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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th February 1857.

No. 41. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 7th February 1857.

Read the following letter from W. G. WOODS, Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 6th February 1857, No. 104.

SIR,

I have the honor, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, dated 30th Ultimo, No. forwarding letters from the Officer Commanding 30th Regiment Native Infantry on the subject of Guards furnished by that Corps to the Jail at Cuddapah, and the desirableness of having a place where the Native Officers &c., can satisfy the callings of nature.

I am directed by His Excellency to recommend that a mud wall, as proposed, may be erected for the use of the Guard as a Privy.

Lieutenant General Grant, also requests to be informed whether there is any objection to the withdrawal of the Guards as recommended.

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieutenant Colonel,

Adjutant General of the Army.

From Major General D. MACLEOD, Commanding Ceded Districts; to Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, dated Camp Cuddapah, 30th January 1857.

SIR,

In forwarding the accompanying letters, I have the honor to observe that, I quite concur in the views of the Officer Commanding the 30th Native Infantry. I consider it highly objectionable that Soldiers should be required to use any building or place appropriated to the use of Convicts. Such being the case with reference to the Privates how much more so is it the case in regard to a Commissioned Officer, who is required, by the orders of Government, to be treated as Gentlemen.

2. I consider it equally improper to require Commissioned Officers to expose their persons, in public, for the purposes of nature.

3. There is no necessity for the required erection costing one pie: the Prisoners can build it.

4. I would likewise recommend the withdrawal of the Guards, they were put on the duty during a year of famine, when it was deemed necessary to afford extra and unusual protection to the Dealers in Grain. The cause having passed away, their services are in my opinion no longer required.

5. I beg leave to avail myself of the present opportunity to point out, the great injury, the discipline of the Army sustains, in being so constantly called upon to perform the duty of Police. I am of opinion that the multiplicity of Guards required for the performance of Police duties is, if not the chief, one of the chief causes, of the enormous number of Pensioners and Invalids now taxing the resources of the State.

(Signed) D. MACLEOD, Major General,

Commanding Ceded Districts.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th February 1857.

From Major H. SALMON, Commanding 30th Regiment N. I.; to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Ceded Districts, dated Cuddapah, 30th January 1857, No. 36.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the following circumstances connected with the Regiment under my Command.

A large Guard under a Native Officer is furnished to the Jail in the Town of Cuddapah, it has several times been brought to my notice by the Native Officers that they were obliged to proceed to a considerable distance for the purpose of nature, and that the men were absent from this Guard for a considerable time which is contrary to the regulation, and even then to expose their persons in open situations, I consequently addressed the Subordinate Judge requesting that a Privy might be provided for the use of the Guard, as the Native Officers and men both objected to be mixed up in any way with the Prisoners in using the place allotted to them as a Privy, and indeed I am not surprised that they should make this objection on the ground above stated, but also on account of the offensive smell, caused by about 400 Prisoners using it. All that I wished was that a small place surrounded by 4 mud walls without roof with a partition for the Native Officer should be erected by the Prisoners and without the smallest expense to Government; but I have not been able to secure this desirable result, it appears that the Subordinate Judge without any recommendation from me called on the Civil Engineer for an Estimate, that the Estimate was forwarded to Madras and was returned with the remark of the Commander-in-Chief that the proposition was something new to him. The Subordinate Judge in his reply to me stated that there would be no objection to the men using the place allotted to the Prisoners, or that they might go to the bank of the river close by. The Native Officers objected to expose their persons in such a situation. All that is required is a place as named above, erected by the Prisoners without any cost to Government, and I would request that the General Officer Commanding the Division, should he see no objection, would be good enough to make the request to the Subordinate Judge that such a place be erected by Convict labor on the site of the place where it was intended to erect the Privy.

(Signed) H. SALMON, Major,
Commanding 30th Regt. N. I.

From Major H. SALMON, Commanding 30th Regiment N. I.; to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Ceded Districts, dated Cuddapah, 30th February 1857, No. 37.

SIR,

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I have the honor to bring to your notice for the information of the Major General Commanding the Division, that Guards as per margin, are furnished in the Town of Cuddapah and request permission to withdraw these Guards, it appears to me that it is objectionable to employ the men, in the protection of the interests of private individuals, when perhaps the reason for the employment of the Guards for such a purpose has long since ceased. The Guards were first furnished in the year 1838 at the requisition of the Magistrate of Cuddapah, and it would seem likely that the presence of the Guard will lead the Civil Power to rest in the resources of the Military instead of employing Civil means for the protection of the inhabitants.

(Signed) H. SALMON, Major,
Commanding 30th Regt., N. I.

Referred to the Revenue and Judicial Departments with a view to orders being issued as recommended by the Commander-in-Chief.

By order.

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

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th February 1857.

No. 42.

ORDER THEREON, No. 230; dated 24th February 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector of Prisons, who will issue the necessary instructions for the erection by means of the Convicts of a small mud wall Privy, at a convenient place, for the use of the Military Guard stationed at the Cuddapah Jail, if it be necessary to retain a Military Guard there, on which point he will submit his opinion.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
(Dated 24th February 1857.)

Read the following Ex-
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