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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th April 1857.

No. 52. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated Calicut, 10th March 1857, No. 40.

SIR,

Magisterial Department.

Dated 9th Instant. In submitting the accompanying from Major Haly, on the subject of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 20th February, I consider that no remarks are necessary from me on a matter affecting merely the Military training of the Malabar Police Corps. Increase of expenditure is to be avoided no doubt, but as the appointments were made by the Commander-in-Chief, I should hope that these considerations may not be allowed to affect present incumbents.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Acting Collector.

From Major G. T. HALY, Commanding Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated Camp near Mallapooram, 9th March 1857, No. 57.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 213, dated 20th February 1857, I have the honor to offer the following explanations, with reference to 2 Non-Commissioned Officers from the Horse Artillery, standing appointed to the Malabar Police Corps.

I made application for a Horse Artilleryman for the "purpose of training in Artillery duties," as per my letter, to the Chief Secretary of Government, No. 96, dated 3rd July 1855; which caused the appointment of Corporal Williams "for the purpose of assisting in the Artillery training of that Corps," and previous to this, a Non-Commissioned Officer had been sanctioned, at the recommendation of the Military Board. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief being "requested to place the services of a Non-Commissioned Officer at my disposal, for *permanent* duty with the Malabar Police Corps," this appointment however did not take place till September 1855; and this Non-Commissioned Officer (Serjeant Collins) was detained to take charge of the "Train" and "Ponies," at Bangalore, and has not yet joined. Corporal Williams having been directed to join forthwith, and which he did in September 1855; enabling the "Artillery Training" of the Corps to be at once proceeded with, and thereby rendering them (Corps) what they now are, efficient practical Artillerymen.

It will therefore appear that the appointment of 2 Horse Artillerymen, has been accidental, or caused by a selection from that branch, having been made by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. These appointments however appear to me, not only to be most judicious, but absolutely necessary, as these Serjeants are not only required to be men accustomed to horses, but should be of more than ordinary intelligence, capable of taking charge, each of them, of a Division of Guns (1 Mortar, 1 Howitzer) even in the ordinary manœuvres of the Corps, and this becomes the more essential in case of actual service; therefore I repeat that in a body constituted like the Malabar Police Corps, and intended to be prepared for actual Field Service, that the Serjeants as they now stand in the Corps, are not more than is requisite, indeed, as I have before frequently expressed, an increase of Europeans is in my opinion, essential to render the Malabar Police Corps efficient for the purpose that it is intended for.

In the absence of the reasons submitted by the Military Auditor General for objecting to "Military Pay" for the Non-Commissioned Officers attached to the Corps, I am unable further to enter into the matter, than by again observing, that if these ranks are deprived of *their Military Pay*, they will be decided losers by their appointments to the Malabar Police Corps. I therefore beg most respectfully to urge upon His Lordship in Council, the necessity for making the appointments worthy of being retained.

Serjeant Williams in his representation, dated 4th November 1856, made no allusion to the smallness of his allowances, because no objection had been at the time made by the Military Pay Department, to the disbursement of his "*Military Pay*," in addition to his *Civil Allowances*.

Fort St. George, Judicial-Consultation, 7th April 1857.

I beg, in conclusion, most respectfully to bring to the notice of Government, that the Military Auditor General, has not only stopped the present issue of "Military Pay" to the Non-Commissioned Officers attached to the Malabar Police Corps; but has commenced retrenchments of the whole amount drawn by them from the very beginning, from the pay of the Adjutant. A representation on this subject has been made by Lieutenant Shaw, who although he was in the receipt of *only* Rupees 100 per month, "Staff Salary," as Adjutant of the Corps, has been retrenched at the rate of Rupees 50 per mensem, and I believe that according to present Regulations he has no chance of recovering the money from the individuals for whom it has been overdrawn, and both Lieutenant Bloomfield and myself have received Memos: of "objectionable charges," and will be similarly retrenched, unless Government pass an order to our relief.

(Signed) G. T. HALY, Major,

Commanding Malabar Police Corps.

(A True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Acting Collector.

No. 53.

ORDER THEREON, No. 413; dated 7th April 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council does not perceive sufficient grounds for increasing the rate of pay, 30 Rupees per mensem, assigned to the Serjeants of the Malabar Police Corps, by Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd December 1853, which was intended to include all pay Military and Civil. The two Non-Commissioned Officers now attached to the Corps will therefore have the option either of continuing with the Corps on that rate of allowance or of rejoining their Regiment, in which case other selections will be made from the Foot Artillery or Horse Batteries.

2. The amount already disbursed in excess of the above rate will not, however, be recovered either from the Non-Commissioned Officers or from the Adjutant or Commandant, and the Military Auditor General is authorized to remit the retrenchment on that account.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

- Memo -

It is intended - I believe - that
the Corps should be ^{reduced} to
divided into two parties
each with Mountain ordnance.
Two men from the ^{artillery} ^{regiment}
may be ^{required} ^{for} ^{the} ^{purpose}
but not necessarily from the
Horse Artillery - The ponies I
imagine will not be difficult
to manage - They are not wanted
to manœuvre - but merely to drag

the journey from place to place &
across country.

But if it be deemed to be
- near the pay of the Sergeant
it cannot be necessary to do
it as the way suggested by Major
Haly - viz by giving them their
military pay in addition to
their Civil Allowance - This
as Col Loris means - would
be more than double the present
receipts - and put them nearly

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twice as much as they would
draw with their Corps - so that
as far as this is a bitter pill.
- in any position than the
Sergeant Major - unless he
is to draw military pay too.
for which there seems no
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