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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1348-1349 Press Mis.

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Dated 30 - 9 ~~11-1938~~

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Read the following Minutes.

No. 15. MINUTE BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated September 24th, 1858.

I directed Mr. Bayley to send on the orders of Government and the letter to the Bombay Government, respecting the disturbances in North Canara, as proposed.

I quite concur with the proceedings of my Honorable colleagues, but I think it would be advisable to advance further in our preparations for settling this disturbance. These rebels should no longer be allowed to suppose that they can either by force or by skulking, withstand our arms and a force should be ready to assail them at once and destroy them wherever they can be met.

I am the more urgent on this point, as it appears to me very doubtful, the period at which the monsoon may cease, and there is some appearance of that already being the case.

1st. I consider, for this purpose, there should be assembled a sufficient number of troops for these operations, under a distinct officer who would alone carry them on.

2nd. One Commissioner who would be in general charge, with such Assistants as he may require.

3rd. That full and entire power should be given to him and to the Commandant of the forces, with his, the Commissioner's consent, to enter and assault and punish or destroy any body of rebels within the Portuguese territory, without the necessity for any further reference to higher authority.

With respect to the forces to be engaged, it is requisite to ascertain from the Bombay Government, what number of troops, if any, they can afford and what Officer would command them.

The actual number of Madras troops required must depend very much on the answer. But I believe the Commander-in-Chief will be able to provide a sufficient force to quiet the whole country, if he only has information in proper time, but it is most desirable it should be obtained at once and the position which this Government is to undertake towards the Portuguese Government, the Bombay, and the Commissioner.

It will be very inconvenient for the Commissioner to be obliged to make constant references to all three Governments and entail serious delay in the completion of the business.

(Signed) HARRIS.

No. 16. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE W. ELLIOT, Esq., dated 29th September 1858.

The substance of the Right Honorable the President's Minute, should be embodied in a Minute of Consultation, and a reference made to the Bombay Government, to know what part they mean to take, what Troops they are prepared to furnish and under whose Command, and they should be requested to state their views regarding a Commissioner.

If operations are to be undertaken, I would vest the power of Commissioner in the Officer Commanding the Troops, leaving Mr. Ballard in Canara to carry on his duties as heretofore there and making him Subordinate to the Commissioner in command of the troops.

But from the tenor of Mr. Ballard's communications of yesterday, it seems doubtful whether it will be necessary to proceed to these measures.

We shall learn from the Bombay Government whether they have come to terms with the rebels. Meantime, however, we must continue our arrangements in the spirit of Lord Harris' Minute, of which I quite approve.

(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 1348 ; dated 30th September 1858.

Under date the 7th August last, this Government in forwarding to that of Bombay, a copy of a letter from the Special Commissioner in North Canara of 13th July, requested to be favored with the views of the Bombay Government on Mr. Ballard's proposition for the appointment of a Political Agent, specially authorized to direct the movements of our Troops on the Goa frontier, to communicate with the Portuguese authorities and to co-operate with their forces in their own territory.

Received on the 3d Sept. last

2. On the 3rd September, this Government in transmitting copy of a further communication from the Special Commissioner, requested to be informed of the intentions of the Bombay Government in regard to the steps to be taken when the country was open. As the monsoon was nearly over, some course of action, should, it was suggested, be determined upon at an early date.

18th September 1858.
28th do.

3. Further references to the same effect have since been made to the Government of Bombay on the dates marginally noted.

4. No reply has yet been received from that authority, and they will be solicited by Telegraph to send a speedy answer if none has yet been despatched.

5. Meanwhile it will be advisable to advance further in the preparations needed for putting down these disturbances. The rebels must no longer be allowed to suppose that they can either resist or evade our arms—and a force should be ready to assail them at once and destroy them wherever they can be met.

6. It is the more necessary that such arrangements should be carried out without delay as the monsoon is nearly over and the period at which Military operations can be resumed is at hand.

7. The measures which the Madras Government deem advisable are:—

1st. The assemblage of a sufficient number of troops from the Madras and Bombay Presidencies on such points as may be necessary; the whole force to be under the command of a distinct Officer either of the Madras or of the Bombay Army, who would carry out the whole scheme of operations throughout the entire range of country which is to be the scene of them.

