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No. 13. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort St. George, dated Tellicherry, 10th September 1857, No. 116.

SIR,

Dated 19th August 1857, No. 1047.

* Dated 7th September 1857, No. 228.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation noted marginally, I have the honor to forward a communication* from the Acting Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps, and I would recommend the reference alluded to, being made, that the question of the Petty Contract may be at once set at rest.

2. I beg that 3½ Rupees may be allowed to the Farrier who now shoes the ponies. He is the same as refused the 1 Rupee per pony as reported by Major Haly. He now does so.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From Lieutenant and Adjutant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Acting Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated 7th September 1857, No. 228.

SIR,

I have the honor herewith to return the correspondence on the subject of the Petty Contract, for the ponies of the Mountain Train, Malabar Police Corps.

It appears that Government is willing to adopt the suggestion of the Inspector General of Ordnance, as to offering a fixed monthly allowance for stable gear, to save the inconvenience and trouble of contingent bills. The question at present appears to be, what is a fair amount to offer for this purpose, such as will be sufficient, to cover all reasonable expenses.

In this matter I consider the Commandant to be a trustee of Government money. It is not intended that he should make a profit out of it for himself, nor is it fair that he should endeavour to do so, his own allowances being generous and ample. He should therefore, in my opinion, endeavour to do the best he can, for the benefit of the State, by making the contract, as offered in its original state, an open one, acceptable by any one who is willing to take it, the Commandant making the selection and being responsible, that its conditions are correctly performed.

I would therefore suggest that the Officer Commanding the Horse Brigade Artillery, be requested, as the best referee on such a subject, kindly to furnish a list of the articles required in his opinion, yearly, to complete a sufficient equipment for 15 ponies on the Western Coast, and that after the list is furnished, the contract to supply the articles be offered for public competition.

In my present position, it is impossible for me to decide, as to whether the sum now suggested by the Inspector General of Ordnance, would or would not be considered reasonable by the permanent Commandant.

I would however venture to recommend, that the fixed allowance for Veterinary charge (including physic) of Rupees 3-8 monthly, be offered, which, added to the shoeing allowance, would secure the attendance of a regular Farrier.

The allowance of Rupee 1 per month sanctioned for shoeing, is sufficient to induce a Naulbund to come from Calicut once a month, to shoe the ponies, but not to prevail upon any one, under ordinary circumstances, to afford regular attendance, or to re-place lost shoes.

I enclose an offer on the subject, which I would venture to recommend for consideration.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut. and Adjutant,
Acting Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

I hereby engage for the sum of Rupees 3-8, per month, to afford daily Veterinary attendance to the 15 ponies of the Mountain Train, Malabar Police Corps, to supply all physic that may be required, as also instruments, bandages, lint, and all necessaries of the kind; in case of neglect or omission of my duties, I agree to submit to such fine as shall be imposed upon me at the discretion of the Officer Commanding the Police Corps.

Mallapooram,
7th September 1857.

(Signed) J. BARROW,
Late Farrier 6th Regt. L. C.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut. and Adjutant,
Acting Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

Witness to the above, J. J. D'GAMA.

No. 14. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 19th September 1857, No. 126.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 22nd June 1857, No. 704, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the consideration and orders of Government, copy of a letter from Lieutenant Blomfield, Commandant Malabar Police Corps, on the subject of the stable gear, &c; and request that sanction may be accorded at the same time for the amount due, at the rate offered by Government for that special object.

Dated 16th September 1857, No. 240.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated Mallapooram, 16th September 1857, No. 240.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Consultation, No. 704, dated 22nd June 1857, I have the honor to state, that I am willing to accept the offer of Rupees 1-8 per month, per each pony for stable gear, &c., since arrival at Mallapooram; and to continue to provide the articles required for the Petty Contract at the same rate; as the sum now due, will enable me, to procure the ponies at once, a complete new outfit, which they much require; to pay for what has already been supplied, and I should imagine, be sufficient eventually to meet the requirements as per list about to be furnished by the Officer Commanding Horse Brigade Artillery, Bangalore.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut.
Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 15. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 24th September 1857, No. 129.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 2nd Instant, No. 1132, I have the honor to submit a communication[1] of the Brigadier Commanding the Provinces, on the subject of the Mountain Train, now attached to the Malabar Police Corps.

[1] Dated 21st Instant.

