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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th February 1859.

No. 43. Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Military Department, dated 20th January 1859, No. 257.

Communicating copy of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, forwarding copy of one from the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara with its Enclosures, relative to the late insurrection in North Canara. } (Vide Military Consultation, 25th January 1859, Nos. 45 @ 47.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 160; dated 7th February 1859.

The Government learn from Mr. Ballard's letters of the 6th and 15th December last, that he had notified to Brigadier Fitzgerald that the Field Force in North Canara might be broken up.

Dated 16th December 1858, No. 1751. The Government have already by means of a letter addressed by the Right Honorable the President to His Excellency the Governor General of the Portuguese Indies, acknowledged the value of the services rendered by the Goa authorities.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 257.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 20th January 1859.

Read letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, Ootacamund, 21st December 1858, No. 2474; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of letter from the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, dated 8th instant, No. 15, enclosing copies of letters from Mr. Fisher, Collector of Canara, relative to the late insurrection in North Canara.

From the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, Camp Soopah, 8th December 1858, No. 15; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Ootacamund.

No. 12—Requesting copy of letter from Mr. Ballard, dated 6th December, with 2 P. O.'s of same date, for, and on breaking up M. C. F. and stating that orders had been sent to Officer Commanding Bombay F. F. for his taking orders for the disposal of his Force, and that the same had been Telegraphed to the Bombay Government.

With reference to my letter of the 7th instant, with accompaniment No. and subject as per margin, I have now the honor to forward copy of a letter just received here from Mr. Fisher Collector of Canara, and to inform you that consequent upon it, until the point is settled by competent authority, I have modified my orders as sent to you in my P. O. of the 6th instant, and made such arrangements that the Force in North Canara will not be reduced.

2. At the same time, I must beg to state, that I consider the arrangement I made in communication with Mr. Ballard, for leaving 228 Bayonets in the Soopah Talook, amply sufficient, breaking up the rest of the Force, of which arrangement Mr. Fisher could not have been aware when his letter was penned.

3. I must also mention, that the best authority on the Bombay side, General Jacob, Principal Political Agent Southern Mahratta Country, and Colonel Auld, Political Agent Sawant Warree, as well as the Governor General of Goa, gave it as their opinion, that immediately on the surrender of the Sawant Brothers, the Frontier Field Forces ought to be broken up, but Mr. Ballard and myself thought it was not politic to do so, until we saw the remains of the Gang did not hold together.

4. In conclusion, with reference to the latter part of the 6th para. of Mr. Fisher's communication, I can only state, that the Governor General of Goa has, in the most explicit terms, stated that he only waits for a Ship of War he has applied for (where to, I know not) to transport the whole of the Sawant Brothers and their families to Timor, (General Jacob, an Officer of great experience, appears to be quite satisfied with his promise.)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, will be the best judges as to the propriety of keeping up so strong a Field Force for such an indefinite period—probably our Government might lend a Ship for the purpose.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I have just received a letter from General Jacob, copy of which I beg to transmit, as entirely supporting my views on the subject.

From the Magistrate of Canara, on Circuit Gokwin, 3rd December 1858, No. 43; to the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, Soopah.

A copy of Mr. Ballard's letter to your address No. 104, dated 27th November 1858, has just reached me—Mr. Ballard's opinion seems to be, that as the Sawants have surrendered—further Military operations are unnecessary, unless such of their followers as are still at large, should keep together, in which case he would hunt them down in the manner about to be adopted, had the Sawants not given themselves up to the Goa authorities. In this policy I concur, but I think the Field Force should not be broken up until the Governor General of the Portuguese Territories has fulfilled his promise, and the Sawants are ascertained to be on their way to Timor.

2. The surrender of these Individuals, has not yet been made known to me officially, but I heard from Mr. Ballard on the subject, when the intelligence of their having come in, reached him.

