

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 303

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Dated 27. 5. 1857

B.No. 1-2

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No. 1. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 19th May 1857, No. 513.

SIR,

In forwarding for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council copies of correspondence which has passed between the British Resident at Travancore and the Officer Commanding Quilon, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to observe that the advantage of having a small sum in Small Coin disbursed from the Treasury is allowed at all Stations within the British Territory, and to express his Excellency's recommendation that it should in like manner be granted at Stations beyond frontier.

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieutenant Colonel,
Adjutant General of the Army.

From Lieutenant Colonel J. H. B. CONGDON, Commanding Quilon; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated 6th May 1857, No. 2168.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence between the British Resident and myself, regarding a monthly supply of a small quantity of copper coins for the payment to the troops at this station, great inconvenience being, at times, experienced in paying the small balances due to the parties.

In an interview I had with the British Resident at this Station, in November last, he intimated to me that he would direct the amount required to be paid with the usual monthly disbursements from his own Treasury, but after leaving Quilon, I received his letter, No. 2154, 27th November 1856, and for the last two or three months no copper coin has been received.

I beg to annex a statement of the exchange in the Quilon Bazaar by which, it will be observed, the loss likely to be incurred by the exchange in the Bazaar.

Twenty Rupees supplied with the monthly disbursements, would, I consider, be sufficient to meet all demands.

No reply to my letter, No. 533 of 5th December 1856, has been received.

(Signed) J. H. B. CONGDON, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding Quilon.

Head Quarters, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, 11th May 1857.

(Signed) A. M. McCALLY, Lieutenant Colonel,
Senior Officer at Trichinopoly,
for Brigadier A. W. LAWRENCE,
Commanding Southern Division.

Regulation rate of Exchange.

28½ Chuckrums equal to one Rupee.
456 Cashes do. do.
16 do. do. to one Chuckrum.

Bazaar Rate.

28½ Chuckrums equal to one Rupee.
14 or 15 Cashes equal to one Chuckrum,
at which rate there is a loss of 2
Annas in every Rupee.

No. 221.

TO THE BRITISH RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will kindly apply to the Dewan to have a supply of 20 or 25 Rupees worth of the smaller copper coin, "cash" sent monthly to the Treasurer at this Station

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for disbursement to the troops, as great loss is sustained by the men, when this coin is scarce in the Bazaar.

(Signed) J. H. B. CONGDON, Lieutenant Colonel.

Commanding Quilon.

Quilon, 28th May 1856.

No. 1048.

TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING QUILON.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 221, dated 28th Ultimo, requesting a monthly supply of copper cash for disbursement to the troops, I have the honor to annex copy of a report on the subject from the Dewan, No. 1044, of the 14th Instant.

(Signed) W. CULLEN, Lieutenant General,
Resident.

Nagercoil, 17th June 1856.

No. 1044.

TO THE BRITISH RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE.

SIR,

Referring to your letter, dated the 2nd Instant, No. 971, which gave cover to copy of one from the Officer Commanding Quilon, No. 221, of the 28th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that agreeably to your desire, I have ordered the Hoozoor Treasurer to supply the Acting Superintendent of Police at Quilon, with 20 Rupees worth of copper cash every month for disbursement to the Troops there.

(Signed) V. KRISTNO ROW,

Dewan.

Trevandrum, 14th June 1856.

No. 368.

TO THE BRITISH RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 1048, dated 17th June 1856, and its annexment, I have the honor to inform you that the monthly supply of copper cash therein alluded, has not been received. I therefore request you will kindly urge on the Sircar the necessity of adopting measures for the issue of copper cash by the 18th of each month, for disbursement to the men on pay day.

(Signed) G. CARR, Captain,
Commanding Quilon.

Quilon, 1st September. 1856.

No. 1677.

TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING QUILON.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 368, of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to annex copy of one, No. 1688, dated 9th Idem, from the Dewan of Travancore, respecting the monthly supply of copper cash.

