

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	473	Press ~~Mis.~~
	16-17	
Dated	13-6-1888	

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Dr
473

No. 16. Read the following letter from WM. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mullapoor, 1st April 1858, No. 28.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the annexed correspondence, and to state for the information of Government, that I have thought it better to countermand the troops which will otherwise leave Cannanore on or about the 3rd Instant, on my requisition of the 25th Ultimo, as our position has within the last week improved so much, that their services can be dispensed with. I expect to meet Mr. Robinson during the night or early to-morrow, and we can then determine whether it will be necessary even to make such dispositions as will place the Native troops now at Sircy at our disposal. The southern portion of Soopah which a week ago was in possession of the rebels, is now not only supposed to be clear of their bands, but Mr. Robinson has been enabled, contrary to my expectation and I think his own also, to resume the offensive with effect, whilst he occupies at the same time posts in this neighbourhood, which have hitherto been at the mercy of the enemy.

2. With the chief of the insurgents on his bed, and encumbered with their families, the rebel brothers will not long, it is to be hoped, succeed in eluding so active a force as that under Captain Schneider's command; but should Hunamantha Sawunt return to any of the jungle fastnesses within this district, the addition of the Sircy Detachment will, Mr. Robinson evidently thinks, be amply sufficient to enable him to secure the southern part of the Talook from further incursions of the rebels.

From Brigadier J. B. FITZGERALD, Commanding Malabar and Canara; to W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara, Sedashegur, dated Cannanore, 28th March 1858, No. 104.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive copy of your letter to the address of Major Hodson, Commanding Mangalore, dated Sedashegur, 25th March 1858, requesting, on the supposition that your requisition (conveyed in your letter to me of 19th Instant,) on me for a European force at Mangalore had been complied with, that that Officer (Major Hodson) would himself move with as many of the 16th Regiment N. I., from Mangalore, as he could spare, to Sedashegur. I beg now in reply to acquaint you, 1st, that 2 complete Companies of H. M.'s 66th are en route to Mangalore, and may be expected to reach that station by 2nd Proximo, 2nd, that considering the paucity of European Officers present with 16th Regiment and those of but young service, coupled with other disadvantages that would attend Major Hodson's absence, I do not deem it advisable that he should at this moment quit that station. With a view therefore of obviating such a necessity and fearing that the 16th Regiment is not at present in a position to furnish any strong body of men adequate to your requisition, it is my intention to detach from this to Sedashegur, by the Steamer "Thebes," which may be expected here on the 3rd Proximo from Madras, 120 rank and file from the Native Corps at this station, with 3 European Officers, *exclusive* of a senior Captain of experience to command the whole. The Steamer "Thebes" will be directed to touch at Mangalore, and Major Hodson will be warned to add to the Detachment as many men of the 16th Regiment N. I., as he can spare, possibly making up a native force of 200 rank and file to proceed to Sedashegur. By this arrangement, *i. e.*, by means of the "Thebes," the party will reach Sedashegur, as soon, if not quicker, than they could have done * If in store here. by "Pattymar." A couple of mountain mortars* with a detail of Artillery to work them, will also accompany the Detachment from this, per "Thebes," they might be useful, if not they can be left at Sedashegur to be sent back by the first opportunity. The Detachment from this and Mangalore will be furnished with all requisite ammunition, camp equipage, &c., and I need not, I am sure, remind you will be entirely dependent on your assistance, for carriage, coolies, &c., on arrival at Sedashegur, for movement into the interior.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) WM. FISHER,
Magistrate.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th April 1858.

Soopah, 30th March 1858.