2. Lieutenant Blomfield has arranged as per his letter dated 27th Ultimo, herewith submitted, to give the use of the pieces[2] noted in the margin, to the Europeans stationed at Mallapooram.

[2] 2 12-lbs. Howitzers.

3. I must admit that I do not dissent from the views expressed by the Brigadier, on the general policy of attaching Artillery to such a body as the Malabar Police Corps.

4. The views of the late Magistrate, Mr. Conolly, were laid before Government in his lette dated 19th August 1854, No. 27.

5. The men of the Corps are not now instructed in the more important operation connected with gunning, laying the guns, adjusting the change, &c., &c.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

To W. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Malabar, Calicut, dated Cannanore, 21st September 1857, No. 310.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 4388 of the 14th Instant, accompanied by copy of Extract from Minutes* of Consultation, dated 2nd Instant, No. 1132, I have the honor to state that my wishes are that the guns attached to the Malabar Police Corps, should be made over to the Detachment H. M.'s 74th Highlanders, at Mallapooram, for the purpose intimated in my letter, No. 277 of 24th Ultimo, and with reference to these guns, it has occurred to me and I offer it to you as a suggestion and as a subject of serious consideration, how far it is judicious to place these guns in the hands of the Malabar Police Corps, or to allow them to have any charge of, and any thing whatever to do with them, and whether from past and recent experience, it were not indispensable to retain these powerful and invaluable tools entirely and exclusively in the hands of Europeans, for the longer the natives of Malabar, especially the Moplahs, continue ignorant of the use and management of these powerful weapons, the better.

* Herewith returned.

The Malabar Police Corps, so far as I am able to understand its construction, is purely a Police, and not a Military body, in which capacity even when acting independently as a body, it could only be to quell a disturbance of no very great importance or magnitude, but generally employed to seek for and obtain information, &c., in detached parties, in cases of a very serious nature, and when a body of Europeans were employed and acting with them, so that in neither of the above instances, would it or could it be in the least degree necessary for it (the Malabar Police Corps) to have the guns with them. On the other hand, in all cases where the guns might be used with advantage, Europeans would, as a matter of course, be employed as a body, and if they were instructed in the use of and well trained in the entire management of the guns, they might be of use in their hands, and for these ends I submit the guns should be handed over entirely to the Detachment of Europeans, though I altogether object to these mountain train guns, for by their liability to capsize, they would entail much trouble and delay on service, and after all be of little use.

In the event of this plan being adopted, it were not desirable that the Officer Commanding the Detachment of Europeans should have any thing to do with the care and keeping of the ponies, harness, &c., but they should remain as at present, wholly with the Officer Commanding Malabar Police Corps.

(Signed) P. THOMPSON, Brigadier,
Commanding Malabar and Canara.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Acting Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated 27th August 1857, No. 223.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you, that in accordance with the wish expressed in your letter No. 4222, received to-day, I have made an arrangement with Captain Jago, Commanding Malapooram, by which 2 2-lbs. Howitzers have been placed at his disposal altogether for the present, and a Serjeant of the Police Corps will attend 3 days in a week, at such hours as are most convenient to the officer

Commencing at Capt. Jago's desire from the 1st Proximo.

above referred to, for the purpose of instructing the Europeans in the exercise of both howitzers and mortars.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieutenant,
Acting Commandant Malabar Police Corps.
(True Copy.)
(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Collector.

No. 16. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 2nd October 1857, No. 136.

Sir,

It was delayed that the views of the Commandant might be before Government.

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 959, in Judicial Department, under date the 5th August, I have the honor to forward a communication from Lieutenant Blomfield, under date the 24th August, relative to the Horse-keepers and Grass-cutters for the ponies of the Malabar Police Corps.

No. 184, dated 12th Octr. 1855.
,, 238, ,, 26th Novr. ,,
,, 428, ,, 17th ,, 1856

2. The letters of Major Haly of the dates in the margin, are before Government, but I agree with Lieutenant Blomfield that it will suffice to entertain the ordinary Horse-keepers and without change of denomination.

3. Excellent Tamil Horse-keepers accompanied the Mountain Train, and it were most desirable to retain the services of this class of men, but it seems more than doubtful whether this can be done at Rupees 5-4* per month, and I am inclined to support the recommendation of Lieutenant Blomfield that the consolidated* sum be allowed to the Horse-keeper whose wife generally is the grass-cutter, and he be allowed to provide as he best can, the necessary supply of grass.

