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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th August 1858.

No. 61. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 26th July 1858, No. 185.

Ordnance Dept.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1434, dated 2nd November 1857, in which it is resolved to place the Guns of the Mountain Train of the Malabar Police Corps, entirely at the disposal of the Detachment of the European Regiment at Mullapooram, for instructing the men in Artillery Practice, and directing that the care and keeping of the Ponies, Harness, &c., belonging to the Train should remain as at present wholly with the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps, I beg permission to state that such an arrangement seems to me to be inadvisable, as a division of charge of the same Equipment is likely to lead to confusion and inefficiency.

2. I have addressed the Collector of Malabar on the subject, and he has communicated to me the views of the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps. This Officer states, "I have before represented that the European Detachment, which is relieved usually twice a year, has no fixed establishment, or means of taking care of the Ordnance and Mountain Train Equipment, and I am therefore of opinion that the whole allotment originally intended entirely for the Police Corps, would be more efficient in the charge of a Resident Officer well acquainted with its use and requirements, and with means at his command to supply them, than in that of a constantly changing Detachment totally helpless (on arrival at the station) without the assistance of the Officers of the Police Corps, as to its management and care; and generally ordered to quit it just when they are sufficiently advanced to take an interest in the practice and science of Artillery."

3. From the foregoing remarks it will be perceived that the experience of the Officer immediately in command is confirmatory of my opinion; and I would therefore strongly recommend Government to place the Guns, Harness, &c., of the Malabar Police Corps under the charge of one Officer, and as the distance between the location of the European Detachment and the Cantonment of the Malabar Police Corps is only half a mile, I would suggest that the whole Equipment be as heretofore under the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps, the Guns being supplied on the orders of the Officer Commanding the station, whenever they are required for the practice of the European Detachment. Or a Warrant Officer of the Ordnance Department may be appointed to the charge and held accountable for Government property; the propriety however of expending the Stores or any of the Equipment must rest with the Officer issuing the order.

4. Such an arrangement will save all complication, while a proper control will be exercised by the Officer Commanding the Police Corps, both over the Equipment and the Warrant Officer in charge thereof.

No. 62.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1164; dated 24th August 1858.

In the letter recorded above, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines points out the disadvantages of the arrangements made for the charge of the Mountain Train of the Malabar Police Corps recently attached to the European Detachment at Mullapooram, and he suggests that the whole Equipment should as heretofore, be under the Officer Commanding that Corps, the Guns being supplied, on the orders of the Officer Commanding the station, whenever they may be required, for the practice of the European Detachment. Under the circumstances represented, the Governor in Council approves of this suggestion, and directs the Magistrate of Malabar to adopt the necessary measures for carrying it into effect.

The Governor in Council considers it objectionable that Guns should be left within the power of any Native Soldiery. The Mountain Train at Mullapooram with the Ammunition, Tools, Stores, &c., has been ordered to be made over to the Officer Commanding the European Detachment, and the whole must be kept within the European Lines as soon as arrangements can be effected for their being duly lodged there.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 4th June 1858.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th August 1858.

The Commander-in-Chief has already recommended that the "Mountain Gun-shed" should be removed from the Police Corps Lines to the European Barracks." Orders will be issued through the Department Public Works for this being done, if not done already, and for any buildings, Magazines, &c., connected with the Train being constructed in the European Lines, or transferred thither from the Police Lines if already erected.

In Extract Minutes Consultation, 4th June 1858, para. 2, the Government directed that the Ponies, their Harness and Stable gear should as before continue under the control of the Commandant of the Police Corps; as however the Inspector General of Ordnance represents that this division of the Equipment would be unadvisable, the Governor in Council directs that the Ponies also with all belonging to them be made over to the Officer Commanding the European Detachment, and the Stables shifted to the European Lines. The European Sergeant referred to in Lieutenant Bloomfield's letter of 16th June last, or two, if the second can be spared from the Police Corps, should also be put under orders of the Officer Commanding the Detachment for the care of the Guns and the Equipment, and the Inspector General can, if he thinks fit, assign an Ordnance Warrant Officer for the same duty. The Commander-in-Chief will also be requested to give the detail of European Artillerymen referred to in his Minute of 11th March 1858, as soon as practicable.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No 1164

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 24th August 1858.

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(Here enter 26th July 1858 No 185)

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In G. M. C. to June 1858. P. 3. the Government directed that the ponies, their harness, and stable gear, should as before continue under the ^{command} control of the Police Corps, as however the Inspector General of Ordnance represents that this division of the equipment would be inadvisable, the Gov^t in Council directs that the ponies also with all belonging to them be made over to the Officer Commanding the European detachment, and the stables shifted to the European lines. The European Sergeant referred

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To the Secy of Malabar

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