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Read the following letters.

No. 56. From C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th December 1857, No. 64.

SIR,

Para. 1. In continuation of my letter of the 28th November No. 59, I have the honor to state, that consequent on an urgent requisition from the Magistrate of Rajahmundry subsequently received, I have despatched 50 men of the Sibundy Corps under Lieutenant and Adjutant Bloomfield to that District. To enable me to do this, it has been requisite to detach a Company of the 43rd Regiment from hence to Nursapatam, to take the place of the Sibundies, my previous letter will have explained the necessity for this arrangement. The absence of 50 men out of 150 of which the Sibundy Corps consists, the importance of increasing the 2 out posts of Golcondah and Kristnadavypett, and the necessity for guarding against any sudden emergency requiring the services of the remaining men at a distance from Head Quarters were the considerations which led me, at the present juncture, not to hesitate to indent for a Company of the Line to occupy Nursapatam in conjunction with the local Corps, and when regard is had to the number absent, from sickness and from other causes, a full Company of the regular Sepoys will prove no more than adequate for the ordinary duties of the Station. I beg to enclose copy of a letter from Captain Owen on the subject written before he was aware of what I had done.

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

To C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, dated Nursapatam, 8th December 1857, No. 49.

SIR,

Agreeably to the orders conveyed in your letter No. 173, dated 4th December 1857, which reached this only last evening, a party of 50 men with complement of Non-Commissioned Officers under Lieutenant Bloomfield start this day at 2 o'clock and proceed with all expedition towards Rajahmundry when Lieutenant Bloomfield will apply to the Magistrate present for instructions.

2. With reference to the 2nd para. of your letter, I have the honor to represent, that it is highly desirable a Company of not less than (70) seventy Rank and File might be sent to Nursapatam to replace the Sibundies. I have this day 22 men in Hospital and only 1 Naique and 9 Privates for duty, and when the Goonipoorum party join, two thirds of them will have to proceed at once to Golcondah, &c. to replace men drawn from thence.

(Signed) W. G. OWEN, Captain,
Commanding S. L. Corps.

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

No. 57. From C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor at Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 9th December 1857, No. 65.

SIR,

Para. 1. The Telegraph Line between this and Madras will I hope be open to-morrow when the necessity for further communication by Express will cease, but as there is a doubt and the exigency seems of sufficient importance, I have thought it right to send the enclosed copy of a message from the Commissioner at Cuttack for the information of Government.

2. The first reply from the Commissioner to my first message was so unsatisfactory that I sent a second, copy of which I also enclose, and this elicited the one now forwarded. I immediately sent it on to the General of the Division urging the necessity of sending off every available Artillery man at Vizianagrum, pointing out that their place might be supplied by 25 men of the

European Invalids at Vizagapatam who are quite competent I understand to serve guns and for all Artillery practice. I did this because the General contemplated retaining 14 men but which would greatly reduce the efficiency of the rest under orders for embarkation, and as two guns will now accompany the Detachment, it seems of importance that not a single man should be left behind.

3. The state of affairs at Sumbulpore as brought to notice in the Commissioner's message would seem to support the propriety of my requisition for fresh Artillery in these parts. I am convinced myself of the necessity for the measure as one of ordinary protection and caution, the sudden withdrawal of so important an arm of the service from a Military station necessarily occasions much talk throughout the District, exciting the mischievously inclined and alarming the timid and loyal, and just now it is sound policy and as much a duty to give confidence to the one as to overawe the other.

4. I enclose my reply to the Commissioner and I hope to communicate to you any thing further I receive from him by Telegraph in the course of to-morrow.

5. Unfortunately the Steamer "*Manilla*" has been detained at Masulipatam for the conveyance of the 1st extra Regiment; her services being more urgently needed in this direction, I have written by this Express to the Magistrate of Rajahmundry, copy of my letter will be found enclosed.

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

No. 10.—From Cuttack, 8th December.

From J. R. MAGRATH, Esq.,; to C. READE, Esq , Vizagapatam.