* The pay of Horse-keepers
Rs. As
Grass-cutters receive 3 8
* Rs. 8 12 ,,

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From Lieutenant and Adjutant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Acting Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated Mallpooram, 24th August 1857, No. 220.

Sir,

19th August 1857.

With reference to your letter, No. 4150, enclosing Extract from Minntes of Consultation, No. 959, regarding the proposed pay and entertainment of the Horse-keepers and Grass-cutters of the Mountain Train, I have the honor to forward, in accordance with your requiest, my views regarding the subject in question.

No. 184 dated 12th Oct 1855.
,, 238 ,, 26th Novr. ,,
,, 410 ,, 6th ,, 1856.
,, 428 ,, 17th ,, ,,
,, 437 ,, 26th ,, ,,

Major Haly's correspondence as noted in the margin, shows that it was his wish, that the Horse-keepers of the Mountain Train should be selected from the men of the Corps; and be termed Troopers; (continuing to receive the same pay as Privates) presuming that such a title would in itself be calculated to raise the position of the Horse-keepers, and inspire awe in the country.

As to the entertainment of Grass-cutters, their description and pay, he does not appear to have arrived at any decided conclusion, in fact, until the actual arrival of the Mountain Train at Malapooram, and until it could be ascertained exactly, what were the duties the Horse-keepers were called upon to perform, any suggestions or proposals regarding them must necessarily have been crude and undeveloped.

On arrival at Head Quarters, it was found that to each pony of the Mountain Train, was attached a Horse-keeper on a pay of Rupees 5-4, and a Grass-cutter on that of Rupees 3-8, total Rupees 8-12, the sum on which they were originally entertained by the Commissariat Department; and which they still continue to receive.

I would advise no charge in this sum, except perhaps, that of consolidating the amount and causing each Horse-keeper to provide the regulated amount of grass for his own pony, in the best way he can. This would be an assistance to him. I consider the pay of Horse-keepers is too little. They might procure the grass at a slightly lower cost than Rupees 3 Annas 8 per month when their wives are not employed.

I do not think efficient Horse-keepers can be procured for a less sum than that now allowed, or such as would be willing to go through the work expected of them. They are obliged to attend all drills and parades of the Mountain Train, afterwards to attend stables, dividing among them the duty of any comrade who is sick, and during their leisure hours, to clean and grease the harness, (a work of much trouble) and perform any other fatigue duty that may be required of them.

It appears to me a decided advantage, that the Horsekeepers should be recruited from a distance, and from the class of the Madras Horse-keepers; not only because they are more hard-working and better acquainted with their duties, but because, as they are required on an emergency to be able to work the guns. It is better that they should be as a body utterly apart and distinct from the natives of the country with whom they would as parriahs and Christians, have little sympathy.

Of the employment of them as troopers, it is not necessary now to speak; as I do not see, how it is possible in conjunction with their other duties, and without the necessary equipments. They should however continue to be uniformly clothed as at present, and armed with a light side-arm, so as to be able to defend themselves in case of need.

You will observe therefore that I would not recommend for the present, any increase of pay, the sum allowed at present, i. e., Rupees 8-12 for each pony, being amply sufficient, under all ordinary circumstances.

An arrangement was apparently made by the Commissariat on the entertainment of the Horse-keepers, that their pay was to be increased to Rupees 6 per month while actually on the march, as a kind of batta. This proposal might be brought to the favorable consideration of Government, the probable increase in expense caused by it being exceedingly small.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut. and Adjutant,
Acting Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 17. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 8th October 1857, No. 143.

Sir,

Extract Minutes of Consultation of Government, dated 22nd January 1857, No. 704.
To Acting Chief Secretary, dated 21st July 1857, No. 98.
Extract Minutes Consultation of Government, dated 19th August 1857, No. 1047.
To Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th September 1857, No. 116.
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With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit an original communication with enclosures* from the Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps, dated 5th Instant, relative to the subject of the Petty Contract.

2. I believe that the sum allowed to Cavalry Officers on account of articles of Petty Contract, is not really expended on the Troop, but constitutes a fund, from which there is a considerable balance at the credit of the Officer in command of the Troop.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to Major F. BURGOYNE, Commanding Horse Brigade Artillery, Bangalore, dated Mallapooram, 24th September 1857, No. 248.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt to-day of your letter, No. 660, of 19th Instant, in reply to mine, with reference to the articles required for the Petty Contract of the ponies of the Mountain Train under my charge.