2nd. The appointment of a Commissioner for Political purposes. This office should, the Government think, be held by the Officer who is to be in command of the whole Military force. In North Canara Mr. Ballard might as heretofore carry on his duties, but in subordination to the Chief Commissioner.

3rd. The Chief Commissioner and Commandant of the forces should be invested with plenary authority to correspond with the Portuguese Government, and in communication with them to enter their territory, assault and destroy any body of rebels there to be found. Large discretion should be given him. He should not be hampered nor his proceedings delayed by constant references to Government.

8. These views will be communicated through the Military Department to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, who will be pleased to issue the necessary orders relative to the movement of the Madras Troops for the proposed service.* The arrangements to be made by His Excellency must of course depend much on those of the Bombay Government. Any answer which may be received from that authority to the references made to them on the subject of the Military operations, will at once be communicated to His Excellency.

9. A copy of this Extract will likewise be forwarded by Express to the Government of Bombay, in continuation of the previous communications.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 18. To the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort St. George, 30th September 1858, No. 1349.

SIR,

7th August 1858.
3rd September ,,
18th do. ,,
28th do. ,,

Referring to my previous letters of the dates noted in the margin, I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay, the accompanying copy of an Extract Minutes Consultation which has this day been recorded, relative to the proposed arrangements for putting down the disturbances on the Goa frontier.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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*NOTE.—It is observed, that another Regiment of *N. I.*, is to be sent to Mangalore—and will arrive there by the 15th or 20th November.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Minute

I directed Sir Bartle Frere to read on the orders of Govt & the letters respecting the disturbances in the Bombay Govt— as proposed—

I quite concur with the proposals of my Honble colleagues—but

I think it would be advisable to advance further in our preparations for the settling these disturbances— these rebels shd no longer be allowed to suppose that they can either by resisting

Bart

arms - & a force, ~~which~~ shd be ready to assist them at once - & wherever they ~~may~~ may be sent -

I am therefore most urgent on this point - as it appears time only doubtful, the force which the Governor may require - & may enable me to comply with any requisition for troops for the Expedition - & therefore I request an immediate supplement of troops for this operation - under a distinct officer who shd alone carry out the instructions -

2. The Commissioner who shd be sent shd be empowered to act in general concert with such a spirit as he may require -

3. That full & entire power shd be given to him to the Commandant of the Forces with the Commissioners consent & permission or contrary to any ~~body~~ rebels within the Portuguese territory without the necessity for any further reference to higher authority -

Both respect to the forces to be employed it is requisite to ascertain from the Bombay Govt what number of troops - if any - they can afford - & what officer would command them -

The actual number of Madras troops required must depend very much on the amount but I believe the force which is able to provide a sufficient force to quiet the whole country - if he only has information in proper time - but it is most desirable shd be obtained at once - & the position which this

Govt is to undertake towards the Portuguese

Govt the Bombay & other Commissioners

It will be my endeavour to the

Commissioners to be obliged to make

Contracts & expenses to the three

Govts & entail limited delay in

the completion of the business.

Sept 24/58 Thomas.

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The subalterns of the Ist Bom Lt Inf

Regt Marine Police to be subordinate

in a Minute of Consultation &

a reference made to the Govt Bom

to know what part they mean

to take, what troops they are

prepared to furnish & under

what commands & they should be

regarded & state their Guards

Warders & Commissr

Operations are to be undertaken forthwith to suppress

the Officers Crews & troops, carry

off Ballard & Lunacy, & carry on

his duties as heretofore there

and making them subordinate

to the Consr in Comd of the troops

Govt

But from the tenor of Mr Ballard's
Comms yesterday I am
doubtful whether it will be
necessary to proceed to these measures
& I shall learn from the Bp
soon whether they have come
to terms with the Chh. Meanwhile however we must continue
our arrangements in the
Event of Dr Harris' remarks
for 2 weeks after date
being
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Enclosure from Rear Admiral Rennie to Commodore Keppel dated 30th September 1858

Rear Admiral's Private Journal Station at Lisbon 25th Dec 1858.