(Signed) W. CULLEN, Lieutenant General.

Resident.

Courtallum, 12th September 1856.

No. 1688.

TO THE BRITISH RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 4th Instant, No. 1622, and its annexment from the Officer Commanding Quilon, No. 368, dated the 1st Idem, I have the honor to inform you that

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I have this day directed the Superintendent of Police, Quilon, to obtain the monthly supply of copper cash regularly from the Hoozoor Treasury here, for distribution at that place by the 18th of every month, as requested by Captain Carr.

(Signed) V. KRISTNO ROW,
Dewan.

Trevandrum, 9th September 1856.

No. 507.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned requests the Superintendent of Police will be good enough to forward the monthly supply of copper cash received from the Hoozoor Cutcherry at Trevandrum, without delay, to distribute amongst the men of the regiment.

(Signed) R. Q. MAINWARING, Lieutenant,
Public Staff Officer.

Quilon, 19th November 1856.

No. 514.

TO THE BRITISH RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE.

SIR,

I have the honor again to bring to your notice that the supply of cash ordered to be disbursed monthly, has not yet been received, and shall feel obliged by your giving the necessary instructions for the issue of this coinage from your own treasury at this station.

I shall also feel obliged by your kindly returning the grant to be given to Iyenpermall, which I gave to you on your passing through this station.

I have also the honor to forward original complaint herewith as requested by the parties.

(Signed) J. H. B. CONGDON, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding Quilon.

Quilon, 22nd November 1856.

No. 2154.

TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING QUILON.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 514, of the 22nd Instant.

2. It has never been usual for the Sircar to furnish supplies of any particular kind of coin. The subsidy is paid in Rupees and Chuckrums, I have no reports of a scarcity of copper coins from the Superintendent of Police, and although I have, on one or two occasions, requested the Dewan to meet your wishes, I cannot make it a regular monthly demand.

(Signed) W. CULLEN, Lieut. Genl.,
Resident.

Cochin, 27th November 1856.

No. 533.

TO THE BRITISH RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2154, of the 27th Ultimo.

As it appears to me you may have misunderstood my application for the supply of a small monthly supply of copper coin, I beg to explain that the sum required is for the payment of the small fractions of pay due to the troops and pensioners, when pay is issued to them, and not with reference to any scarcity of copper coin in the Bazaar.

When I visited Trevandrum some time ago the Dewan himself told me he could supply any quantity of copper coin monthly that might be required, and hence the requisition made by me for the small sum requested.

To obtain the requisite quantity of small copper coins, on pay day, from the Bazaar, is attended with loss. A provision which Government makes no allowance for; and to obviate any

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discontent, or to submit to the extortionate demands of the money changers, I begged a small quantity of copper coin might be made payable to me, and not to the Bazaar.

(Signed) J. H. B. CONGDON, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding Quilon.

Quilon, 5th December 1856.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. H. B. CONGDON, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding Quilon.

(True Copies)

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieutenant Colonel,
Adjutant General of the Army.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, No. 303; dated 27th May 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and the one from the Officer Commanding Quilon, without its enclosures, be forwarded to the Resident of Travancore, with a request that he will, in communication with the Dewan, adopt measures for ensuring a regular monthly supply of small copper coins for issue to the troops at that Station.

2. It is observed that the quantity of copper coins considered sufficient to meet all demands is only Twenty Rupees worth, and it is desirable that the Resident should at once make arrangement for furnishing this small supply, and thereby avoid cause for any discontent among the Troops stationed at Quilon, where it would appear great loss is sustained by the men from the extortionate demands of the money changers.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Financial Department

No. 303; 27th May 1857

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Quilon date 27th May 1857.*

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(Dated 19th May 1857 No. 513)

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Copy to President of
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" " Adjutant General }
Sept 22nd 1857
The
Enclosure as marked
in the letter of the Order

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Abstract of the 1st of 1857

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