While thanking you for the information afforded; and for your kindness in wishing to assist me by using your influence in endeavouring to cause the matter to be definitely arranged, I must inform you at the same time, that I much fear that your reference to the Inspector General of Ordnance, when submitted to Government, will cause me to incur their displeasure for having apparently corresponded direct with Military authorities, whereas I am precluded by their directions from doing so, except through the Magistrate of Malabar.

My only wish in the mattter was to save trouble and delay, by procuring, from an undoubted authority on such a subject, a list of the articles requisite for the Petty Contract; which I would endeavour to procure as cheaply as possible.

I have already, a short time ago, in order to avoid reference, signified my willingness to accept the amount mentioned, i. e., Rupees 1-8 monthly per each pony; and to do the best I could with it.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut.,
Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

(True Copies.)

Camp near Malapooram,
5th October 1857.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut.,
Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIFLD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated 5th October 1857, No. 261.

SIR,

From Lieutenant Blomfield, Commandant Malabar Police Corps, to Major Burgoyne, No. 239, dated 14th September 1857.
From Major Burgoyne, Commandant Horse Brigade Artillery, No. 660, dated 19th September 1857.
From Major Burgoyne, to the Inspector General of Ordnance dated 19th September 1857, and from Lieutenant Blomfield Commandant Malabar Police Corps to Major Burgoyne No. 248, dated 24th September 1857.

With reference to para. 4 of my letter, No. 228, 1857, I have the honor to enclose copies of correspondence which has taken place in consequence of my letter No. 239, (of which a copy is also forwarded) requesting a list of the articles considered, in the opinion of the Officer Commanding Horse Brigade Artillery, necessary to complete the out-fit for the Petty Contract.

From this it will appear that the sum of Rupees 1-8, already accepted by me, will not be sufficient, in the opinion of that Officer, to supply, in future, the articles considered by him to be requisite for the purpose.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut.,
Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIFLD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to Major F. BURGOYNE, Commanding Horse Brigade Artillery, Bangalore, dated Mallapoorum, 14th September 1857, No. 239.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Consultation, of which a copy is attached, I have the honor to request you will kindly give me the advantage of your judgment and experience as to the articles (coming under the head of Petty Contract) required yearly to complete an out-fit for the 15 ponies of the Mountain Train, in stable gear, &c., (shoeing, for which an extra allowance is made, not being included.)

Much correspondence has already passed on the subject; with which I do not think it necessary to trouble you, and Major Haly peremptorily declined having any thing to do with the Contract, on the terms proposed, which he stated were not sufficient, considering the difficulty of procuring all such articles at Mallapoorum. The Collector of Malabar however is of opinion that the sum offered is reasonable.

It appears, to me that the fairest plan of solving the difficulty will be, (on your kindly furnishing me with a list of such articles as you consider are required) to offer the contract to supply them for public competition, when it will soon be ascertained whether or not the sum offered of Rupees 1-8 per head monthly, be sufficient.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieut.,
Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

To the Officer Commanding Malabar Police Corps; dated Bangalore, 19th September 1857, No. 660.

SIR,

I have the honor in reply to your letter, No. 239, 1857, of 14th Instant, and copy of Minutes of Consultation thereto attached, to state that I know of no reason why there should be any difference between the allowance for Petty Contract for the ponies of the Corps under your command, and that of the horses of a Cavalry Corps.

The ponies were under my charge for some eight or nine months, but as the Commissariat Department at this station, furnished them with every thing they required, I am unable from my own experience to form an opinion, as to their annual wants in the way of line articles, but I have no hesitation in saying that the sum of one Rupee and a half (Rupees 1-8) per mensem, per pony, would be found totally inadequate for the purchase of them. I beg to forward copy of a letter I have addressed to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, on the subject, which may perhaps assist you in bringing the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

(Signed) F. BURGOYNE, Major.
Commanding Horse Brigade.

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 19th September 1857.

