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No. 1. Read the following letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 20th November 1857, No. 522.

1 Letter from Captain Hodson, Commanding Detachment, 7th and 9th N. I., to Fort Adjutant, Masulipatam. A.
1 do. do. do. do. do. B.
1 do. from Acting Joint Magistrate, Rajahmundry, to Officer Commanding do. C.
1 do. from Officer Commanding Ellore, to Fort Adjutant Masulipatam. D.
1 do. from Lieut. Mercer, 7th Regt N. I., to do. do. E.
1 do. from Magistrate Purvis, to Brigadier Commanding do. do F.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to request, you will be so good as to lay before Government, the accompanying copies of correspondence forwarded by the Officer Commanding Northern Division, relative to recent requisitions made by the Civil Authorities at Masulipatam for Troops.

His Excellency desires me to express a hope, that instructions may be given to the Civil Authorities, to restrict their requisitions for Military aid, as much as possible, and by the exercise of a little foresight and previous arrangement, obviate the necessity of making application for Military escorts, the instance of the "*Manilla*," specified in para. 3 of Brigadier Cameron's letter is wholly inexcusable.

His Excellency has directed me to address General Coffin, on the subject of the non-relief of the Masulipatam guard.

(Signed) F. A. REID,
Quarter Master General.

To the Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 2nd November 1857, No. 817.

SIR,

In forwarding the enclosed reports marked A. and B. from Captain Hodson of the 7th Regiment N. I., I have the honor to request, you will be so good as to submit the same for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, intimating my full concurrence in the purport of the said reports, which are accompanied by copy of a requisition marked C. from the Acting Joint Magistrate of Rajahmundry, for a Brigade of Guns, which I declined to comply with, and which will shew upon what trivial and insufficient grounds, demands were made by the Civil Authorities for Troops at the most deadly season of the year, and which were furnished seemingly for little or no purpose. This Detachment has arrived at Ellore in a most deplorable and disorganized state, and unable to return, 120 men being prostrated with fever and 2 Officers. In connection with the above reports, I append a letter from Major Borthwick marked D. and beg to inform you, that Captain Hodson leaves this station again immediately, to rejoin his Detachment at Ellore.

2. I would also respecfully beg to point out, that the case reported by Captain Hodson, is by no means the only one, where the Troops under my command, have been unnecessarily called upon and harrassed. I append a report marked E. from Lieutenant Mercer of the 7th Regiment N. I., as to the nature of the duty he performed, when the party under his command, was suddenly called upon by the Civil authorities at Guntoor in the Centre Division.

3. I would also beg to submit that the steamer "*Manilla*," laden with 38,000 Rupees in copper coin for Cocanada, arrived at this port on the 17th June last, the copper coin was landed and the "*Manilla*" proceeded to Cocanada (for which port the Treasure was intended) returning to this port on the 24th of the same month. On the 26th the Collector applied for a guard (as per margin) to escort this very same copper coin to Cocanada ; the guard was furnished on the 6th July and proceeded to its destination with the Treasure.

1 Jemadar.
1 Havildar.
3 Naiques.
30 Privates.

4. Again an escort consisting of a full Company under command of Lieutenant Hurst of the 7th Regiment N. I., left this on the 17th August last, in charge of Military stores to Secundrabad, and although application was made to have this escort relieved half-way, the Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force refused to do so, and consequently it was obliged to pro-

ceed (though unprepared for so long a march) the whole way to Secundrabad, and was absent from the 17th August to the 6th October 1857; during the absence of this Detachment the average relief in this Garrison was only 1½. It has always been customary for any escort proceeding to Hyderabad, to be relieved on the frontier, as the duty presses very hard upon the Garrison, during so long an absence, and I hope therefore, that the old custom may not be departed from in future. The Detachments coming from Secundrabad, have hitherto been invariably relieved by me at the frontier.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) T. M. CAMERON, Brigadier,
Commanding Masulipatam.

P. S.—I also append a requisition marked F from the Magistrate of Rajahmundry in consequence of which the party under Captain Hodson was sent out, may I beg that the originals marked A. B. D. E. and F. may be returned to me for record.

