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No. 54. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th December 1857, No. 63.

SIR,

Para. 1. After my demi-official of last night despatched by express, I received the enclosed message by Telegraph from the Commissioner at Cuttack, in reply to one which I informed you I had sent to him in the morning.

2. Immediately on receiving the message, I addressed the Major General Commanding the Division, calling upon him to place at my disposal for immediate service at Cuttack, the Artillery now at Vizianagrum under the Command of Captain Elwyn. Copy of my letter, I enclose for the information of Government. The Manilla Steamer has not yet made its appearance, but is hourly expected, and so soon as she has received on board the uncurrent coins consigned to the treasury at Madras, as well as other stores destined for the Presidency, I purpose despatching her to Bimlipatam to embark the men, when she will proceed on her way to Pooree, the nearest port to Cuttack.

3. As Government will be aware, Bimlipatam is 19 miles to the North of this and is midway between the 2 stations of Vizagapatam and Vizianagrum, so that the arrangement to embark the Detachment from the first mentioned place will prove a relief to the men and is in every other respect desirable.

4. I am not prepared to say that Artillery are actually needed here to supply the place of the men now ordered away, but it is so difficult in these days to conjecture what may happen and too great foresight and caution cannot be exercised in the way of anticipating danger and guarding against the designs and machinations of the mischievously inclined. I therefore feel bound to state my opinion that it is not advisable to leave this District any length of time denuded of so important a means of defence.

5. Sumbulpore is only 300 miles from this and although I am not apprehensive of any disturbance or outbreak here, yet Government know of the state of affairs in the south in Rajahmundry and also I have informed them of the recent robberies within our frontier in that direction, the ring-leaders of which are still at large, and it is impossible to avoid the impression, that the feeling which have prompted these occurrences are likely to gain strength rather than the reverse in the minds of the disaffected and evil disposed when they observe any reduction in our means of protection.

6. Sacrifices near home must of course be made to meet emergencies arising at a distance, and their consideration have led me not to hesitate to send away the Artillery to Cuttack, but as I believe there is a large body of Artillery at the Presidency, the Government may agree that at this juncture and until affairs further north are more settled, a Company or half a Company at least of that branch of the service should be located at Vizianagrum with not less than 2 European Officers. I do not think that the services in the field of the men now about to leave this are likely to be speedily dispensed with, it is therefore the more incumbent on me at once to urge the propriety of their place being supplied at Vizianagrum.

7. I trust the Government will approve of all I have done in this matter. I have not hesitated to act as the emergency seemed to demand. The steamer "*Manilla*" will proceed from Pooree direct to Madras.

(Signed) CHAS. W. READE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 9.—Telegram.

From Commissioner; to Governor's Agent.

Europeans are not required in Cuttack for Sumbulpore, a half Company of Artillery ought

to be in Cuttack to replace that sent up to Sumbulpore, also an European Officer in case of the one there falling sick.

Received from Cuttack at .....6-15 P. M.
Despatched..... ....6-20 P. M.

Vizagapatam,
Electric Telegraph Office,
7th December 1857.

(Signed) R. MONK,
Assistant in charge E. T. Office.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) CHAS. W. READE,
Agent to the Governor.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam; to Major General TULLOCH, C. B., Commanding Northern Division, dated Waltair, 7th December 1857.

SIR,

I have received the enclosed message from the Commissioner at Cuttack in reply to one I sent to him requesting to know what assistance he could render in reference to present disturbances at Sumbulpore.

2. I make no doubt you will agree with me that the Artillery now at Vizianagrum with the European Officer in command should be sent to Cuttack at once, and a most favorable opportunity offers for their transport by the Steamer *Manilla* hourly expected and which can be detained here for the purpose.

Should you concur in this arrangement, you will perhaps be good enough to issue the necessary orders for the immediate march of the Artillery to this or to Bimlipatam, and meanwhile I will hold the Steamer in readiness to embark the men on their arrival when the Steamer can at once proceed to Pooree.

(Signed) C. READE,
Agent to the Governor.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) CHAS. W. READE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, No. 1626; dated 14th December 1857.

Under the circumstances stated, the Government approve the proceedings of the Agent in Vizagapatam, as reported in the above letter.

Mr. Reade's letter will be communicated to the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

The Agent could
do no more than
send the Troops under
the circumstances.
Whether it will
be so easy to replace
them - as he seems
to think - is another

Question - Just as
I must do now but
I am prepared for any
difficulties in the
Courts -

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Yours &c
W. Ellis

Mr General Pulleck has
conducted with the Agents
requisition and dispatches
a detail of Artillery under the
European officers to Cutlach
I have given directions to
endeavour to replace the Cattle
at Vizianagram - the Scarcity
Div[n] near Chauses be written
Cattle - but it can only be
managed I expect by contracting
Cattle from the relief of the
Courts of Salancaya which
has completed a Thousand Jeans

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[illegible] at a single Cattle Office in Rajahmundry here - a few days ago when the young Sahukar [illegible] Govt. Honor [illegible] to order one of the Regt. Staff from the Amount to take his place - leave the only Cattle Officer on the Staff at the disposal of Govt. & Captain Butler - upon Lt. Engr. at Dowlaishwaram - if his services can [illegible] temporarily, he could at once assume Command of the Cattle at Rajahmundry

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Under the circumstances stated the Government approve the proceedings of the Agent in Vizag apotam as reported in the above letter -

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Mr Reade's letter will be communicated to the Military Dept -

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