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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th March 1858.

No. 98. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tinay Chowky, 1st March 1858, No. 120.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose transcripts of recent correspondence connected with the disturbances on this frontier. Leaving this correspondence to explain the train of events since I last wrote, I would merely add the expression of my hope that Government will consider the circumstances which have rendered a further requisition for Troops on my part sufficient to justify the step, and will favor me with their early and explicit instructions in respect to the further conduct of operations in this quarter.

Until matters assume a more satisfactory aspect, I shall remain in this neighbourhood, but as Mr. Ballard is I believe already in Sircy in view to assuming charge during my absence on privilege leave, an indulgence which so far as I can foresee, I shall not now be able to avail myself of. Some fresh arrangements would appear necessary.

Government would perhaps favor the Collector or myself with instructions on this subject.

From Lieutenant G. E. THOMAS, Superintendent of Police, Dharwar; to THOMAS OGILVY, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Dharwar, dated Camp Tinay, 27th February 1858.

SIR,

In reply to your official letter and your two demi-officials, I have the honor to give you a resumé of my movements since I arrived at Hulliholl whence I addressed you officially. On Saturday the 20th Instant, I received an additional reinforcement of 44 men of the Police, and that night a letter from Mr. Robinson, the Joint Magistrate of Canara, urgently requesting me to move on to his Camp with all the men I could collect.

On Sunday evening the 21st Instant, I arrived at his Camp by a forced march of 39 miles, and the following day met Mr. Robinson who had been to consult with the Belgaum authorities at Hemergee. On Tuesday I also went over to the Belgaum Camp to learn the "modus operandi" in contemplation, and the method in which we were to co-operate. It was then arranged that all the outlets around the Dursun Hill on which the rebels were, should be stopped, and the main attack made up two spurs between the villages of Paldy and Tamswady.

Our position was the "moria che met" a point on the southwest of the range where several roads meet. On Wednesday night we moved viâ Tinay, where we left the ammunition reserve and baggage under a strong guard of Police, on to the "Moria che met." On Thursday morning we were in position and occupied the whole jungle on either side for about a mile and a half in entire length.

We heard, during the day, firing from the Belgaum attack, and in the evening captured a prisoner whom we sent on yesterday morning, under escort of a guard of the 18th N. I., which passed our pickets.

Until yesterday evening, we remained at the Moria che met, expecting some communication from the Belgaum Camp; but having received none, and incidentally gathering from the 18th party that the force had fallen back upon Tulleewarree, and left our side of the hills open, we left a Detachment of the 16th M. N. I and 23 Police (total 50) under Ensign Read, and returned to Tinay, upon the guard at which place we heard an attack had been made the night before last.

Mr. Robinson will in a few days be reinforced by another Detachment of M. N. I. under Captain Walpole, when I shall be enabled to return to our own districts.

The information we have collected agrees in confining the number of rebels to within one hundred, who keep to the range of hills between this and Tulleewarree, a few marauders from whom are scattered along the roads in the vicinity, for the purpose of intercepting and collecting supplies.

In consequence of

As the Belgaum field force authorities have not favored us with the least information as to their subsequent movements, we are now confining our operations to our own side of the frontier.

No apprehension need be entertained, it seems to me, for the Dharwar frontier, as the Belgaum field force holds the Beedee talook in check, and the intermediate country is too open and far removed from the ghauts to suit the enemy's tactics; and in a few days I hope to be able to return with the greater portion of my men to our Zillah, when I will join your Camp. We do not expect Captain Walpole's arrival here for some eight or ten days.