(Signed) T. M. CAMERON, Brigadier,
Commanding Masulipatam.

No. 50 of Diary, Head Quarters Northern Division.

(Signed) A. TULLOCH, Major General,
Commanding Northern Division.

A.

To the Fort Adjutant Masulipatam, dated Camp Millacherlah, 28th October 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Brigadier Cameron, Commanding Masulipatam, that Lieutenant Beckley, 9th Regiment N. I., has obtained a Medical Certificate from the Dresser in my Camp, to proceed to Samulcottah, he left last evening, and I have assumed command of the Company of 9th Regiment N. I.

I beg to state, that I am now en route to Masulipatam, nearly the whole of my men are struck down by jungle fever, and are in a most deplorable condition, there are between 70 and 80 men in Hospital to-day, and this does not include the Sub-division of 9th Regiment N. I., that I detached to the village of Bootiagooden, under command of the Subadar, I expect him to join me this evening, I have not heard of the health of his men, as he has made no report since he left me about a week since, I have succeeded in procuring bandies and tatoos for the conveyance of the sick, and I hope, as I approach Ellore, the health of the Detachment will improve.

It appears to me a most uncalled for measure in the Collector, applying for Troops, when none were actually required, his Deputy Mr. Molony got alarmed I fancy at seeing a number of the harmless hill people assembled at Bootiagooden, they demanded that a scoundrel by name Sunkasawmy should be given up to them, he did so, and they immediately dispersed to their strong holds in the hills, and have not since been seen, these are the 500 marauders, the Collector imagined would come down across the high road. Mr. Morris would not wait for me to join him, but went on with the Company of Sappers, which was more than sufficient for any emergency, he requested me to join him at Chintapilley 2 marches in the hills, and when I arrived there at 10 A. M., having made a forced march, I could find no trace of him, and nothing but a burning village to greet me, where I was forced to encamp, after having put out the fires, it being the only small bit open space I had seen, the jungle being dense, and a mere foot path to it. I was forced to take all my supplies with me, and remained there till they were finished, and then retired upon Kumpmoor at the foot of the hills, where I received instructions to remain in that vicinity, though fever broke out about a week after I left the hills.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. HODSON, Captain,
Commanding Detachment 7th and 9th Regts. N. I.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th December 1857.

B.

To the Fort Adjutant Masulipatam, dated Ellore, 31st October 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the Brigadier's information, that from the extremely debilitated state of the detachment under my command, I consider I should not be justified to proceed on route to Masulipatam, I have not more than 12 men for duty, and they too, in weakly state from the harrassing and useless exposure in the unhealthy hill jungle. I beg to state, I lost one man of the 9th Regiment N. I. yesterday from jungle fever, and there are many more men in a very precarious state indeed, jungle fever is what my men are suffering from in its worst form.

I reported my views as above, to the Officer Commanding Ellore, and requested permission to proceed by dawk to report the deplorable condition of my Detachment in person to the Brigadier, which request has been acceded to, and I start at 5 P. M. this evening for Masulipatam, the Hospital is also short of medicine and I propose taking with me, the Dresser's emergent Indent for the same.

The Officer Commanding Ellore, Major Borthwick, has rendered me every assistance in his power, has placed his fine spacious Hospital at my disposal, given every man of his Detachment off duty, as orderlies for the sick, who are as helpless as children, and directed large quantities of conjee water to be made for the men, who would have died for want of nourishment. The subdivision detached to Bootiagooden, under the Subadar of 9th Regiment, has suffered most, it joined me on Friday evening 30th, at this place, having not one man capable of taking care of himself, and this I attribute to the want of Medical aid. I applied to the Collector for a Dresser, the moment I received the order to send out the Detachment, and did not carry out the order for 5 days, in the hope he would be sent out, and had I known the Collector was going to play me false, would not have sent it at all, the Dresser was not sent by Mr. Purvis to join me, till I reported that my Dresser was totally incapable, from a very severe attack of jungle fever, of administering to the wants of his patients, and I did not expect he would survive, he is again convalescent, and I have great pleasure in bringing his service to the notice of the Brigadier, he has proved himself a most useful man.

