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No. 20. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th December 1857, No. 521.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th December 1857, regarding the relief by armed Peons of the out-posts now held by Sepoys which are Razapore, Jaggiapettah and Ellore.

2. I lose no time in replying that I consider it indispensable that Razapore should be held by Troops of the line.

3. Though I have no doubt in my own mind of the necessity of Sepoys under an European Officer at Jaggiapettah, I feel doubts as to the propriety of my expressing my opinion, after that Government have been pleased to record their opinion that the attack on Jaggiapettah might have been prevented, had I used the discretion given me in the demi-official of 22nd July 1857, to protect my frontier by Police Peons,

4. I trust there is no impropriety in my here stating that in reply to that Circular, I wrote that I had no confidence in Peons, for I never did believe they would offer resistance to Rohillas without some Military education and an European to lead them, and on the late occasion one Peon out of many is supposed to have fired a shot. However I received a letter from the Acting Chief Secretary as I understood it in consideration of my poor opinion of Peons authorizing me to raise "Native Militia" and to name any Officer in Masulipatam to Command it. I replied that I knew of no fit Officer and there the matter rested, for I trusted the arrangements I had made would be sufficient.

5. I beg respectfully to tell Government I do not think a warlike race of marauders like Rohillas would be met by any Peons in this District, unless disciplined and led into action by a European Officer.

6. The Government are well aware how slack the Subordinates of the Nizam's Government are in preventing or capturing these Rohillas, although that energetic and well disposed Minister Salar Jung Bahader has done so much; and undoubtedly recent events have disturbed men's minds, and I confess that if by any accident one of the Rohilla chiefs should be captured, and tried at Jaggiapettah, there would be, in my humble opinion, great danger that rescue would be attempted.

7. I may add I have received a letter from General Tulloch, C. B., saying he did not consider an Officer and 45 Sepoys strong enough for the protection of Jaggiapettah.

8. Perhaps I am altogether wrong in venturing to solicit for Jaggiapettah, the effectual protection of Sepoys, and if so, I trust I may be pardoned for any delay in executing orders, this reference may cause. The panic from armed bands plundering the District is as great an impediment to the enjoyment of wealth as in former days the possibility of famines was to its production.

9. However if, on receipt of this, Government are pleased to order Peons to be substituted at Jaggiapettah, no effort shall be spared on my part to make and keep them efficient.

10. As to Ellore, I feel that, if Sepoys must be withdrawn, I would rather risk Ellore than Jaggiapettah, because there I see my way to raising a body of men who might fight.

11. In Minutes of Consultation, 10th December, the Government were pleased to approve of a proposition made to enlist pensioned Sepoys as a guard for Ellore. I regret to say the panic has subsided and I doubt I could now raise a month's subscription, however if Government will be pleased to allow the Ellore Detachment to be posted at Jaggiapettah I will organize a body of the pensioners to receive pay from Government and to be under the Commanding Officer himself a pensioner, and as I hear that the recruiting Depôt may probably be placed at Ellore, with these I should rest content.

12. If Government direct that Jaggiapettah be protected by Peons alone, may I endeavour to enlist fighting men in the Nizam's country at an advanced rate of pay.

(Signed) T. J. KNOX,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 1682; dated 30th December 1857.

The Government are disposed to agree with the Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam that it would not be safe to trust the protection of the wealthy town of Juggiapettah to Peons only and therefore that for the present the Sepoys must remain. It is observed however that authority has been just conveyed to him to raise a Sibbundi Corps, and the Government further allow him as suggested in para. 11 of his letter to organize a body of pensioners, if such can be found in sufficient numbers and fit for the duty, on Government pay and under European Officers, to be employed at Juggiapettah, Ellore and Razapore.

2. Mr. Knox will report the arrangements which he may make under these orders, and when the Sibbundies and pensioners will be able to take the duty at Juggiapettah, Ellore and Razapore, until which time the Troops cannot be withdrawn.

3. The Governor in Council does not think that it would be expedient to enlist fighting men in the Nizam's country, as proposed in the conclusion of Mr. Knox's letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Dept

No 2144

Rec the Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam
Dated 19 December 1857

For Orders

Has not Mr Knox been authorized to raise some Sibbundies
& Pay they will suffice - but
until they are ready for duty
I shd think a detachment of
Sepoys shd be maintained at

Jaggipetah -

I Expected that the Keeping of Law at Chase wd very soon evaporate.

4

Joshua McKoy in Santee right in Kim Kong Kot no description procurable in his District wd withstand for an instant an attack by Statute plunderers like Rohillas or Patans -

Therefore think Kotah if a puncture like the present it wd not be safe to leave Jaggipetah, the richest town in that part of the country to their sole charge

Think Kotah be authorized to raise a body of pensioners or small local Corps to guard the town under an Officer, the rest to find plenty of volunteers under such conditions.

Should a Disease of desertion men from the Nizams Country, Rohilla attack Sole vagabonds to plunder & Moor not selected, we take it plunder

Driver considered Raghaver a place of importance his surrender & Chase, the nearest place of importance is abt 30 miles off Think Mc

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Table Cadeau pensioners to be found. Policy to leave Should employ them - at least for the present

Will

There are not Troops in the Northern Division sufficient to furnish any additional Detachments - the men have not even the relief of present but are permanently on duty without long relaxation - if therefore efficient Punishment to Offenders can be had Recommend that the requisite powers may be embodied and Placed under Command of European Officers for the duties in question until the organization to Regt. of the Levi is complete and the Police Documents are sufficiently advanced to relieve them from duty -

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 30th Decr 1857 -

From Asst. Mag. of Bundelcund dated 4 Dec 57

The first on his posting to agree with his Asst Magistrate of Bundelcund - Can that it would not be safe to punish his prisoners [illegible] Section of the Penal Code of Sufficient Petal Com only and therefore that petitioners must be Sepoys ~~convicted~~ convicted - It is obvious that however that authority has been given to him to raise a Sibbendi Corps - and the first function allotted to

Suggested in para 11
of his letter to organize
a body of Pensioners; if
in sufficient numbers &
such can be found fit for
his duty, on foot pay
and under ~~the~~ European
Officers - to be employed
at ~~both~~ Juggiah pettah
& Rajapore
and Ekoe - (as soon
as provision can be
made for his security -
of whom Scinde's Pensioners
or both his Regular
Troops with his artil-
-lery.)
2 - The Attygil
does not consider
Rajapore to be a
place of importance -
requiring to be held
by Troops at the time -

P.S. Pettigrew will support his
Arrangements which
is very much under stood
others - and when he writes
this and Comm. Owen will
have to take it into
Superintendence Ekoe & Raja-
-pore - until which time
the Troops will remain
and till not time per Steamer
to start with Grant - He
does not think that it
would be expedient to
enlist fighting men in
his Brigade Country - I
proposed in the conclusion
of Mr Knox' letter.

JP.

Pettigrew Dep. Sec. Dispd. 4th Jany.
with copy of letter
2nd May of Mad. Dispd. 31st Dec.

Tele. Mr Knox - Dispatch
which arrangements
have been made - it
will be time enough then
to order the withdrawal of
the troops.

Mr Knox says he considers troops at Rajapore
indispensable - It would appear objection-
-able to withdraw them - until they can be
replaced -

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7th Septr. 13 of 1858
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Pay to Cong.s 8th Jany 1858

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Dated 30th Decr. 1857.