt order No 634
of 13-2-96 was not intended
to include the buildings stand-
ing thereon.

File with C no 670 from D. S. Sub.

to A on 22/2/07

V. M.
26/2/97

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date

FURTHER PAPERS.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~Read~~ Read the following Proceeding

of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, No. 3186 Mis., dated 11th July 1896:-----

Read Government Order, Revenue Department, No. 85 R., dated 27th April 1896, referring to the Board of Revenue for report, Memo from the Public Works Department, No. 1949 C., dated 10th April 1896, enquiring whether the exercise yard of the old European jail at Ootacamund has been permanently transferred to the Nilgiri Volunteers; and the following reference thereon dated 13th May 1896:---

Forwarded to the Collector of Nilgiris who is requested to report the market value of the exercise yard of the old European Jail.

Read also the following letter from the Hon'ble J.D.Rees C.I.E., Collector of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, Dis. No. 1537 dated 30 June 1896:-----

In returning the file of papers sent with Ref. of R. No. 911 dated 18th May last, I have the honour to state that the following is in my opinion and in that of Executive and Civil Fund Engineers the market value of the exercise yard transferred to the Nilgiri Volunteers.

Rupes

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Rupees.

Value of building -----	4472.
Value of land for 11 Cents at Rs. 3000 per Acre -----	330
Total -----	4802.

Resolution:--

In reply to the G.O. read above, the Board begs to state that, in its opinion, the site and walls of the exercise yard which are applied for to provide a permanent armoury and offices for the Nilgiri Volunteers should be regarded as having been permanently transferred to them.

2. The Collector estimates the market values of the site and the walls at Rs. 330 and Rs. 4472 respectively.

Order thereon, No. 3019 Wis., d/ 29th July 1896.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to its Memorandum No. 1940 C., dated 19th April 1896, with the remark that the sanction accorded in G.O. 536 Rev., dated 13th February 1896, extended as clearly stated therein, only to the grant of the site and that as this is valued at Rs. 330, the sanction is within the powers of the Local Government as laid down in para 9 of the Resolution of the Government of India, printed in G.O. 381, Public, dated 6th June 1872.

(True Extract)

(Signed) A.F. Arundel,

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

(True Copy)

doneil Davidson

F 500-16-11-96.

No. 44.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Reference:- Memo No. 370, dated the 11th February 1897.

The undersigned has the honour to state that the word "site" in Government Order No. 636 dated the 13th February 1896 was not intended to include the buildings standing thereon. Copy of Government Order No. 3019 dated 29th July 1896 is appended.

Fort Saint George,
20th February 1897.

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Dept., with copy of G.O. 3019 d/29th July 1896

Recd. 23/2/97.

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Revenue Department.

I have watched
 the question re the
 walls. Public has
 certainly under
 the impression that
 they were girinalos.
 That seems quite nat.
 what for it was simply
 an enclosed yard.
 GDB 26/1/71

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Public

DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 457

Transfer of land part of
Jail building at Ottacumund
to the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifle

FOR ORDERS.

H.R. The Gov.

How do we expect
the fact that no
order was passed
in Public a principle
about the walls? Being
that only the part of
the land is exposed
to the air the
land should have been
disposed of in some other
Dept. I should have been
if Public had, this the
W. the Grand, above

For

In his letter d. 4-12-95 the
Lieut. Col. commanding forwarded
for favourable consideration an
application from the Nilgiri Volunteer
Rifle for the grant of "the site
of the exercise yard & its walls",
belonging to the old European prison
at Ottacumund.

The Controller of Buildings
Memorandum endorsed on the letter
"As the land to be acquired
is Govt. property; the sanction of the
local Govt. would apparently be
sufficient for the grant of this site

in F

Ord. No 3080
d. 23-12-95
in F

The application was forwarded
the Revenue Dept for early order
as regards the site (the walls are
left altogether out of consideration
as far as can be seen)

The Revenue Dept. referred the
question through the Board to
the Collector of the Nilgiris.
Attention is invited to the reply
of the Col. (read in G.O. no
636 Mis. d. 13 Feb 1896). The
Collector speaks of the correspondence
relating to the application for
the "Ootacamund European
Tennis exercise ground" He also
states that the P.W.D. had no
objection to the conversion of
the ground in question into an
army for the Nilgiri Volunteer
regiment.