In my former letter I omitted to mention, that Mr. Purvis who accompanied the Sappers through the hill districts, returned to his station at Narsapore between the 14th and 21st Instant; as soon as I returned to Kumpmoor in the plains, I applied to Mr. Purvis, that one of his Assistants might be sent to join my camp, as I did not know the object of the expedition; he replied, when active operations were taking place, one would join me, and that he had sent some picked peons who he hoped, would be able to catch some of the rebels, at the same time directing me, not to take active measures myself, but simply to remain in the vicinity of the hills.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. HODSON, Captain,
Commanding Detachment 7th and 9th Regts. N. I.

C.

To the Officer Commanding Musulipatam, dated Yernagoodeen, September 27th, 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that a party of hill people, against whom I have been requested to advance with a Company of Sappers and with two Companies of Infantry from Masulipatam, when they arrive, are reported to have secured themselves within a strong stockade. If this statement is correct, we shall not be able to dislodge them without guns; and I have, therefore, the honor to request, that you will send to me at this place, a couple of light field pieces as soon as you possibly can. If Elephants can be spared, they will, perhaps, prove the best and speediest mode of conveyance, Mr. Rose who commands the Detachment of Sappers, that is at present with me, concurs in this request.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) HENRY MORRIS,
Acting Joint Magistrate, Rajahmundry.

(A true Copy.)
(Signed) T. M. CAMERON, Brigadier,
Commanding Masulipatam.

D.

To the Fort Adjutant, Masulipatam, dated Ellore, 31st October 1857, No. 418.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice for the information of the Brigadier Commanding Masulipatam that, Captain Hodson, having reported to me, the helpless state of his Detachment suffering from jungle-fever and only twelve men, in a weakly state, for duty, I inspected the men and found a great number in a very precarious state, and those who are doing duty far from well. I have ordered the Detachment to halt until some of the men recover, or until further orders, I have also to state that Captain Hodson having requested permission to proceed to Masulipatam, to consult with the Brigadier Commanding, regarding the men's future welfare, I have granted his request, and Captain Hodson will proceed immediately by dawk and return in the same manner; during his absence; no exertion on my part and the men of my Detachment as orderlies, shall be wanting. I trust the above will meet with the Brigadier's sanction.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. BORTHWICK, Major,
Commanding Ellore.

E.

To the Fort Adjutant, Masulipatam, dated 2nd November 1857.

SIR,

1 Soobadar.
1 Jemadar.
4 Havildars.
1 Drummer.
4 Naigues.
60 Privates.
1 Puckally
1 Tent Lascar.

I have the honor to inform you that I proceeded on the 15th August, with a Detachment of the 7th Regiment N. I., under my command, (strength as per margin) en route to Bezwarrah, on account of a letter having been received from the Acting Collector of Guntoor, stating, that about 60 Rohillas had attempted to cross the river Kistnah, arrived at Bezwarrah 20th August.

On the morning of the 22nd, I was called on to proceed to Ibrampatam, a village about 8 miles off, as a villager had arrived, stating that 30 or 40 Rohillas, had attacked and plundered it. I took 20 men with me; when I arrived, I received very contradicting statements as to the robbers. In my opinion they were not Rohillas, as there was only one house broken into. I returned in the evening, leaving a Havildar, and 6 Sepoys; the Havildar, and his party returned to Bezwarrah on the 23rd, but too late to accompany me to Guntoor.

1 Subbadar.
1 Jemadar.
3 Havildars.
1 Drummer.
3 Naigues.
53 Privates.
1 Puckally.
1 Tent Lascar.

I proceeded with my Detachment (strength as per margin) to Guntoor, from Bezwarrah on the 23rd August, having received an official call from the Acting Collector of Guntoor. When at Guntoor, I furnished a night guard consisting of a Havildar and 12 Sepoys over the Jail, and a similar guard at the Judge's house, there were about 80 armed pensioners there, they furnished the guard over the Kutcherry, the reason that my Detachment was called for, was in consequence of a report coming from Rajahmundry, that the Musselmen were going to rise, plant the green flag and kill the Europeans at three different places, viz., Masulipatam, Rajahmundry, and Guntoor, the place was exceedingly quiet and orderly during my stay there. I remained there till the 6th September, when I returned to Bezwarrah, where I merely did the ordinary garrison duty, till I received orders to return to Head Quarters.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. W. MERCER, Lieut.
7th Regiment M. N. I.