SIR,

The Officer Commanding the Malabar Corps, has requested me to forward him a list of such line articles, &c., as I may consider necessary annually, for the use of the ponies attached to his Corps, and has forwarded a copy of Minutes of Consultation, No. 704, of 22nd June 1857, and copy of Memorandum, No. 60 of 6th Idem, from your department for my information, from which it would appear that the sum of Rupee one, and annas eight (Rupee 1-8) per mensem per pony, is proposed as an allowance for keeping up all line articles, gram-boilers, &c., &c.

I have replied to that Officer, that though the ponies were under my charge for some eight or nine months, yet as the Commissariat Department at this station, furnished them with every thing, I am unable from my own experience to state what would be necessary.

As however he appears to have had a great deal of correspondence and trouble on this subject, I trust I may not be considered as exceeding my province, in giving, as my most decided opinion, that the abovementioned amount will be found to be totally inadequate for the purpose, and that the allowance sanctioned in Pay and Audit Regulations, page 102 under head "Troop Contract" will be found to be no more than is necessary to keep the line articles in an efficient state, whether in Garrison or the Field.

(Signed) F. BURGOYNE, Major,
Commanding Horse Brigade.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. BURGOYNE, Major,
Commanding Horse Brigade.

No. 18. From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 5th October 1857, No. 382.

Sir,

No. 704, dated 22nd June 1857.
" 858, " 20th July 1857.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation as per margin, I beg to enclose copy of a communication from Major Burgoyne, Commanding Horse Brigade, in which that Officer represents that the allowances for line articles for the ponies of the Malabar Police Corps should be Rupee (1-12-9) one-Annas twelve and Pice nine, in addition to the one Rupee per mensem allowed in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 858, dated 20th July 1857, for shoeing.

No. 60, dated 6th June 1857.

2. In advising Government in my report as per margin, that Rupee 1-8 would suffice, I thought I was suggesting an ample provision, but I defer to the greater experience of Major Burgoyne in these matters and would commend that Officer's recommendation for the favorable consideration of Government.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, Lieut. Col.,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines

To the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 29th September 1857, No. 686.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, No. 4213, and copy of Extract from Minutes of Consultation, (herewith returned) I do myself the honor to state,

That what I understand the Officer Commanding Malabar Police Corps to require is a monthly allowance for the supply of line articles, viz., head and heel ropes, cumblies, watering bridles, brushes, combs, rubbers, and other articles necessary for stable management, the 2 Rupees per mensem for the repair of each set of harness being a matter quite unconnected with that allowance.

The sum I suggested in my letter, No. 659, dated 19th Instant, should be sanctioned, for line articles would also include all expenses incurred for shoeing, but should it be intended that this should form a separate charge, I should conceive (in the absence however of any experience of the Malabar Country) that one Rupee per mensem would be ample for that purpose, but in that case I would urge the difference between that sum, and the allowance sanctioned at page 102, Pay and Audit Regulations for a troop contract being allowed for supplying and keeping up line articles.

It may seem unreasonable that a pony should require as great a sum to keep up his line articles as a horse, but the dampness of the climate of the Malabar Coast, I should think, must be found to be very destructive to cumblies especially, and all other line articles; added to which Pegu ponies are, I think, more delicate than horses, and require occasionally great care, causing sundry little expenses which must, in the absence of some contract, fall upon the Officer Commanding.

With these views therefore, and bearing in mind that the repair of the Harness is unconnected with the contract for line articles, I would urge on your consideration the desirability of soliciting Government to sanction the same allowance for keeping up the line articles of the ponies of Malabar Police Corps as is allowed for horses of Cavalry. This arrangement would I think simplify matters, and not be found more than is necessary.

(Signed) F. BURGOYNE, Major,
Commanding Horse Brigade.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, Lieut. Col.,
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

No. 19. Order thereon, No. 1434; dated 2nd November 1857.

Order, 2nd September 1857, No. 1132.

From Acting Magistrate, 24th September 1857, No. 129, para. 3.

1. The guns attached to the Malabar Police Corps having, on the requisition of the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, been made over for the instruction of the European Detachment

at Mullapooram, in Artillery practice, and the Government having approved of the measure; it is now resolved, under the views expressed by Brigadier Thompson and concurred in by the Acting Magistrate Mr. Robinson, to direct that these guns be retained entirely with the Detachment for the above purpose.

