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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st April 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 7. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department; dated 3rd April 1857, No. 1133.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 2nd April 1857, No. 342.

SIR,

Dated 31st March, No. 62.

Forwarding copy of letter from the Officer Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry, regarding an attack made on the families of that Corps by a gang of robbers.

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 Centre Division with its annexment.

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieutenant Colonel,
Adjutant General of the Army.

From Major General P. E. CRAIGIE, Commanding Centre Division; to Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, dated 31st March 1857, No. 62.

SIR,

I have the honor to annex for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry, regarding an attack made on the families of that Corps.

I do this in case (as I presume) the Officer Commanding the 39th Regiment Native Infantry, may not have communicated direct.

(Signed) P. E. CRAIGIE, Major General,
Commanding Centre Division.

From Major G. FITZMAURICE, Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry; to Captain GEORGE CONDY, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Centre Division, Madras, dated 27th March 1857, No. 104.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General Commanding Division, that yesterday (the 26th) evening between 6 and 7 P. M., on the road between this and Bungarangoopullum, an attack was made by a gang of robbers armed with clubs and stones, on a bandy in which were some of the families of the Corps under my command, accompanied by three Privates, a gold ornament was pulled from the neck of one woman, the wife of Private Gunnaputty, and another woman, the mother of Private Veerasawmy received a severe blow on the head from a stone; lesser injuries were received by others of the women and children, as the assailants continued to shower stones upon them, and were in considerable numbers (the witnesses say 50 or 60), the Sepoys fired upon the robbers and hit one or two of them, but they were carried off by their confederates. I have reported the occurrence to the Collector at Chittoor, and he has sent to take the Depositions of the witnesses (I have already done so) and says that if the criminals have been hit (of which I have no doubt) he trusts some trace may be found.

(Signed) G. FITZMAURICE, Major,
Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry.

(A true Copy.)
(Signed) GEORGE CONDY, Captain,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General Centre Division.

Communicated to the Judicial Department.

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

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st April 1857.

No. 8. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 7th April 1857, No. 1163.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 6th April 1857, No. 355.

SIR,

Reporting an attack having been made on the families of the 39th Regiment Native Infantry, by a gang of robbers.

Dated 31st March 1857, No. 64.

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry, regarding an attack made on the Mess Bandies of the Corps, by a gang of robbers.

With reference to letter from this office, dated 2nd Instant, No. 342, 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 Centre Division with its annexment.

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieut. Col.,
Adjutant General of the Army.

From Major General P. E. CRAIGIE, Commanding Centre Division; to Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, dated 31st March 1857, No. 64.

SIR,

Adverting to my letter of this day's date (number and subject as per margin,) I have the

No. 62.

Annexing copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry, regarding an attack made on the families of that Corps.

honor to annex, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry (just received), reporting an attack having been made on the Mess Bandies of the Corps under his command.

(Signed) P. E. CRAIGIE, Major General,
Commanding Centre Division.

From Major G. FITZMAURICE, Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry; to Captain GEORGE CONDY, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Centre Division, dated 29th March 1857, No. 107.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General Commanding the Division, that in the evening of the 28th Instant, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock P. M., an attack was made upon the Mess Bandies, belonging to the Regiment under my command by a number of thieves throwing stones, about (3) three miles from the Village of Nurrupurpettah, on the Vellore side, but that in consequence of the vigilance displayed by the Naigne's party in charge of the Bandies, the thieves disappeared without having accomplished their intended object.

(Signed) G. FITZMAURICE, Major,
Commanding 39th Regiment Native Infantry.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) GEORGE CONDY, Captain,
Depy. Asst. Adj. Genl., Centre Division.

ORDER.—Communicated to the Judicial Department.

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

No. 9.

ORDER THEREON, No. 424; dated 15th April 1857.

Ordered that copies be communicated to the Magistrate of North Arcot, who will report immediately the result of his investigation, into the cases of robbery referred to in the foregoing communication, and the steps which he has taken in consequence of the reports made to him.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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such palpable misapprehension - as it was
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could be ~~substantiated~~ ⁱⁿ - if an
appeal to the Court - as matters
then should be ruled for -

The misfortune also of adopting
this course would be - that he is
only to transference some other
district - to remove it also into
a state of confusion -

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I have no doubt, in
I suppose I observed that
the district will be
safe from any robbery
so long as the roads
are protected by guards
but I cannot persuade
myself that this is not
very risky to cause the
disturbance - I think
that a searching inquiry
will be necessary.

into the conduct of the
Police and the preservation
of the magistracy by a
competent energetic
Officer in whom the
Court have perfect
confidence & be en-
dowed to produce a
good effect & to pro-
vide that there is a
determination to stick

at the end of the end to
correct it. The hand of
the Officer conducting
an enquiry would be
greatly strengthened if
he were empowered to
discharge on the spot
any native functionary
who in his opinion is
unfit for his
duties in the service

of Govt is rather
deficient fully for the
information of Govt

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I don't wish to pre-
sume an opinion which does not meet
with the concurrence of the
President.

