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Barracks and Buildings—Ranges.

Read the following papers :—

- No. 4. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, c.b., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 10th December 1875, No. 7945.

I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that the old Artillery practice ground at Trichinopoly being unsuited for rifled ordnance, and as it was represented by the Civil authorities that no suitable ground could be provided near the cantonment without entailing a large expenditure, the Officer Commanding Southern District was directed to take steps for the selection of ground in the localities indicated by the Collector of the district.

2. With the accompanying papers* are the plan and report on the ground

* 1. Letter from Acting Collector of Trichinopoly to Officer Commanding Southern District, No. 37, 26th November 1875, with enclosure.

2. Letter from Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Southern District, to Brigade-Major, Southern District, No. 178, 1st October 1875.

3. One plan.

selected by Lieutenant-Colonel McGrigor, Royal Artillery, which is about seventeen miles from Trichinopoly. The area selected is partly waste and partly cultivated, and the cost to purchase it outright is estimated at Rupees 33,665.

But to do so is altogether unnecessary, and as the practice will only extend over

about a fortnight in the year, the better plan will be to adopt the course proposed by the Acting Collector in the second paragraph of his letter, that is, to value the crops both before and after the practice is over and pay compensation accordingly. If the time of moving out from Trichinopoly were arranged with the Civil authorities with reference to the time for harvesting the crops, the amount to be paid would not be likely to be very heavy.

3. The ground is reported suitable: the proximity of the road is a drawback, but as there is not much traffic on it, it could readily be stopped during the short time each day that the firing is going on, and also the house and chuttrum, marked A and K in the plan, vacated.

4. Rifled guns were issued to the Battery at Trichinopoly in 1872, and since then there has been no practice, and it being most desirable that the annual firing should be carried out, I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to recommend that sanction may be accorded for paying compensation in the method proposed by the Acting Collector for this season as an experimental measure. This will admit of its being ascertained whether, practically, a good selection of site has been made, and whether the proposed method of adjusting the compensation for damage to the crops is satisfactory.

5. The early orders of Government are solicited.

No. 5. With report from the Controller of Mily. Accounts, 21st Dec. 1875, D.

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No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1876, No. 5.

Sanctioned, as recommended by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in
paragraph 4 of the Quartermaster-General's letter.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M. M.
Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General, with four enclosures.
" Revenue Department. *with 5 copies.*
" Controller of Military Accounts.

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The QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.
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Sanctioning the payment of a compensation
for land required for Artillery practice near
Trichinopoly.

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