2. From the correspondence now recorded on the subject of the petty contract for stable gear or line articles, it appears that Major Haly, the late Commandant declined to accept the offer made by Government of Rupees 1½ per mensem for each Pony, as insufficient for the purpose. The present Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Blomfield, at first expressed himself willing to accept that sum, but afterwards found that the expence would be greater than he supposed, and both the Officer Commanding the Horse Artillery at Bangalore, and the Inspector General of Ordnance, on being consulted, advise that Rupees 1-12-9 should be allowed for the purpose. Government acquiesce in the reasons given by these experienced Officers and resolve to assign Rupees 1-12-9 for each Pony per mensem, it being understood that Lieutenant Blomfield is willing to accept these terms, since the arrival of the Ponies at Mullapoorum, and to continue to provide the articles required for the petty contract at the same rate in future.

3. In the concluding para. of his letter of the 21st Ultimo, to the Acting Magistrate, Brigadier Thompson states that, in the event of the guns being handed over entirely to the Detachment of Europeans as proposed by him, it would not be desirable that the Officer Commanding the Detachment should have any thing to do with the care and keeping of the Ponies, harness, &c. but that they should remain as at present wholly with the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps.

From Acting Magistrate, 10th September 1857, No 116 para. 2.

From Acting Magistrate, 2nd October 1857, No. 136.

*As Horsekeeper	Rs.	5	4 0
As Grasscutter	"	3	8 0
Total Rs......		8	12 0

4. As recommended by the Commandant and the Acting Magistrate, the Government sanction the payment of a fixed allowance of Rupees (3-8) three and Annas eight monthly for Veterinary charge (including Physic) to the Farrier, in addition to the sum of one Rupee per month per Pony allowed for shoeing. They also authorize a consolidated sum of Rupees* (8-12) eight and Annas twelve per mensem being allowed to each Horse-keeper of the Mountain Train, on his engaging to provide the regulated quantity of grass for his own Poney.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Tellicherry, 10 September 1857.

My dear Mr Maltby

I am sending up the correspondence relating to the Petty Contract for the Malabar Police Corps Guns.

It seems out of place in me to raise the question publicly of the necessity or advisability of placing Artillery in the hands of such a body as the Malabar Police Corps, but I cannot refrain from recording in this form the universal feeling of the Civil & other Officers of the District that it is a matter worth reconsideration.

We do not consider it necessary & question the policy, after what we have seen in the North, of of initiating such bodies into the mysteries of Artillery. We shall not be able to dispense with Europeans in Malabar & in the Mopla District for years to come, & the Military Officers have determined that all Europeans shall have Artillery instruction. What use then of Guns with the Malabar Police Corps as the Europeans will still be at hand & supply Artillery aid if required?

Might the opportunity not be taken with reference to this change in the Military tactics of the Country to give over the Malabar Police Corps Artillery to the Europeans at Malapoorum, and thus to save the

expense

expense now incurred in maintaining an arm of questionable utility & policy?

I merely venture these suggestions for consideration should you think it advisable to open the matter when discussing the Petty Contract question. If called upon, I will submit an Official opinion.

All quiet here I am glad to say, tho' Cannanore, Mahé &c have had the Panic.

Yrs very sincerely

W. Robinson.

No. 20.

From,

Major Haly

Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

To,

The Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 4022 under date the 11th Instant, I have the honor to state for the information of the Board, that I have reason to believe, that the description of Guns best adapted for use in a Country like this, with the Corps under my Command, would be either the 4 2/5 Inch Brass Howitzer or 5 1/2 inch Mortar, or perhaps one of each, mounted on mountain train Carriages fitted for ponies. the Ammunition Carts to be of a similar description, but as in some parts where these Guns might have to be used, no roads exist they ought likewise to admit of transport by Coolies.

The number of Rounds to be maintained, ought to be, as is generally allowed

allowed for service, but the practice Ammunition for the purpose of training in the first instance, ought to be on a liberal Scale.

I most willingly avail myself of the considerate Offer of the Board conveyed in the second para of your letter now under reply and will feel thankful if they would make the Selection of the pieces and give the necessary instructions for the preparation of such Carriage as they may deem most fit and for any other assistance they may be able to render me, only remarking that the buildings most probable to be acted against, are built of laterite, and that the existence of roads for wheel Carriage throughout Malabar is but partial, when once off the main roads.

I have &ca.

Calicut,
24th Octr. 1854

(Sigd) G. Haly Major
Commanding Malabar Police Corps.