F.

To the Brigadier Commanding Masulipatam, dated Cocanada, 25th September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that a gang of marauders, estimated at about 500 men, have made their appearance in the North Western part of this district, between the line of the high north road and the frontier. They have plundered villages, and the civil force at my disposal, is quite unable to contend with them. I have applied for the aid of a Company of Sappers from Dowlaishweram, but considering the nature of the country, they will not be sufficient to do more than keep the gang in check, and I hope, prevent the marauders from coming upon or crossing the line of high road. There are no more Sappers available at Dowlaishweram, and the Officer in command at Samulcottah, has not I know, a man to spare. Under these circumstances, I am compelled to apply to you for the services of two Companies of Sepoys, to act in consort with the Company of Sappers and the civil power, against the gang. I would suggest, that they should proceed at once to Yernagooden, the principal place in the Tadomulia talook, and in the jungle road between Ellore and the river. As it is highly desirable, that time should not be allowed these marauders to mature their plans, or to admit of their being joined by other lawless characters, I send this by express. I have brought the matter to the notice of the General Commanding the Division. The Joint Magistrate within whose division of the district, the disturbed tract is situated, will be at Yernagoodum and afford every aid and information in his power.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. PURVIS,
Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. MONEY,
Actg. Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army.

No. 4164.

Communicated to the Judicial Department for orders.

Fort Saint George,
23rd November 1857.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Col.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1569; dated 2nd December 1857.

In the above letter, the Quarter Master General of the Army brings to notice instances in which requisitions are said to have been unnecessarily made by the Magistrates of Masulipatam, Rajahmundry and Guntoor for Troops, and requests by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that instructions may be issued to the Civil Authorities to restrict their demands for Military aid as much as possible. Copy of this communication will be furnished to the Magistrates referred to, for report, as to the circumstances under which the requisitions were made. Meanwhile the Government resolve to direct all Magistrates to be careful not to call for the aid of Troops except in cases of absolute necessity, and at once to submit to Government a full and distinct report of all the circumstances which induced such an application.

2. Requisitions for temporary escorts, which must be employed as sparingly as possible, should state fully and circumstantially the nature of the service to be performed, and the Officer on whom they are made will furnish a guard of such strength as he may deem necessary. If however, on public grounds, he deem it expedient to refuse compliance, he will refer the case immediately for the decision of the Commander-in-Chief; and His Excellency will, when occasion may require, submit it for the consideration of Government.

3. The attention of the Magistrates on the frontier will be called to the fact that they have authority temporarily to strengthen their Police force to any extent they may deem necessary, and Government must therefore observe that they have sufficient means within their power for preventing inroads such as those by parties from the Nizam's territory or emeutes among our own subjects.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

No. 1569

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 22 December 1857.

Read the following Letter from the Dy Quarter Genl. of the Army (Here enter 20 Nov/57 No 522.)

In the above Letter the Quarter Master General of the Army brings to notice circumstances in which requisitions are said to have been unnecessarily made by the Magistrates of Masulipatam, Rajahmundry and Guntoor for Troops, and regrets by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that instructions

instruction may be issued to the Civil authorities to restrict their demands for Military aid as much as possible. Copy of this communication will be furnished to the Magistrates referred to for report as to the circumstances under which their requisitions were made. Meanwhile the Govt. resolve to direct all Magistrates to be careful not to call for the aid of troops, unless they be in absolute need of such assistance, and to ~~make such arrangements as may render it less necessary to~~ employ Military Escorts ~~than is~~ at present. as sparingly as possible

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To the Military Depart
" Magistrates of the several Districts & Agent at Hyderabad

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