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No. 44. From Captain J. G. RUSSELL, Officiating Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, at Kurnool; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 22nd August 1857, No. 21.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government copy of a Memorandum received this day from the Brigadier Commanding Moveable Column shewing the arrangements he had made for the protection of Kurnool.

2. With the exception of 70 men all guards in the town and Fort (this morning a few men from the 70 were detailed to guard the Jail) were withdrawn yesterday.

3. This unexpected removal of the usual guards without a sufficient number of Police or Horse to take up those duties was represented to General Whitlock.

4. The removal of the Treasure and other arrangements were carried out yesterday, the Treasure lodged in Colonel Hewetson's Coach House at 9 o'clock P. M.

5. From the necessity of these arrangements it is evident that some steps should be adopted at once for the permanent security of this place, after the withdrawal of the Column.

(Signed) J. G. RUSSELL, Captain,
Officiating Agent to the Governor.

Memorandum of arrangements made by Brigadier Whitlock, Commanding Moveable Column, for the protection of Kurnool, in the event of an outbreak.

1. The 69th Regiment N. I. with the exception of one Company to have their Arms and accoutrements removed from the Barracks, and lodged in Tents between the Mens' lines and the Public Bungalow; European Officers either in Tents, or to occupy the Bungalow.

2. One Company with a European Officer to remain in the place of arms in the Fort, which is fixed on, as the resort of the families living in the Fort, in the event of an outbreak.

3. The Treasury to be removed into a building which has been considered suitable; two companies of the 69th Regiment N. I. to be pitched close to the same for its protection, as well as that of the spare ammunition of the 69th Regiment, for which a temporary Magazine has been constructed by the Engineer Officer attached to Moveable Column.

4. The few sick of the 69th Regiment have been removed from the Fort, and placed under convenient shelter outside.

5. A Division of Fort Artillery has been placed at the disposal of the Officer Commanding Kurnool, to whom it has been recommended that they should be placed in such position, as to Command the two gates on the west face of the Fort.

6. Colonel Hewetson will use his own discretion, as to strength of the guard for the protection of the lines, and the Officer Commanding the Artillery has been directed to make himself perfectly acquainted with the locality of the Sepoy's lines.

7. Colonel Hewetson will also judge of the expediency of posting an outlying picket in the vicinity of the Roman Catholic Chapel.

8. Of the necessity of keeping a strict watch over the Jail there can be no doubt and as the Government Agent states that he has no adequate means for protecting it and there being no other place to which the Prisoners can be removed, Brigadier Whitlock is reluctantly compelled to continue the Military guard over it. The walls have been loopholed, the Jailor is a fine old Soldier and has the firmness to carry out such orders as the Government Agent may give him should the Prisoners show the least disposition to be troublesome; all other guards have been removed, and Brigadier Whitlock hopes for the assistance of the Peons and Kurnool Horse to keep the peace in the Town.

9. The camp will shift ground daily, remaining within a very short distance of Kurnool.

10. These arrangements are to take place this evening.

11. The Officer Commanding the Movable Column may perhaps be permitted to suggest to the Commissioner that these are merely precautionary measures in the event of a disturbance, and not with the intention of creating any unnecessary alarm in the minds of the European Inhabitants.

(Signed) WHITLOCK, Brigadier,
Commanding Movable Column.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. G. RUSSELL, Captain,
Officiating Agent to the Governor.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, No. 1137; dated 8th September 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.