(True Copy)

J. C. Sawler
Asst. Secretary.

Compd.

Copy via E. G. Co.
Dy 30th April 1855 No 12
Paras 21 @ 25
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Letr 4036 of 1854.

Dy Cons. 21 November /54
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Military Department

No. 3061

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 16th November 1854
Read the following letter.

Ordnance Department
Enclosure
No. 128

From,
The Military Board
To,
The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council.

My Lord,

No. 666.
6th September /54

In the resolution of Government as per margin, we received the instructions of Government on the subject of supplying shell Pieces for the Police Corps in Malabar, and having referred the question to Major Haly we beg to submit that Officer's reply.

2 We propose equipping the Corps with 2. 5½ Inch Mortars and

2 - 12 Pdr Howitzers on Mountain Train Carriages with a supply of 500 Rounds per Piece.

3 The only point deserving the attention of your Lordship in Council is the close of Major Haly's Letter, alluding to the material of which the Buildings against which the ordnance will be brought being made of Laterite, and we would remark on this that if Major Haly expects that the Projectiles from these Pieces will act with direct effect against this stone, we fear that he will be disappointed, it is true that shells acting as small mines may bring down the Laterite Walls, but their principal and most important effect must be as shells projected into enclosures which cannot be reached by a direct Fire of Musketry.—

4 The main effect after all which these Pieces will have, will be the confidence which they will restore to the men acting against the fanatics, who may attempt to create disturbances and against whom whenever practicable a few vollies of musketry fire will have all the desired effect surpassing that of Shells.

5 We advise that Practice be allowed without limit in order to train the Police Artillery men.—

6 The requisite supplies of Carriages, Carts, and stores will be furnished by us, but we recommend your Lordship in Council to decide as to whether Ponies or Bullocks shall be provided for drafting the Carriages, and probably it may be considered expediant to provide Ponies for the ordnance; and Bullocks for the Ammunition Carts and stores.—

We are &ca

Military Board Office
Fort Saint George
14th November 1854

(Signed) G. Conran Brigadier
Commandant of Artillery
(") C. E. Faber Lieutt Coll
Chief Engineer
(") G. Balfour Lieutt Coll:

Communicated

Communicated to the
Judicial Department.

(Signed) C. A. Browne Lt Col.
Secy: to Govt.

Compd..
W. S. Johnston

Copy in a G L to C
of 30th April 1855 No 12
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Nos 13 & 14

Nil.

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Dto Cons 28th November

No 847

Extract from the
Mins. of Cons. in the
Military Department

Dated 16th } Novr 1854
Received 16th }

1 Enclo:

From the Magte of Malabar dated
30th Decr/54 in Cons 23 Jany/55.

Communicating copy of a letter from the Mily Board submitting with observations and suggestions the reply made by Major Haly Commanding Malabar Police Corps on the subject of supplying Shell Pieces for the use of his men

With an order

No 851.

Ordered that the letter from the Military Board dated 14th November be communicated to Major Haly through the Magistrate of Malabar, and that he be requested to report direct to the Board whether he would prefer ponies or bullocks for drawing the carriages.

Fort St George }
25 Novr 1854 }

Secry to Govt

To Mily Board - Dispd 27th " Recd Desp 27/11/54
Copy to Magistte of Malabar - Entd 28/11/54
with copy of the letter -

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Memo.

This draft is founded upon the recommendation of the Act. Magte & the Brigadier as respects the guns.

Before circulating it for approval I asked Mr Robinson demi officially some questions as to how the scheme proposed by the Brigadier would work of leaving the ponies & their equipments with the Commandant of the Police Corps, while the guns were [illegible] to the European Detachment.

- [illegible] Robinson's answer, enclosing some remarks from Lt Blomfield, is circulated in order that the members of Govt may see the unfettered opinions of these two officers - I circulate these papers, though not intended for official view, without hesitation, as Govt will perceive ~~[illegible]~~ from the circumstances under which Lt B. was invited freely to express his opinion & make all allowance for his esprit de corps. - as the European Detachment cannot take charge of the parties, while it seems advisable that they should have the guns, the plan proposed in the Draft seems the best ~~that~~ can be adopted, though it is not free from some awkwardness. Perhaps however on trial it may be found to work as is wished. –

The repair of the harness, for which Major Burgoyne says that 2 Rupees a month should be allowed for each set seems now the only part of the equipment of the Mountain train which remains for disposal

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Robinson's remarks are very sensible & quite to the point. W.C.