The order passed on this was
"The transfer of this site to
the Nilgiri Volunteer Regt. is
sanctioned."

In connection with the grant
of a loan to the N.V.R. the Govt
of India required, in its letter
at K how the exercise ground
was handed over to the Volunteers
within the previous sanction of
the order of the Govt of India on
the subject are contained in para
5 of their Military Dept. letter
no 556 M.W. d. 20-2-95

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just after F

no 636 Mis. B.
d. 13.2.97

in go 728-29
10-7-96

in go 2502 W.
10.10.95

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The Govt in reply said that as
only land, two buildings were
handed over, the ruling
referred to by the Govt of India
did not seem to apply.

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The Govt of India then, in
its letter no 2087 M.W. dated
3rd August last pointed out
that according to the plans
before them it was proposed
to construct the Army by
roofing over the existing walls
& expand whether these walls
had or had not been made
over to the Volunteers along with
the site. The matter was
again referred to the Collector
of the Nilgiris who in his letter
no 524 Mis. (read in G.O. d. 27 Jan. 97
no 524 Mis.) points out that
as the question referred to him
was whether the 'yard' might
be handed over, & the L.G. Co
letter sent to him originally for
report spoke of the land &
the walls, he had supposed the
sanction conveyed in the G.O. of
13.2.97 to apply to the yard
including the walls, & that the

just before G

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...
handed over. He bases his
opinion on the fact that
it was clear that if Govt. had
intended to refuse the application
in respect of the calls the G.O.
would have explicitly said so.
The calls have, he says, been
handed over to the Volunteer
with the land.

The Revenue Dept. says,
in the current, that the word
'site' in the G.O. of 13-2-97
was not intended to include
buildings standing thereon. A
copy of Rev. G.O. no 3019 d.
29 July 1896* shows that
while the C.M. & the Board
considered that ^{sanction had been given to the} ~~the calls had~~
^{handing over of the calls} ~~been handed over~~, the Rev. Dept.
did not.

It is submitted that the
C.M. had some ground for
his opinion in the fact that
no ^{specific} order as to the calls were
issued in the G.O. sanctioning
the transfer of the site. The
difficulty here really, it is
submitted, arises only to the fact
that the calls, not being looked upon
as buildings, but as separate

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... considered that the
calls had been handed over.

Considered by all but the
Rev. Dept. to form part of the
site. It certainly seems as if the Dept.
the following draft is submitted
for orders:
M.
26.2.97

no 716 written

in Cur. no 716

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24.
28-10-96.

Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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Again G.O., dated

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Current No: 2605 of 189 6, dated 3/8, from the Secy of India, Dilly. 27
" " 457 " 1897, " 27/1, " the Rev. Sept
" " 716 " 1897, " 27/2, " do

ORDER.

N^o 219 of 6-8-97

H.E. the Governor.

Please see note below.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Govt. of India.

M.
28/4/97
LETTER:-

N^o 221

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Military Department.

SIR,

In reply to Capt. Dallas' letter No. 2087 M.W., dated 3rd August last, I am directed to state that the view of the Govt. of India is correct and that not only the Exercise yard of the European prison at Ootacamund but the walls have been handed over to the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles.

2. G.O.No. 636 Revenue, dated 1 February 1896 was as follows:-

"The transfer of the site to the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles is sanctioned."

It

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now appears that while the intention
in the Revenue Dept. was
at only the land and not the walls
ould be transferred under that sanc-
on, all the officers through whose
ands the order passed supposed that
he word "site" included the yard and its
alls. Hence no steps were taken to obtain
eparate sanction before te-the transfer
f the latter to the Volunteers. The
is now put forward in the letter under
ply that the walls are "buildings"
. *does not appear (that) brought to the notice of the Govt. of India*
the technical sense of the word *did not*
et present itself to this Govt. at the
e when the application for the site
first received.

I am directed to express the
ret of this Govt. that this mis-
ception has arisen and to request,
ith reference to Military department
tter No. 556 M.W., dated 20th Feb.,
95, that the ~~unusual~~ sanction of the
vt. of India may be accorded to the
transfer to the Nilgiri Volunteer
files of the "building" in question.

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4/3/97

note - would suggest the omission of the words underlined in red ink, and the substitution thereof of the words - "does not appear (that) brought to the notice of the Govt. of India" - does not appear to have presented itself to anyone."

5/1/97

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3.3.97

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Signed ☒ 1897

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