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for the month of December 1859.*

Read again letter from the Magistrate of Malabar, dated 23rd September 1859, No. 86, recorded in Proceedings, 22nd October 1859, No. 1422.

Read also the following papers:—

No. 53. From Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th November 1859, No. 296.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 1422, dated 22nd October 1859, I have the honor to state that a suggestion similar to Lieutenant Blomfield's, relative to the Artificers recently attached to the Malabar Police Corps was submitted to this Department by the Warrant Officer in charge of the Mountain Train, and having been referred to Captain Dunbar, Commanding Mulliappooram, received that Officer's support with the recommendation that the Artificers should be permanently posted to the Mountain Train.

2. The adoption of the suggestion resting with the Commander-in-Chief and not with this Department, the Mountain Train being now permanently withdrawn from the Police Corps, and placed under the orders of His Excellency, the subject was accordingly referred to the Adjutant General, by whom it was submitted to the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara, and the letter from that Officer approving of the arrangement was forwarded by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to this Department.

3. The economy, and the convenience, both to the Police Corps and the Mountain Train, which would result from the proposed arrangement, strongly recommend it for adoption.

No. 54. Telegram from the Magistrate of Malabar; to the Chief Secretary, Madras.

Vide Order of Government, number six hundred and ninety, dated 27th May one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, sanctioning Police Corps Establishment. Reserved by Lient. Blomfield, four out of the seven Artificers, namely, one Maistry on Rupees 17 and a half, one Armourer on Rupees 12, one Bellows boy on Rupees 5, one Chuckler on Rupees 12 per mensem. If the Artificers in the Malabar Police Corps and Mount Train are not to be re-united, the Maistry can be dispensed with from the Malabar Police Corps.

No. 55. MINUTE by the Honorable the PRESIDENT, dated 25th November 1859.

It is hard that the valuable time of the Members of Government should be wasted on such details as this which are entirely of a professional Departmental character.

The Commander-in-Chief to whose functions the matter more immediately appertains, will perhaps be so kind as to assist us with an opinion.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 56. MINUTE by His Excellency the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, dated 28th November 1859.

In Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1447, dated 13th October 1858, Government directed that the Mountain Train at Malliappooram with the ammunition, tools, stores, ponies and equipments of every kind should be made over to the officer commanding the European detachment, and should be kept within the European lines, and that this arrangement should be carried out *at whatever expense and inconvenience*.

2. The Artificers having been thus transferred from the Police Corps to the Mountain Train, the Inspector General of Ordnance submitted for the Commander-in-Chief's consideration, the suggestion of the officer commanding the European detachment at Malliappooram that in addition to the work of the Mountain Train and the Police Corps these Artificers might be employed in repairing all articles belonging to the Commissariat Department, and thus save the time and expense of sending such to Cannanore for repair.

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No. 6119, 12th October 1859.

3. With this proposal, (after communicating with Brigadier FitzGerald), the Commander-in-Chief expressed his concurrence.

4. Thus far as afforded by the records of the Adjutant General's Department.

5. By the Proceedings of Government, (in draft), Lieutenant Blomfield thinks that the former arrangement was preferable, and proposes that the Artificers should be again attached to the Police Corps and do the work of the corps and of the Mountain Train as formerly.

6. This letter was not communicated to the Adjutant General's Department, but to the Inspector General of Ordnance, who appears to have misapprehended Lieutenant Blomfield's proposal; and looks upon it as recommending what has already been partially done, viz., the transfer of the Artificers to the Mountain Train: whereas Lieutenant

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7. There is nothing in the Adjutant General's office to shew what artificers have been retained by Lieutenant Blomfield. The difficulty brought to notice by that officer has been occasioned by his retaining a portion of the Artificers as the allotment of two companies of Native Infantry, there being no fixed allotment for Native Infantry except the regimental allotment, as per margin.†

8. The Order of Government in regard to tools, stores, &c., is so imperative, that the only way of solving the difficulty, is I think for Government now to order the whole of the Artificers to be handed over to the Inspector General of Ordnance. If this is done, the present establishment as stated by the Inspector General, can perform all the work required by the Police Corps, Mountain Train, and Commissariat Department at Malliappooram.

(Signed) PAT. GRANT.

No. 57.

ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1859, No. 1656.

In a statement made by Lieutenant Blomfield, Commanding the Malabar Police Corps, and submitted to Government by the Magistrate of Malabar, in his letter, 23rd September last, it was represented that all that part of the establishment of the Police Corps, which appeared to pertain specially to the Mountain Train, had been handed over to the Military Department—such only being retained, as would ordinarily be allotted to two Companies of Native Infantry of the strength of the Police Corps. Lieutenant Blomfield thought that this separation had been a mistake, that it would, if continued, lead to extra expense in the additional tools, workshops, &c., thereby rendered necessary, and that inconvenience and discontent had been the result, which would not be the case, were the Artificers permitted to work together, as formerly, under one head. In case the Artificers were to remain under his charge as before, they could not only undertake all the repairs of the Mountain Train, but the execution of by far the greater portion of the articles now indented for, at a far cheaper rate than the value assigned in the Ordnance Indents, and which could be still further increased by the cost of conveyance from Cannanore. Lieutenant Blomfield added that the subject had been referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines for consideration by the Conductor at present in charge of the Mountain Train recommending from such experience as he had already had, that the Artificers be placed on their former footing.

2. The Government concurred in the opinion of the Magistrate that Lieutenant Blomfield's plan was reasonable, and they considered it an advisable arrangement, but before ordering it to be carried out, they desired to have the opinion of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

3. The Acting Inspector General of Ordnance states that a similar suggestion, relative to the Artificers recently attached to the Malabar Police Corps, made by the Warrant Officer in charge of the Train, received the support of Captain Dunbar, Commanding Mul-

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4. The arrangement here indicated does not appear to be according to Lieutenant Blomfield's suggestion, but directly opposed to it. Lieutenant Blomfield proposed that the Artificers, who had been made over with the Mountain Train, should be re-transferred to the Police Corps, there to work, as before, with the Artificers still attached to the Corps, and do the work both of Corps and Train. The suggestion in Colonel Simpson's letter is that "the Artificers should be permanently posted to the Mountain Train," but although so posted and under the orders of the Officer in charge of the Train, they would, it is presumed, be available for work required by the Corps.

5. In a letter, 20th September last, No. 5110, the Inspector General of Ordnance submitted, for the Commander-in-Chief's consideration, the suggestion of the Officer Commanding the European Detachment at Mulliapuram that, in addition to the work of the Mountain Train and the Police Corps, the Artificers might be employed in repairing all articles belonging to the Commissariat Department, and thus save the time and expense of sending such to Cannanore for repair. With this proposal, after communicating with Brigadier FitzGerald, His Excellency expressed his concurrence.

6. In the Telegraphic report recorded above, the Magistrate of Malabar states that Lieutenant Blomfield, has reserved four out of the seven Artificers, and adds that if the Artificers with the Police Corps and Mountain

Train are not to be re-united, the Maistry can be dispensed with from the Corps.

7. On a consideration of the whole subject, the Government have resolved that the Maistry be transferred to the Military Department, and that he and all those previously transferred, be employed under the orders of the Officer Commanding Mulliapuram, and be made available for the performance of any work required either by the Police Corps, the Mountain Train, or the Commissariat Department at Mulliapuram.

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Bellows boy...	5	"
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8. The three men as per margin will remain on the Malabar Police Corps establishment for the service of the Corps and under the orders of its Commandant, and will be charged to the Civil Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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