I will only observe that
the physical character of
St. Louis has undergone no
change of late years - that
my experience of other districts
has shown me that ^{the prevalence of} such crises
depends in a great degree on
the personal character of
the head of the Dist^t & that
I am

I am convinced an officer of
activity is? strip the
rich without the inter-
vention of military aid
18/4/57

I am quite sure
: Mission

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I am quite sure of this
that an action and more
- it is a matter of course as
Mr. & Mrs. Brown in his
with of the 10th, which the
will in N. area without
the intervention of miles
and

There is nothing peculiar
in this district that should
make crime more prevalent
in it than in others -

In Bellamy & Thurnock
some trustees were found
to neglect their duties
there was a famine &
the chief part of the church

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Politeness became

lawful from want

of match there was

a Purse, and a comb

within among the clasp

which certainly had good

the Police - but there were

of travelling instances

and there is nothing similar

with me in the world -

I have heard of his changed

with the showing of the world

and the facilities which

our country afford to

the escape from law

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reaction of the people there

against the officials

of the Police

and they at this time

require the support of an

executive master who

is not afraid of men

or money, and who

will take personal re-

sponse in aid of directing

the proceedings -

The judicious application

of the power vested in the

Master of this vessel

for information & for the

detection and apprehension

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of outputs, and the
 turning in the
 of extra hours of police
 officers should under
 an able staff - some
~~had done~~ the police
 which are now
 heartily committed
 in the district

Judicial Department

No 424

Read the following
Contract Muns. Com. N. H.
-lay Department -

nos 1133 + 1163.

Ordered that Espies be commu-
-nicated to the Magistrate
of North West who will
report immediately the
result of his investigation
into the cases of
soldiers referred to in
the foregoing communication
and the steps which
he has taken in con-
-sequence of the
reports made to him

Copy to May of R. Arcot - Sep^r 18/44

5 J.P.

Judicial Department

no 424

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 15th April 1857.

Read the following Res.
Mins. Cons. Military Dept.

(Here enter 3rd & 4th April 1857
no 1133, 1163, 1164, 1165).

That copies
Ordered to be communi-

H. J. Meade
It is shown that the
civil authorities in the North
are quite incapable of putting
down the system of highway
robbery - which has evidently
been organized in that district.
Therefore propose - that as soon
as possible a detachment
of the 3rd Cavalry shall be sta-
tioned in such localities as
will enable them to patrol
the main roads in which
robbery is so prevalent.

Copies to Magistrate of
North Arcot

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W. L.

of experience a

sent to the Magistrate of
North Arcot who will report
immediately
the result thereof of his
investigation into the cases
of robbery referred to in the
foregoing communication
and the steps which he
has taken in consequence

of the reports

made to him

J. L.

asa Master Leads
me to believe that
~~the state of the~~
by whose arrangement
activity & vigilance
on the part of the
Master of N. Arcot then
outrages might be
suppressed - I have
worked in vain in
any of that officer's
proceedings for any
thing better than ever
- later effort to arrest
the progress of the Gangs
that infest his district
& I fear there is little
hope of improvement
under his inefficient
management of the
Police

11/4/57. H.C.

From all I can learn the
Magistrate of N. Arcot is altogether
inefficient & I think it behoves
the Govt to see that the District
& the people do not suffer from
such a cause

The state of the Police depends
mainly on the personal character
of the officer in charge of it.
There is no reason why the

state of N. Arcot should have
become so insecure, nothing
peculiar in the district from
other districts and the road
has now reached a pitch
at which Govt cannot with
properly delay a careful
scrutiny of the state of affairs
any longer.

I entirely concur in all
that is stated by Mr Elliott
I think it incumbent on the
Govt to institute a searching
enquiry into the state of affairs
in this district. If regular
Cavalry, in small parties,
are employed to patrol
the roads I should fear
that much injury to the
roads & consequent loss
to Govt will ensue without
any permanent benefit -
No doubt the Gangs will cease
their attacks so long as the
troopers are on the roads
but the evil must be effectively
checked by active vigilance
on the part of the Magistrate &
the Police. In its present
state the district is a positive
disgrace.

Copy to the Magistrate of N. Arcot Dated 18th

Amos to Com. 21st April 1837.
Judicial 1837 deposed

No 4, 24

Extracte Minutes of Amos

11th April 1837