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

No. 60. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 8th July 1857, No. 91.

SIR,

1. With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 22nd April last, No. 455, I have the honor to submit the accompanying correspondence on the subject of the allowance for the repairs, &c. of harness of the ponies attached to the Malabar Police Corps, Mountain Train, and to recommend that 2 Rupees per set be allotted for the repair, viz., as per margin.

To the officer in charge of the Ordnance Department, Cannanore, dated 30th April 1857.
From Major Haly, dated 14th May 1857.
From the officer in charge, Ordnance Department, Cannanore, dated 18th May 1857.
To Major Haly, dated 20th May 1857.
From ditto, " 29th June "

8 sets of Harness at Rupees 2 per set Rupees 16.

2. In submitting the correspondence on the subject of the allowance for shoeing * 15 ponies, * I must express a belief that the well tested and ample allowance made for the shoes of horses in Cavalry and Horse Artillery Corps, ought to suffice for the smaller and less expensive animal attached to the Malabar Police Corps.

3. I doubt whether the Malabar Hills are so severe on the shoes of cattle, as the stony dry plains of the Deccan, and 50 per cent is a large additional demand.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate; to Lieutenant R. POPE, in charge of the Ordnance Department, Cannanore, dated Calicut, 30th April 1857, No. 1303.

SIR,

The Government, in late Extract Minutes of Consultation, having called upon me for an opinion, as to how long a set of harness in use with the Mountain Train of the Malabar Police Corps should last on the west coast, I have the honor to request information, as to how long the usual regulated period for efficient condition of the article is, and what you think should be the period allowed here.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From G. T. HALY, Major, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Kotagherry, 14th May 1857, No. 118.

SIR,

Judicial Department.
No. 455, April 22nd, 1857.

With reference to the Minutes Consultation noted in the margin, and your note at the foot of it, calling for " information and the expression of my opinion," I have the honor to represent, in allusion to para: 1st, that until you have " decided the length of time, that the harness is to be in use," it is impossible for me to state whether the sum of 2 Rupees monthly will be sufficient for the necessary repairs; for should your decision embrace too long a period, the repairs will of course become heavier, as the harness suffers from wear and tear; therefore I am unwilling to accept of a settled allowance until acquainted with your opinion, as to the durability of harness; but as I am called upon by you for an expression of my opinion, I venture to suggest, that the Officer Commanding the Horse Brigade of Artillery, from his experience in these matters, together with the fact of the harness having been made under his immediate superintendence, would be far more capable of giving an opinion on this subject than either you or I.

With regard to para. 2nd, (shoeing) this is a matter in which any false economy might be attended with most serious consequences. I would therefore strongly advise that a sufficient sum

per month, per pony, but Major Haly,

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should be granted to ensure the services of an able and trustworthy Farrier or Naulbund, and my experience of Malabar shows, that not less than Rupee 1-8 for the pony, per month will secure this.

I pay one Rupee per month for all my ponies.

(Signed) G. T. HALY, Major,
Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

From Lieutenant R. POPE, in charge Ordnance Department; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Cannanore, 18th May 1857, No. 327.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 1303, of the 13th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that, on a reference to the Officer Commanding Horse Brigade, I find that a set of harness well taken care of, should last at Bangalore for 5 years. The above Officer is however of opinion, that on this coast, the same set will not last more than 3 years, on account of the dampness of the climate.

(Signed) R. POPE, Lieutenant,
In charge Ordnance Department.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to Major G. T. HALY, Commandant Malabar Police Corps, dated Calicut, 20th May 1857, No. 1563.

SIR,

In reply to letter dated 14th May 1857.

No. 327, 18th May 1857.

I had made the reference you suggest, and the accompanying is a copy of the reply from the officer in charge of the Ordnance Department, Cannanore. I have therefore the honor to request your early decision on the subject, and propose assuming that a set of harness should last for three (3) years.

I cannot agree that the sum of 1 Rupee and 8 Annas can be required to induce a good Nulbund to settle at Malaprom, who, besides numerous private ponies and horses requiring shoeing, he can make at the rate of 1 Rupee per pony.

I consider (1) one Rupee a sufficient rate and all that is elsewhere allotted.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

From G. T. HALY, Major, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Malapoorom, 29th June 1857, No. 165.

SIR,

Judicial Department No. 455 dated 22nd April 1857.

With reference to Minutes of Consultation and other communications on this head, I have the honor to represent that I am of opinion, that the harness, with great care, may perhaps last 3 years, though I am doubtful, if the sum proposed (Rupees 2) will be sufficient to cover the expenses of keeping it in thorough and efficient repair, yet to prevent further references on this matter, I am willing to accept the above sum, trusting to the liberality of Government, should it be hereafter proved, that it is not sufficient.

To complete the allotment requisite for the "Mountain Train," I enclose an Indent on the "Officer Commanding Horse Brigade Artillery," for transmission for the sanction of Government; this set should be furnished with as little delay as practicable, as there are only 7 sets of Pole, or Shaft harness, at present, whereas 8 are absolutely necessary, viz., for 2 Howitzer, 2 Mortar, (4), and 1 set for each ammunition cart, 1 for each gun (4). Total (8) eight.

The harness now in use was made up in the stores of the Horse Brigade, under the superintendence of the Officer Commanding.

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No. 119 dated 14th May 1857. In regard to the amount of "shoeing," I still adhere to my former opinion, finding on enquiry and by calculation, that it cannot be done efficiently for less than Rupees 1-8 per month, for each pony, the rough rugged (laterite) country over which they have to travel and work, not only speedily wearing out the shoes, but causes them to be more readily cast, and I must again iterate that false economy on this head might be attended with the gravest results, no portion of the Mountain Train should ever move without a Farrier or Naulbund accompanying ready to replace cast shoes.

(Signed) G. T. HALY, Major,
Commandant Malabar Police Corps.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, No. 858; dated 20th July 1857.

This letter and its enclosures enable the Government to dispose of two questions which have been some time pending, viz., the allowance proper to be granted to the Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps, first, for the repair of the harness for the ponies belonging to the Mountain Train attached to the Sebundy, and secondly, for the shoeing.

2. A set of harness cannot be expected to last in the damp climate of the Western coast, it appears, longer than three (3) years, the period elsewhere being five (5) years; while the sum to be allowed monthly for repairs is estimated at Rs. (2) two per set. The Commandant after some demur has consented to these valuations. They will have effect accordingly.

3. The shoeing is set down at 1 Rupee per month, per poney, but Major Haly would stipulate for 1½ Rupees. The soil in Malabar, he states, is peculiarly hard; on this point the Government will be guided by the greater experience of the Acting Magistrate. Mr. Robinson, is of opinion that there is no force in Major Haly's remark; and as 1 Rupee is the standard everywhere else, even for Horses, that sum alone is sanctioned.

4. To complete the 'allotment,' Major Haly submits duplicate Indents for an extra set of Shaft Harness. Resolved to sanction the same.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

per month, per poney, but Major Haly

No 858 Judicial Sep 67

22. M. C. dated 20th July 1857.

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from the Ag. Mgr of Malabar } 22 July/57.

E. M. C. 10th March/57.
No 291

Ditto 22nd April
1857.

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To the Dy Magr of Malabar

Asst. General

Civil Auditor

Asst. General of Ordn.

& Magr. with an enclos.
in duplicate

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