

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Jurial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>455</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated	<i>28-4</i>	<i>18 57</i>

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th April 1857.

No. 1. Read the following letter from the Military Board; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 2nd April 1857, No. 363.

SIR,

In Minutes of Consultation, No. 291, of 10th March 1857, the Government have remarked that the Board were called on, on 13th February 1856 to suggest what allowance should be given by Government to the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps for the repair of the Harness, and we beg to explain that having already in our report No. 277 of 21st January 1856, stated our views as to the course we considered advisable, we thought that the right course to follow on receiving the order of Government No. 150 of 13th February 1856, was to ascertain the views of Major Haly as to the rate he considered suitable and sufficient for repairs, and we therefore addressed that Officer in Resolution No. 5911 of 20th February 1856, and sent a reminder on 30th April 1856; but no notice has been taken of these communications.

2. We beg to explain to Government that we are under some doubt as to our authority to interfere with the Malabar Police Corps, as from various remarks from Government it has been evident that the Government consider this Corps to be in a peculiar position, such as to prevent us from exercising the same controlling authority over its stores as we exercise over other companies.

3. For instance we receive no regular returns or accounts or any information, except such casual papers as the Government and the Collector or Officer Commanding the Corps send of their own accord, and in all our proceedings we have been acting from a desire to assist Government and the Officer Commanding the Corps, and in fact performing extra duties for the good of the public service.

4. In this renewed call on us to report on the allowance suitable for repairs of Harness, we submit to Government that we are at a loss what reply to send; we fear that our report No. 277 of 21st January 1856 has not been correctly understood, for we think that before Government can fix an allowance for repairs of Harness they should decide as to the period the Harness must last before being renewed as recommended in para: 3 and 6 of our report No. 277 of 1856.

5. The practice of periodically renewing Harness and Saddlery obtains in the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies; but we apprehend from the changes that have taken place in the periods for replacing supplies of Harness and Saddlery, the system cannot be so satisfactory as that of Madras, where the Government after once supplying new Saddles &c., are for ever freed from all calls of any kind for new Harness or Saddles except those, arising from the accidents of actual service and this we reckon, to be a great saving to Government.

6. Government having decided on granting an allowance for the repairs of the Harness of the Malabar Police Corps, we beg that Government will definitely decide how long the Harness must continue in use before being exchanged, as on this rests the rate for maintaining it during the period before being replaced.

7. To do away with the necessity of further references we think that an allowance of (2) two Rupees per month for each set of Harness might be offered to Major Haly for maintenance and repair calculating 16 sets of Harness as being the establishment; but before finally deciding, Major Haly might be asked if he assents.

8. By this course the Government can at any moment change the arrangements and transfer the Guns, Harness, and Saddles from the Malabar Police Corps by a simple order without entailing the necessity of assembling Committees for valuing the Harness.

9. There is only one condition required, and that is the inspection, by a competent Officer, of the state of the Harness at least once a year.

10. The allowance for Harness to be drawn quarterly.

(Signed) Æ. SHIRREFF, Brigadier,

Commandant of Artillery.

(„) G. BALFOUR, Lieut. Colonel,

Stipendiary Member.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th April 1857.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, No. 455; dated 22nd April 1857.

In the letter recorded above, the Military Board reply to a reference made to them on 13th February 1856 and 10th March 1857, respecting the allowance to be made to the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps, for the repairs of the Harness in use by that Corps. They observe that the first point to be definitely decided is the length of time the Harness is to be in use before it is exchanged for a new set, as on that depended the rate of remuneration to be allowed; and, to prevent a further reference to them, they suggest that a monthly allowance of 2 Rupees per set may be offered Major Haly for this purpose. The Acting Magistrate of Malabar will state how long a set of Harness should last on the Western Coast and ascertain from that Officer whether he is willing to accept the above sum of 2 Rupees a set, for the repairs of the Harness in use by the Corps, on the understanding that it is to last for the term stated.

2. The Military Board have not suggested the allowance to be made for shoeing the Ponies. The Acting Magistrate will be requested to state what it should be, and whether Major Haly will receive the amount he may propose.

3. In Extract Minutes of Consultation 16th May 1856, No. 531, the Government explained that the Malabar Police Corps was not in the smallest degree under the Military Authorities, nor was it by any means desirable that it should be, it being purely a Civil Corps; but they consider it proper to keep some check over the guns and ordnance stores with the Corps; and accordingly direct that instructions be issued, through the Military Department to the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara to report annually, when he inspects the Corps, on the state of the Guns, Stores and Harness and on the condition of the Ponies belonging to it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Memo.
Perhaps Major Haly might be asked
through the Magistrate of Malabar
whether he would take two rupees
for the 16 sets of harness in use with
the Malabar Police Corps to keep them
in repair -
The 18th say nothing about shoeing
altho they were asked - The Mag.
might be requested to state what
allowance it would be proper to
make to the Commanding Officer on
that account - I think Major
Haly would agree to it -

The Jut have already given the
Board to understand that it
is not intended that they should
have any thing to do with the Corps.
It will be proper however to keep
some check on the guns & ordnance
stores with H-Corps. As I believe
inspected annually by the Officer
Comd'g H-Division. Perhaps he
might be directed to report upon
the state of the guns & stores &
on that of the harness as well as
on the condition of the powder.

I cannot take these
minutes - but it shall
ascertain how long a
lot of harness is supplied
to last on the Western Coast.

The Coll
major etc
as per this

At
J. J.
W.
W. J. J.

Incom: 10th March 1857. No 553

Jud^l Letter to Eng^d
24th Dec^r. No 31 of 1857
Para 15

Judicial Department
1857. No 1452.

From
The Military Board
To
The Secretary
to Government
Military Department

Date 22nd
Rec^d 22nd April 1857
No 553 No 363

With reference to Extract
Minutes of Consultation No 24 of
the 10th March 1857. State which
has prevented them affording
the information asked for by
Government relative to the
Amount of allowance to be
fixed for the repair of the
Harness of the Mountain
Train now specify what
Amount may be allowed on
this account on what conditions

For orders
with Memo

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R 15 -
C 17 -
R 22 -

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Judicial Department

No 455

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 22nd April 1857

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(Here enter 22 April 1857 No 363)

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respecting the allowance to be
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belonging to it.

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" Military Board.

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Dr. J. L. Smith: 25 April
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Abstracts of Laws

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Ind. L. Letter to Eng.
24th Dec. 1837 of 1837

Para 15

Allowance
the House of
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