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No. 4. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 18th December 1857, No. 73.

SIR,

Para. 1. I enclose for the information of Government, copies of 2 messages received this day from the Commissioner at Cuttack, also one to the General Commanding, from the Officer in Command of the Troops at that station, and which has been forwarded by this express to the Commander-in-Chief.

2. I also enclose you copy of a note I have addressed to the Adjutant General, in reference to the Commissioner's desire for further aid. It appears to me that at this juncture, every available man should be sent up to the relief of that part of the country. The 40th Regiment are hemmed in at Sumbulpore, and I doubt the adequacy of the Artillery just sent to do all that may be necessary, at a season so proverbially unhealthy, and we ought to be fully prepared for the worst; but under any circumstances, as the 5th Regiment are sure to be wanted in the field to relieve the 40th before the Shekawattee Battalion could possibly arrive for that object, it seems obvious to me that there should be some troops at Cuttack to render the entire 5th Regiment available for that important duty. I do not know how the General of the Division may decide, my opinion has been informally solicited, and I have not hesitated to give it for what it may be worth.

3. At present, matters continue quiet here, and I shall be prepared for any appearance of a contrary tendency.

4. The Steamer "Manilla" returned here from "Pooree" at noon this day, and will leave again for "Pooree" with 4 guns, applied for by the Commanding Officer at Cuttack, in a message of yesterday, and possibly before the steamer leaves, the General of the Division may agree with me in the propriety of despatching some of the 43rd Regiment from this, when they also will leave with the guns, but there will be no time to inform you by this day's post of what may be resolved on.

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

Waltair, 18th December 1857.

MY DEAR CAPTAIN MASON,

My own opinion is that, at the present juncture, we ought to do all we can to relieve Cuttack and rescue Sumbulpore. It occurs to me that 2 Companies or 3, might go from this by the Manilla, (2 at least) to Cuttack as a reserve, and to be in charge of the station, should the 5th now going up there be required, as no doubt they will at Sumbulpore. I think every available man, consistent of course with our own safety, should be sent. Recollect, we have nearly 90 Europeans here for our protection, better than ½ a Regiment, and they would cheerfully undertake extra duties to allow of their native comrades going into the field. By sending 2 Companies with 2 or 3 European Officers, they could occupy Cuttack, while the 5th went on, as their services are sure to be needed. I of course speak diffidently on such a matter, which may be purely a Military question, still I have given it some consideration, and as we were going to be left here with only 2 Companies some two months back, there is greater reason why we should be satisfied with that amount *now*. I am for sending as many as can be spared, consistent with supplying the guards, and the Jail guard might be reduced.

(Signed) C. READE.

P. S.—The express will go so soon as your letter is received.

(True Copy.)

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

My dear Mr. Reade,

I send you a copy of a message just received. The General can't send any more troops, a the 23rd have not many at Head Quarters. 3 Companies at Berhampore, the 31st are very sickly and both these required to embark in March and April. We will send the message to Hea Quarters by express, the Commander-in-Chief says in a letter of 12th, that came to-day, tha Horse and Artillery are going from Nagpore, and he has urged the necessity of Sibundies being raised. I suppose he has written to Calcutta. Are you sending an express, if so, our letters ca go together.

18th December 1857. (Signed) F. MASON,

I am afraid we could not spare two Companies of the 43rd, so many men away.

(True Copy.)

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

No. 25.—From Cuttack, 18th December 1857.

From Officer Commanding, Cuttack; to Vizagapatam, to Major General TULLOCH.

Words 89. Service repeat.

Information just received from Calcutta that the Shekawattee Battalion cannot reach Sum bulpore for six weeks. The district of Sumbulpore is placed under direct charge of Majo Bates, and the Commissioner of Cuttack, who will go up with a Wing of the 5th Regiment an two guns on arrival of the Head Quarters, and Captain Elwyn with Artillery.

No direct news from Sumbulpore for several days, reports mentioning the insurrection i widely spread. The Commissioner thinks that another Wing should be sent to replace the on going to Sumbulpore.

Received from Cuttack.....12-20 P. M.
Despatched.....12-35 P. M.

Vizagapatam, Electric Telegraph Office, 18th December 1857, } (Signed) R. MONK,
Assistant in charge E. T. Office.

No. 27.—From Cuttack, Friday 18th December, 2 P. M.

From Commissioner of Cuttack; to Vizagapatam, to C. READE, Esq.

Words 14. Service repeat.

The "Manilla" left Pooree yesterday. The Artillery were to leave for Cuttack this morn ing.

Received from Cuttack.....at 1-45 P. M.
Despatched.....at 1-50 P. M.

Vizagapatam, Electric Telegraph Office, 18th December 1857. } (Signed) R. MONK,
Assistant in charge E. T. Office.

No. 26.—From Cuttack, Friday, 18th December 1857, 2 P. M.

From the Commissioner of Cuttack; to Vizagapatam, to C. READE, Esq.

Words 41. Service repeat.

Reply. Information regarding guns, &c., has been communicated by the Commandi Officer to the General at Pooree. Guns, &c., being landed. The "Manilla" arrived yesterda

Still no intelligence at all from Sumbulpore. That from the North West is of no importance.

Received from Cuttack.....1-20 P. M.
Despatched.....1-40 P. M.

Vizagapatam, Electric Telegraph Office, 18th December 1857. } (Signed) R. MONK,
Assistant in charge E. T. Office.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) CHARLES READE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 5. Order thereon, No. 1673; dated 24th December 1857.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Sir
Your most Obed Servt

Charles Steuart
Agent to the Governor

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