3. Admitting then that their surrender is an established fact, I think it of the utmost importance, that they should be at once despatched to Timor. The idea among Natives seems to be, that this promise on the part of the Portuguese, will not really be kept, and that these men will simply be detained in custody more or less close, as long as Hanamunth and Baba Sawant live, or have the slightest chance of regaining their freedom—the people of Soopah will never feel any confidence in the stability of that peace and quiet which the death or transportation of these men will alone secure, and until the objects of this Government are attained, I think that the Field Force should be kept up, and the inconvenience and expense of the arrangement be urged on the Goa Government, in order to bring about the immediate and due disposal of these men.

4. As to the Posts at which our Troops, whether few or many should be placed, I have no opinion to offer, but would draw your particular attention to Jugglepett as a central position, from which I imagine the Goa frontier may be watched, and Troops despatched to any point that may be threatened.

5. If the Sawants were in our hands, or satisfactorily disposed of, the rest of the gang might be safely left to the Police, backed by a Military Force at Jugglepett.

6. It is only the name that the Sawants have acquired, in consequence of their having a second time escaped from our hands, that makes the gang formidable.

7. Natives will never believe that they are rid for ever, of these turbulent brothers, unless they are publicly executed, or deported under the eye of a British Officer. Every hour's delay is of consequence, as it gives additional strength to the opinion of Natives, that the Sawants are now simply in the hands of those, without whose connivance they could not have entered British Territory. The intentions of the Governor General of Goa, may be all we can desire, but Natives know that His Excellency is nearly powerless, and that his wishes and plans may be frustrated by those about him—I am therefore anxious to press by all means in our power, the immediate fulfilment of the promises on faith, of which the Government were pleased to allow the Sawants their lives, as this is absolutely necessary for the restoration of tranquillity and confidence on the Frontier.

From the Commissioner, Special Political Commission S. M. Country &c., Camp Bhetree, 4th December 1858, No. 391; to the Brigadier Commanding Joint Frontier Field Force.

In forwarding copy of a letter from His Excellency the Governor General of Goa, it appears to me, that you might wish to have in Official shape, my opinion on the subject recently communicated, so as to justify your at once breaking up the Field Force, should you not have already done so.

2. I have the honor to state, that I consider the insurrection at an end, and that there is no reason for any longer keeping the Troops in the Field.

3. Only a few Out-laws remain unsecured—His Excellency says five, but be they more or less, there is no one of the slightest consequence amongst them,—by my last accounts they were hiding their arms and themselves, and there is nothing left for Troops to do.

4. To employ Soldiers in hunting for this miserable remnant, would be unnecessary any where, especially in Foreign territory, the authorities of which, are employing other means to secure them, and no longer want our help.

5. Without venturing to express an opinion on the state of North Canara, I feel it my duty to say, that any longer detention of the Military Posts along the remaining Frontier of the Portuguese Authority, appears to me inexpedient.

6. I have in reply to His Excellency, said that I was of the same opinion as himself, and that I concluded you would immediately break up the Field Force, if you had not already done so.

P. S.—I send a duplicate of this through His Excellency the Governor General, as it may reach you quicker than the original, via Belgaum and Tellawarree.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Ootacamund, 15th January 1859, No. 2629; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 21st ultimo, No. 2474, forwarding the correspondence as per margin, I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that Lieutenant General Sir P. Grant does not himself see that the keeping up of the Field Force is in the least called for. His Excellency thinks the assurance of the Goa Authorities, that the Rebel Leaders will be deported, may be implicitly relied on.

The Commander-in-Chief has also directed me to submit to Government, that a recognition of the important, and His Excellency thinks cordial and sincere assistance rendered by the Governor General of Goa, would be received with much gratification by the Governor General, and produce a good effect in all respects.

Communicated to the Judicial Department.
(True Extract and Copies.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.

Adjutant General

Exd. J. Davis.

Judicial Department.

No. 160.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 7 February 1859.

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