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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 239 Press Mis—
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Dated 23—2— 1858.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 38. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 9th February 1858, No. 40.

SIR,

1. I regret to be obliged to report, that I have failed in my endeavours to raise from among the Pensioners a volunteer force to protect this town and to enable the Regular Troops to be removed.

2. On the receipt of the order of Government dated 7th January 1858, I put myself in communication with Captain Prendergast, Commanding those Pensioners here, who had already as stated in my letter to Government 26th November 1857, agreed to enlist for this purpose and for the batta then stated.

3. On this occasion they at first seemed inclined to abide by their former resolutions, but after a little delay, declared they required more batta. In short they declined to serve unless their pension and batta should equal the full pay of an effective Sepoy, because they declared Government are doing the same for Pensioners at other stations.

4. I have endeavoured to arrange matters since I have been here and find it is hopeless; and as Government in Minutes of Consultation, 10th December 1857, have pronounced the remuneration proposed sufficient, of course I could not listen to their demands for a higher rate, and altogether from what I have heard of the habits and manners of these Pensioners, I am inclined to think very lightly of them and do not think them worth more than I have offered.

5. I endeavoured to find out whether the Veteran Battalion could not spare a Company for Ellore, but I am told not; Government may however be able to order a Company here.

6. I understand the 7th Regiment at Masulipatam are about to pension some 150 men and perhaps some of these men, not having acquired any idle habits as Pensioners may be inclined to serve and I will see what I can do in that quarter.

7. I beg to be informed if Government would raise the batta; my opinion is that it would be better to have Ellore guarded by a small party of the Sibbundy force, if Razhapore is properly protected. Ellore is only in danger from a party issuing from Ashawarowpett and Ellore would be a good position for Sibbundies either to advance against a party from Ashawarowpett or to move up to aid Razhapore.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, No. 239; dated 23rd February 1858.

The Government decline increasing the rates of pay already proposed for the Ellore Pensioners.

2. No Veterans can be spared. The Troops must therefore be continued at Juggiahpettah, Ellore and Razapore until the Sibbundies are fit to take their places.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ext. F. Cartledge.

Jud Dept

№ 262

From the Acting Magistrate of Allahabad Police
Dated 9th February 1858

For Orders.

I shd decline to receive the
Kalla for Imprisonment. they
are evidently worthless.

I shall Return the Petitions
to Jane. Tea Chests have been
sent back to Schenders.

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No 40

Masulipatam Magistrate
Court at Ellore 9th February 1858

From
T. J. Thomas Esqr
Acting Magistrate &
Masulipatam

To
T. Pycroft Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Acting Magistrate

* Which I have called Police Corps

In Corps. 23d February
Judicial 1858 Department

From J. J. Hurst Esq
Ag Registrate
Nouvelle Orleans

To T. Pegroft Esq
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Dated 9th February 1858
Received 12

No 10

No. 262.

Reporting that he has failed in his endeavours to raise from among the Pensioners a volunteer force to protect the Convoy of Elephants & to mark the Regular Troops to be removed on

Written order

15th December 1857 to 4th Inst
8th Jany 1858 to 9070
Attested 2/2/58.

Judicial Letter to Govt
7th Septr No 13 of 1858
Para 40.

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Fort St George
22d January 1858
Under Secy to Govt
Dispatched

Sir

The Fort Duchy in Carnatica
has the honor to report
for the information of
Government that the Pensioners
to whom an offer
of a free grant
of land in lieu of
pension has been made
have declined to accept
the same.

I have &c

No 239