- Left Lisbon 25th Dec

Saturday Dec 7 Arrived Lark, this forenoon with a packet of letters from Sheerness Commissioner with a Canvas bag for Lisbon, which I sent on by Steamer with the mails from Gibraltar

- Long boat on the Heads

Proceeded for the Tagus.

- Position of the Portuguese Squadron, specially anchoring - Steam to their anchorage.

- Arrival of an Aide de Camp to the Prince Consort, to compliment me.

- Anchored with Portuguese Squadron

Saluted in due time to Queen

- Call with Admiral Topete

- Visit from Admiral Hon Henry Keppel

2 Days Visit from Lord

Admiralty to Govt 15th Feby 1859 - Para 2

No 34. Com: October 1858 Copy & Extract

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Admiralty

Minute by the Hon: Walter Elliot Esq

Balaclava 29th Sept 1858.

No 763.

Proposing certain arrangements for putting down the disturbances on the Goa Frontier.

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with a transmitting copy of a further communication from the Special Commissioners, requesting the sanction of the Government of Bombay for its proceeding in regard to the steps to be taken when the country was open - to the end as soon as really open, some course of action, should it then be thought right to be determined upon at an early date -

3 Further references to the same effect have since been made to the Govt of Bombay on the dates mentioned -

4 No reply has yet been received from that authority, and they will be solicited by Telegraph

18 Sept 1858
28 do. — " —

speedy for
to hear anxiously and soon
if some has yet been dispatched -

5 Should it not be advisable to advance further in the preparations needed for putting down these disturbances - the Govt must no longer be allowed to impose that they can retain Central India and a force should be ready to assail Kotah at once and destroy that town - or they can be met -

6. It is therefore necessary that such arrangements should be carried out without delay as the season is nearly over and the period at which military operations can be resumed is at hand -

7. The manner which the Madras proceedings advisable are

1st. The assembling of a sufficient number of troops from the Madras & Bombay Presidencies on such points as may be necessary - the whole force to be under the command of a distinct Officer either of the Madras or of the Bombay Army, who would carry out the whole scheme of operations throughout the entire range of country which is to be the seat of war.

2 - The appointment of a Commissioner for Political purposes - This Office should, the first Week, be held by the Officer who is to have command of the whole Military Force - If both Colonel Sir Ballard might at once - upon carrying on his duties but in subordination to

the Chief Commissioner.

3. The Chief Commissioner and Commandant of the Forces should be invested with plenary authority to ~~commence~~ ~~negociate~~ ~~negociate~~ compound with the Portuguese Govt, and to communicate with them & enter them limiting assault & destroying any boats which may be found - Every discretion should be given him - He should not be hampered in his proceedings delayed by constant references to Government -

4 - Three vessels will be communicated through the Military Dept to the C in C who will be pleased to issue the necessary orders relative to the movement of the Madras troops for the prosperous service -

Note.
It is supposed that another Regiment of Native Infantry will be sent to Mangalore - and the remainder to the 150 or 200 Rank

Disp.d by Express 30th Sept.
To
Govt of Bombay.

No 1349

Referring to my previous letters of the dates noted in the margin I have the honor to forward for submission to the Right Hon.ble the Govr in Council of Bombay the accompanying Copy of an Extract from Mily Consns which have this day been received relative to the proposed arrangements for putting down the disturbances on the Goa Frontier.

I have &c
(Sd) J. Conyngham
Lieut Col
30th Sept. 1858.

7 August 1858
3 Sept. — "
18. — do — "
20. — do — "

The arrangements to be made by the Govt of Bombay for carrying into effect such measures as may be necessary from that authority to the Supreme Govt on the subject of the Military operations will also form the subject of a communication to His Excellency

2. A copy of this extract will likewise be forwarded by Express to the Govt of Bombay & communication of previous communications —

Ordered that the following letter be despatched

Copy to Military Dept.
Disp.d 30th
3 spare copies — " — 5 Oct.

Jud. Dr. to Govt. 15th February
No. 7 of 1859. Para 2.

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Rt. Dy. to Govt. 5 October.
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Extract Minr. - Govt.

Dated 30 Septr. 1858.

No. 1349.

To The Secretary to the
Govt. of Bombay.

Dated 30 September 1858.

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