Before he comes I shall be unable to leave Mr. Robinson, as without the aid of the Police he would be almost paralyzed in his movements: the Detachment 16th M. N. I., at present under Ensign Read, being of itself too small to cover enough ground to hold the rebels in check at most of the principal outlets on the eastern and southern sides of this range of hills.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I learn that Captain Walpole has arrived within 30 miles, but in advance of his Detachment.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate; to W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara, dated Tinay Chowky, 28th February 1858, No. 116.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for your perusal my office copies of recent correspondence connected with the operations now going forward in this neighbourhood. From these you will be able to gather the present position of matters. The enemy has shewn such determination during the last 2 or 3 days, that I begin to think that an additional Military force may be required. In the event of to-day's observation deciding the necessity of such a requisition on my part, I shall address myself direct to the Officer Commanding Hurryhur, but being exceedingly unwilling to have recourse to such a measure without full conviction of its necessity, I have preferred reserving my final decision until I have ascertained the results and particulars of an attack made this morning on one of our out-posts some 3 miles distant. The enemy has now plainly declared his tacties and will never meet us en masse, but will continue to harrass us by a desultory species of guerilla warfare. If at this moment when the strong post of Paldah still continues occupied by a 100 men of the Belgaum force, they can afford to attack us, much more will this be the case when hunted back on us by the men under Captain Schneider and the Superintendent of Belgaum Police.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to Colonel FREEMAN, Commanding Hurryhur, dated Tinay Chowky, 1st March 1858, No. 117.

SIR,

As the presence and more recent policy adopted by the officer in charge of the operations on the Belgaum frontier have already had, and may be expected to a still further degree, to have the effect of throwing the enemy back on my district, and as last night I have a report corroborating former intelligence to the effect that a menacing demonstration has been made more inland. I am very reluctantly compelled to look to you for further Military aid. Hitherto I have been wholly dependant on a party of the Dharwar Police force kindly placed at my disposal by the Magistrate of Dharwar, in addition to which I had been led to expect a full complement of a 100 men from Sedasheghur and the sea coast. From this latter quarter, the force received falls short of 70 men and as before stated, circumstances seem to make it probable that the Dharwar Police will be withdrawn to protect their own district, the remaining force at my disposal will be utterly inadequate to meet the requirements of the occasion. My urgent request therefore is that you will on receipt of this, be so kind as to detail from the Regiment under your command, a party of at least 100 rank and file, under command of 2, and if they can be spared, 3 European Officers with as much spare ammunition as you can afford.

A Telegram from the Military Secretary, Madras, authorizes me to make such a requisition if needed, and under the explanation already given, you will perceive the necessity has arisen.

The nature of the country between this and Sircy is so impracticable that I would strongly suggest the propriety of your sending this force viâ Dharwar and Hullial by forced marches. I am in communication with the Magistrate of Dharwar on this subject, and have requested him to hold supplies in readiness along that route on the supposition that you will adopt my suggestion. I have likewise telegraphed my having placed your Regiment under requisition for this service to the Madras authorities.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Joint Magistrate.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to Captain WALPOLE in Command of Detachment 16th Regt. N. I., dated Tindy Chowky, 27th February 1858, No. 110.

SIR,

I observe by a letter received yesterday from Major Hudson, dated the 21st Instant, that it has been decided to reinforce Ensign Reid, and that you have been directed to join the Camp, with such a body of men as will make up the complement employed on field service to 100 rank and file, although active operations have commenced. I cannot learn that any thing decisive has yet been effected, and as I am led to judge from the subsequent movements of the Belgaum field force that their arrangements will be chiefly confined to the country on the other side of the border, I am naturally most anxious to find myself so far strengthend as to be able to provide for any contingency that may arise within my own division.

I have therefore the honor to request that you will lose no time in marching to our relief. Orders have been issued to hold supplies in readiness at the several halting places, and I would suggest that you make arrangements for marching direct to Tinay where our Head Quarters now are. I need scarcely add that the Singawaree, Soopah and Jugglebett route is the shortest and best.

	Miles.
Sedasheghur to Bora Bunder	18
Aushy	9
Goondray	14
Soopah	14
Jugglebett	5
Tinay Chowky	18
Total	78

I have the honor to annex memorandum of the names and distances of the halting places along the aforesaid road.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to Colonel MACLEAN, Commanding Belgaum Field Force, Tullawady, dated Tinay Chowky, 27th February 1858, No. 111.

SIR,

We have no authentic information respecting the results of your operation hithertofore, but from the fact of the force under your Command having re-traced their steps to Hemergee and some tidings incidentally procured from the Portuguese officers of the 3rd Regiment who passed through Moodeachamet yesterday, I gather that your present purpose is to confine your arrangements to the limits of your Division. In the belief therefore that I must chiefly look to my own resources for provision against any contingency that may arise on the east and south of the range of hills now occupied by the insurgents, I have in communication with and on the advice of Lieutenant Thomas, returned to Tinay, leaving the portion of the Detachment of the 16th Regiment N. I., in this neighbourhood, strength as per margin, under command of Ensign Reid in occupation of Moodeachamet.