Judicial Depart.

No 1434

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 2d November 1857

Read the following papers:

From the Acting Magistrate of Malabar (Dated 10th, 19th and 24th September 1857. Nos 116, 126, & 129.)

From the ~~Officer Comdg Horse Brigade Bangalore. Sub-mitted thro' the Inspector General of Ordnance.~~ ~~(Dated 29 Sep. 1857. No 686)~~

From the Acting Magistrate of Malabar (Dated 2d Oct. — No 136)

From – Ditto – Dated 8 Oct. — " — 143

From Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines – Dated 5 Oct — " 382.

The Guns attached to the Malabar Police Corps having, on the requisition of the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, been made over for the instruction of the European Detachment at Mallapooram

W.C.

Order 2d Sep. 1857. No. 1132

Mullapooram in Artillery practise, and the Govt. having approved of the measure; it is now resolved, under the views expressed by Brigadier Thompson and concurred in by the Acting Magistrate Mr. Robinson, to direct that these Guns be retained entirely with the Detachment for the above purpose. ~~as a permanent arrangement.~~

From Adj Genl. 24 Sep. 1857. No. 129. para 3.

For Para 2 - ~~see~~ other paper.

~~2. With his letter of the 19th Ultimo the Acting Magistrate submits for orders copy of one from the Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps, stating his willingness to accept the *offer of Rupee (1-8-) One and a half per month for each Pony for Stable Gear &c. since arrival at Mullapooram, and to continue to provide the articles required for the Petty~~

* Order 22d June 1857. No. 704.

P. 2 - From the correspondence now recorded on the subject of the Petty contract for Stable gear or some articles, it appears that Major Haly the late Commandant declined to accept the offer made by Govt of Rs 1½ per mensem for each pony as ~~being~~ insufficient for the purpose. The present Commanding Officer Lieut. Blomfield at first expressed himself willing to accept that sum, but afterwards found that the expense would be greater than he supposed, and both the Officer Comdg the Horse Artillery at Bangalore, & the Inspector General of Ordnance on being consulted advise that Rs 1-12-9 should be allowed for the purpose - Govt. acquiesce in the reasons given by these experienced officers & resolve to assign Rs 1-12-9 for each pony per mensem, it being understood that Lt. Blomfield is willing to accept these terms, since the arrival of the ponies at Mullapoorum, & to continue to provide the articles required for the petty contract at the same rate in future.

To Council
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to [illegible]
Good Horse
Artillery
Sergeant in charge of the
Ponies re-placing them under
the command of the Officer Commanding the Detacht. &
[illegible]

~~Petty Contract at the Sam rate; and he solicits sanction at the same time for the amount due at the rate offered by Govt for that Specia subject.~~

3. In the concludin para of his letter of the 21st Ultimo to the Acting Magistrate, Brigadier Thompson states that, in the event of the Guns being handed over entirely to the Detachment of Europeans as proposed by him, it would not be desirable that the Officer Commanding the Detachment should have any thing to do with the care & keeping of the Ponies, Harness &c, but that they should remain as at present wholly with the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps.

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4. The Govt. concurring in this arrangement, authorise an allowance of Rupee One and a half monthly for each Poney to the Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps – it being understood that this allowance is intended to meet all the demands now chargeable on the Petty Contract for Horses of Cavalry; and they further sanction the payment, at the same rate, of the amount due on the above account.

omitted

From Ag Magistrate 10th Sep. 1857. No 116. para 2.

~~5~~ 4 As recommended by the Commandant & the Acting Magistrate, the Govt. sanction the payment of a fixed allowance of Rupees (3-8-) Three and Annas eight monthly for Veterinary charge (including Physic) to the

From Ag Magte 2d Oct. 1857 No 130.

* To Horsekeeper	Rs: 5-4-
To Grasscutter	" 3-8-
Total	Rs: 8-12-

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quantity of Grass for h
own Poney.

To the Ag Magte of Malabar
" Acctt General
" Civil Auditor.
" Military Department.
} Desp 10th 14

" Inspector Genl of Ord: & Mag: Desp 16th June /58.

Dy to Cons 3d hour

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P.1 – Cons: 5th Sepr 57. No 1500

F. No 871/58.

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24 Decr No 31 of 1857

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