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G.O., No. 3894

No 558

DATED 1 September '92

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording the order of the Military Dept. directing
that all copies of the volume for the defence
of Madras should be burnt & destroyed

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To
THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 11th.

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G.O., 11th August 1892, No. 4986.

AUGUST.
Nos. 127-128.

Defences—Coast.

Rangoon and Madras.—Letter from the Quarter Master General containing instructions relative to the destruction of copies of the schemes of defence of—, communicated, with remarks, to departments concerned.

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Recorded with reference
to office note No. 114 d. 1-9-92

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OFFICE NOTE.

Station Colly date 1st Sept 1892

From

The Secretary to Govt.
M.D.

To

The Secretary to Govt.
Military Dept

With reference to G.O. dt 11-8-92,
No 4986 military, the under-
signed has the honor to state
that of the five copies of the
Scheme for the Defence of
Madras received with
G.O. No 4235 dt 31-7-91, three
~~have been~~ were returned
to the Secy. to Govt. M.D. with
office note No 24 dt 10-8-1891.

The remaining two have
now been destroyed and a
certificate to that effect is
forwarded herewith.

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Certificate
OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

With reference to para 2
of G.O. dt 11-8-1892, No 4986
military, I hereby certify
that the two copies of the
Scheme for the Defence of
Madras in my possession
have this day been burnt
and destroyed in my
presence.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Defences—Coast.

Read the following paper:—

No. 127. From Brigadier-General E. H. EYRE, Quarter Master General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 27th June 1892, No. 1265-M.W.

Defences—Coast.

With reference to Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 2927, of 5th May 1892, I am desired to forward, for the information of Government, copies of the marginally-noted correspondence, and, with reference thereto, to solicit that, under the orders of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, instructions may be issued to all those, excepting the Government of India, to whom copies of the schemes of defence of Rangoon and Madras, respectively, have been supplied in view to the destruction of the same, a certificate, that the copies in his or its possession have been *burnt* in the presence of an officer, being furnished by each officer or department of Government, and I am to suggest that these certificates be submitted collectively for the information of the Secretary, Defence Committee, Simla.

2. Copies of the above schemes in the possession of this office and those that have been communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-General will be similarly destroyed, one copy only of each of the latest schemes of Madras and Rangoon being retained by me, in accordance with clause (v.) of the rules circulated with Military Department No. 6431 of 14th November 1891.

From Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir J. C. DORMER, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Ootacamund, 16th May 1892, No. 977-M.W.

In continuation of my letter, No. 801-M.W., of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose, for your information, copies of the marginally-noted correspondence, from which you will perceive that numerous copies of the schemes of defence for the ports of Rangoon and Madras have been communicated by the Government of Madras to departments, the Chief Commissioner in Burma, and to the Government of India.

Letter No. E. 45 C. of 30th November 1891 from Adjutant-General, Madras, to Secretary to Government, Military Department.
Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 2927, of 5th May 1892.

2. From your letter, No. 1448/R.E., of 30th December 1891, it is apparently the intention that all these copies, with the exception of those referred to in clauses (iii.) and (v.) of the rules for the custody and distribution of such documents, should be transmitted to the office of the Defence Committee, where they will be safeguarded in future, and the Madras Government will be requested to issue instructions accordingly to all those to whom copies of the schemes were furnished. As, however, it is manifest that the Defence Committee cannot possibly require all those copies of the schemes for any other purpose than that of ensuring their safe custody, I have the honour to inquire whether, in view to guard against the possibility of any of the copies

being lost in transit, it would not be preferable to issue instructions in view to the destruction of all such copies, each officer to whom copies may have been communicated certifying that this has been done.

Inquiries are being made by the General Officers Commanding Burma and Madras Districts regarding the distribution and disposal of manuscript and printed copies of the schemes which have been in their possession, and, on receipt of replies from those officers, a further communication on the subject will be made to you.

From Major-General W. GALBRAITH, Adjutant-General in India, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Madras Army; dated Simla, 1st June 1892, No. 863/4t.E.

I have the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief in India, to acquaint you that the intention of the Government of India is correctly interpreted in para. 2 of your Excellency's letter, No. 477 M.W., dated 16th May 1892.

2. It was specially provided (rule vii.) that, on the issue of reprints, the previous copies should be transmitted to the Secretary, Defence Committee, for disposal under the orders of His Excellency the President in order to obviate any possibility of their being thrown into waste, paper baskets and ultimately sold into improper hands, and the rule should be followed in reference to future issues of reprints.

3. But as regards the disposal of the accumulated copies tabulated in the accompaniment to your Excellency's letter under reply, I am to say that Lord Roberts concurs in the suggestion that, to guard against any risk of loss in transit by post, instructions should be given for their destruction locally, each officer certifying that the copies in his possession have been *burnt* in the presence of an officer.

4. This procedure is not necessary, however, in the case of copies in possession of the Government of India, as they can be obtained by this department direct.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1892, No. 4986.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Quarter Master General be communicated to departments concerned in view to the instructions therein contained being attended to.

2. It is requested that the certificate referred to may be furnished with the least possible delay for transmission to the Secretary, Defence Committee, Simla.

(True Extract.)

Brigdr.-Genl.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

- " Quarter Master General.
- " Inspector-General of Ordnance.
- " Commissary-General.
- " Superintendent, Army Clothing.
- " Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras.
- " Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
- " Chief Engineer, Military Works, Madras Command.
- " Superintendent, Government Telegraphs.
- " Controller of Military Accounts.
- " Judicial Department.
- " Marine Department.
- " Public Department.
- " Revenue Department. *Wd 3 SC .. recd 18/9/92*
- " Public Works Department.
- " Public Works Department, Railway Branch.
- " Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
- " Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Exd. E. Fernandez.

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