27	16th Regiment M. N. I.
23	Dharwar Police.
50	Total.

With the remainder of the Irregular force at our disposal, we propose after occupying this in sufficient strength, to establish an intermediate out-post in the vicinity of the Somahuga Devestan for patrolling the road between this and Moodiachamet.

In consequence of

How far the insurgents have dispersed and where their chief rendezvous at this moment is, I am unable to say, but this much I have the honor to bring to your notice that, our supply convoys were twice plundered yesterday on their passage between this and Moodiachamet, that Tinay was itself the scene of a midnight attack on the 25th, and that we ourselves could distinctly make out on the hill and around Moodiachamet armed men who could not be other than scouts or stragglers from the insurgent gang. On the evening of the 25th, 3 men broke past one of our pickets, and although fired into, appeared to have made good their escape unscathed. All this leads me to believe that true to his usual tactics, the enemy has no intention of meeting in any thing approaching a regular engagement, and that his intention now is to hang on our skirts and offer such desultory resistance as his own resources and familiarity with the ground enable him to make.

I am yesterday in receipt of a letter which informs me that our small force of regulars will be very shortly re-inforced and made up to a complement of 100 rank and file under the command of Captain Walpole.

Thus strengthened, we should be enabled to co-operate effectually with you provided you keep us fully informed of the result of your arrangements and with any other details respecting the recent movements and intentions of the enemy which may come to your knowledge.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Joint Magistrate of Canara; to Captain WALPOLE, Commanding Field Force Soopah Frontier, dated Tinay Chowky, 27th February 1858, No. 112.

SIR,

From information just received, I have reason to think it possible that some of the bands of marauders now roving about in the western portion of this talook, may attempt an attack on the Treasury at Cusbah Soopah, where the guards in charge although recently augmented, is not very reliable, I have therefore the honor to request that you will detail for that service a Havildar and 12 men, with directions to hold hard there until they receive your further orders.

2. At Kooneshy also a frontier Custom House station south of this, a guard will likewise be required, as the building was destroyed on the first outbreak of these disturbances, and trade and collection of revenue have alike been suspended.

The point also is an important one to occupy, viewed in connection with operations in the Tinay neighbourhood. With the ordinary Police a guard of 6 men under a Naigue would probably suffice for present requirements.

If you approve of this proposition, the Naigue should be directed to come only as far as Konshet on the road hither, and from that point march straight on Kooneshy by a cross path which a guide will be in readness to point out.

The instant I have your answer, the requisite arrangements about supplies, &c., will be issued.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, No. 338; dated 12th March 1858.

It is observed, that under date the 19th January last, Mr. J. D. Robinson, Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate of Canara, obtained leave of absence for 3 months and Mr. G. A. Ballard was appointed to act for him.

2. Mr. Robinson has since been prevented from availing himself of his leave in consequence of the disturbances on the frontier of the Canara District. He is now employed against the insurgents and therefore cannot be able to carry on the current duties of his Sub Division. Under these circumstances the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to direct Mr. G. A. Ballard to assume charge of the Canara Sub Collectorate and to act as Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate, during the employment of Mr. Robinson on other duty or until further orders. Mr. Ballard will draw the usual deputation allowance and tentage whilst so engaged. Mr. Robinson will of course retain his own allowances.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 120 of 1858. Forest Magistrate Cutchery
on Camp ... Sincy Curnanty, 4 March 1858

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Forest Magistrate Canara
To
T. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Govt.
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Judicial Department.

No 120 of 1808.

From

J. B. Robinson, Esqre
Joint Magistrate of Canara.
Dated 1st March 1808.

For Orders.

Sir I am sorry to have given Mr Robinson ample Military assistance - I can do no more in that way - I can lend them to destroy the Enemy as soon as they can.

I think two Bullocks might be applied for if absolutely necessary

He does not ask for this

Mar. 5 - Recd accordingly

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Collector of Caracas
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" Comptroller of Revenue } Dispd 15th
" Board of Revenue } Dispd 25th

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