The native town of "Cawnpore" is in the hands of the rebels, Sir C. Campbell is going to attack them on Sunday. The Steamer arrived in Calcutta.

No more news.

Received from Cuttack.....10- 5 A. M.
Despatched.....10-10 A. M.

Vizagapatam, Electric Telegraph Office, 8th December 1857.

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

No. 12.—From Cuttack, 9th December.

From the Commissioner; to C. READE, Esq.,

More Native Troops are not required at present at Cuttack, but we have only 271 men of the 5th Regiment N. I. Further aid is required at Sumbulpore and we cannot send it from this. The Regulars there get so sick that it is of little use sending more. Sebundies are better suited and enlistment of men at Russelcondah is ordered. Cuttack and all round is quiet, at Sumbulpore matters look very bad. Head Quarters of the 40th Regiment N. I., left on Monday. Send if possible 2 light mountain howitzers with the Artillery. Guns here are old, heavy and useless for the Infantry. 50,000 cartridges and caps are required, only one month's field expenditure in the Artillery stores now here. Captain Elwyn can say if more is required.

Received from Cuttack.....2-49 P. M.
Despatched..... ....3-20.

Vizagapatam, Electric Telegraph Office, 9th 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 A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry, dated 9th December 1857, No. 178.

SIR,

Consequent on serious disturbances at Sumbulpore, a requisition for Artillery has been made to me by the Commissioner of Cuttack. I had expected the Steamer *Manilla* before this

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 15th December 1857.

by which I propose to send the Troops hence to Pooree, but intelligence has just reached me of the detention of the Steamer for the conveyance of the 1st extra Regiment between Masulipatam and Cocanada and I write to you in haste to state my opinion that the urgency for the services of the Steamer to convey the Artillery from hence to Pooree is far greater than exists for her plying between Cocanada and Masulipatam for the 1st extra Regiment, and I therefore request that should the *Manilla* be now off the Port or whenever she may make her appearance you will instruct Captain Burn at once to proceed to this place for further instructions, and for embarkation of the guns and men now ready for embarkation.

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

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

From the Governor's Agent; to the Commissioner.

Your message leaves me in doubt whether you desire the Artillery to be sent or not, they are ready to embark. Do you want them or not, let me know immediately.

(Signed) CHARLES READE,

Despatched 2-5 P. M. 9th December 1857.

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

From C. W. READE, Esq., to the Commissioner.

The guns and stores will be sent. News of the delay of the Steamer at Masulipatam, not expected here for 2 or 3 days in consequence. No Sibundies here available for distant service. The number of men accompanying the guns is 45.

Please send any further intelligence of importance. The Line to Madras will be open I expect to-morrow.

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

9th December 1857.

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

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, No. 1627; dated 14th December 1857.

The Agent will take immediate measures for increasing the strength of the Golcondah Sibbundies. He will report to Government what additional number he would propose to entertain and what arrangements he would make for the purpose, but he will commence enlisting men at once.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 65.

Vizagapatam Govt Agents Office
9th December 1857.

From

G. W. Reade Esq.
Agent to the Govr.

To

J. Sycroft Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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9/57. D.
Rec No 2078.

This is a proto
message time of 2
days later date than
our Despatch of 30th
of the Secretary but
Correspondence is actually
in three hours of the rebels
into that the women
& children from Sambulpore
are 4 miles from
Cuttack. The two

Maybe true as the
Cumberland authority
to hear me - Which
I hear by Telegraph early
in the morning -

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No 1627

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J.P.C.

Fort St George
14 Decr 1857

Agent at Vizg^m } Dispd 16
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To the Supdt of Govt Army Clothing } Dispd 19 January 58

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The agent to the
Govr Vizagm

To The Chief Secy to
Govt Fort St Geor.

Dated 9th Dec
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No 2075. No 64

with an order

Reports with refer
ence to his letter
of the 28th Nov
that he received an
urgent requisition
for the Despatch
of Rajahmundry which he
directed 50 of the
Lt Infantry to proceed
forthwith & had
replaced their place
by a Company of the 43
Regt

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