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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 2nd July 1858.

No. 77. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 18th June 1858, No. 88.

SIR,

No. 729. In reply to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 4th June 1858,
† Dated 16th Instant, No. 106. I beg to enclose copy of a letter† from Lieutenant Bloomfield, Commandant Malabar Police Corps, in reply to one from me calling on him for the information required in the above Extract Minutes Consultation.

2. It appears that the ammunition, stores and tools pertaining to the Mountain Train, have not as yet been made over to the Officer Commanding the Detachment of Her Majesty's Regiment, for the successive Officers who have been in Command have not been prepared to take charge of them, not having received any instructions on the subject from Military Head Quarters, and having no place to put them in were they to take charge.

3. As soon as the arrangements for the transfer of the above stores are ready, Lieutenant Bloomfield is quite prepared to place the services of the Artillery Serjeant now in charge of them at the disposal of the Officer Commanding Malliaporam, should they be required by him.

From Lieut. C. G. BLOOMFIELD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar, Calicut, dated Malliaporam, 16th June 1858, No. 106.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes Consultation, No. 729, dated 4th June 1858, para. 2, I have the honor to inform you, that, from the date of the receipt of Minutes Consultation, Judicial Department, dated 2nd November 1857, the services of the 2nd Artillery Serjeants of the Malabar Police Corps have been, as far as possible, made available to the Officer Commanding Malliaporam, for the instruction and practice of his men in the use of the guns of the Mountain Train.

The returns of the reserve Ordnance Magazine, as well as the journal of issues and expenditure of practice ammunition, have, however, hitherto continued under my supervision, as the Officers successively Commanding the Detachment Her Majesty's Regiment at Malliaporam, have not hitherto been prepared to take charge of them, not having received any instructions on the subject from Military Head Quarters, and having no place to put them in were they to take charge. This has however not been suffered to interfere with the practice of the Gunners; as I have continued to issue practice ammunition, as far as available, from that remaining, in my charge, ceasing however to indent for a future supply. This duty has devolved on the Officer Commanding the European Detachment.

The benefits of the practice at Malliaporam have, I believe, already been experienced by the men of the Detachment Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders lately stationed here, but now on field service near Bellary; and I trust that I have not erred in continuing to issue a similar supply to the Detachment Her Majesty's 66th Regiment, whose Gunners have now been dismissed drill, and are thoroughly qualified to work the Train.

As soon as arrangements are completed by the Military authorities, for the enlargement or erection of a Magazine; I will, in transferring the charge of the ammunition, place the services of the Artillery Serjeant at present in charge, also, at the disposal of the Officer Commanding Malliaporam, should he require them. One Serjeant is required to attend, morning and evening at the stables, harness inspection parades, &c., in the lines of the Police Corps.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, No. 885; dated 2nd July 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 4th June 1858, No. 729.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Ordered to be communicated to
the Military Department in reference
to Gen. Min. Cons. 4th June 1848/29.

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