MY DEAR FISHER,

I am just in from Cooming, having made a forced march of it, and find Binny here, who has kindly undertaken to be my amanuensis, my hand being too nervous for pen-work. Last night late, I got a note from Head Quarters, Coveshy, informing me that all the 3 brothers with their families (Hanamantha Sawunt very ill in a dhooly) had doubled back on the 27th Instant after the last affair with the Warree Locals, and giving the Krishnapoor out-post a wide berth, had made their way to Diporany's old haunts, north of that below Pusmar. The "Kubbar" looks authentic and tallies with some intelligence we picked up during our Sonally dour. Schneider is off with his men in hot pursuit, and the bulk of the Belgaum camp move north this morning to Homorghur. The rascals are thus out of our "Hud" for the time being, but there is no saying how soon they may be back among us again. None of the out-posts can therefore with any propriety be vacated or weakened. My object in coming in here is to get into nearer relations with you and to see how things have been going forward to the E. and S. during my absence. Our ground is now pretty well dotted with out-posts, and the result is already apparent in fast-filling villages and revived commerce. To the south only are we weak; but to-morrow a party under Reid starts to occupy Noojy and thus overawe the Dokurpah and Kondal neighbourhoods. This move I have found it impossible to make earlier. By economising on some of our out-posts, we have got together a small flying column with which Binny and myself intend starting at day-break of 1st April, in the hope of picking you up somewhere in the Unshy neighbourhood. I have greatly set my mind on this rencontre, as I have more to talk over than I have leisure to write. I cannot however be long absent from these posts, as I must remain within hail of Schneipoor to Amboly, provided the Havildar's guard of 35th, has not been removed. They will come in handy for the Unshy work, if any turn up. Have your instructions ready for Binny, but in any case he should not I think leave the north at this time. I suggest that a Company of the Europeans be pushed on from Yellapoor to Sircy, and the 35th Detachment thus relieved, be brought up to any point where you can make them of most service. This is your move, not mine. I would have started to-morrow morning in your direction, but have my tale with the Chief Secretary to bring up. I have hanged two fellows without reference. They were taken red-handed, and I can show cause for dealing summarily with them. The example has told well: something in that way hereabouts is much required. Here all reported quiet. I think the horizon is clearing up. No time for more. Come away Unshy-wards if you possibly can.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) WM. FISHER,
Magistrate.

From W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to Major C. W. HODSON, Commanding
Mangalore, dated Mullapoor, 1st April 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter just received from Mr. Robinson, which I think shows that the troops about to start from Cannanore and Mangalore will not now be required. After being a week without intelligence of what has been going on, I am glad indeed to find that the aspect of matters has so far changed as to warrant my requesting you to countermand the despatch of the troops from Cannanore, or at any rate to send them back from Mangalore, should this not reach you in time to prevent their departure from their present post.

The party of the 16th which left Sedashegur for Mr. Robinson's Camp, and were re-called to Yellapoor, have been brought down here, 2 Companies of Highlanders having arrived at Yellapoor. They will proceed to Unshi this evening, and by sending in the Company of Highlanders to occupy Sircy, and availing myself of the Detachment of the 35th Regiment now there, for opera-

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th April 1858.

tions in the south of the Soopah Talook, all that is necessary will be accomplished, as the influence of Government is being restored, and Mr. Robinson has been able to turn his attention to the southern portion of the Talook.

I go up to Unshi and Nujee to-night, to Mr. Robinson, and we will together determine whether it is even necessary to make the arrangement alluded to above, in order to obtain the aid of the Native troops now at Sircy.

I send this by express, and a duplicate is forwarded by my boat, as it is quite possible that she may reach Mangalore before the tappal can do so.

Please to forward a copy of my letter to the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara, as I am anxious to send this off without a moment's delay.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) WM. FISHER,
Magistrate.

No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, No. 473; dated 13th April 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

Judg^l L^o to Eng^d 30th June
May 1858 - Paras 2 & 3
P.L. Replied to 27th Oct
N^o 1 of 158

In course: 13th April
Judicial 1858 Def^t

From
Magistrate of
Canara

To
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Port St. George

Dated 1st } April 1858
Recd 10 } N^o 28.

N^o 648. W

Encl. 3.

Forwards for the information
of Govt. copies of the correspondence
which has passed between himself,
the Joint Magistrate and the
Military authorities, and states
that in consequence of the improved
state of the affairs in North Canara,
he has thought it advisable to
discontinue the call for Troops
expected to leave Canara by
the 30th instant.

c 100 pl.
15 13 12 pl.

16417

80473
Recorded

13 April 58.