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

No. 64. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 22nd January 1859, No. 2710.

SIR,

Dated 21st December, No. 2474.
Forwarding letter from the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, dated 8th December 1858, No. 15, forwarding copies of letters from W. Fisher, Esq., and General Jacob, Political Commissioner Southern Mahratta country, relative to the insurrection in North Canara.

Dated 15th January 1859, No. 2629.
Submitting the Commander-in-Chief's opinion on the subject of keeping up the Field Force and the recognition of the important services rendered by His Excellency the Governor General of Goa.

His Excellency the Governor General of Goa referred to in the communication from General Jacob, and of one addressed by himself to His Excellency.

The Commander-in-Chief thinks that the suggestions of Brigadier Fitzgerald in the 3rd para. of his letter of the 10th Ultimo, No. 17, regarding the organization of a frontier armed Police under European Officers on the model of the Sawunt Warree Local Corps and the Chetsundries or armed Village Police for North Canara instead of posts of Regular Troops, as also the erection of defensive towers as on the Bombay frontier, are well worthy the serious consideration of Government.

To the Adjutant General of the Army, Ootacamund, dated Camp Unchee, 10th December 1858, No. 17.

SIR,

No. 15. Transmitting copy of letter from Mr. Fisher and General Jacob and stating that the breaking up of the North Canara Field Force had been postponed in consequence of Mr. Fisher's letter.

With reference to my letter of the 8th Instant with accompaniments, No. and subject as per margin, I have the honor to transmit copy of the letter from His Excellency the Governor

General of Goa referred to in General Jacob's letter.

2. I would beg to take this opportunity of drawing the attention of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for such notice as he may deem fitting to the particularly conciliating kind manner of His Excellency the Governor General of Goa in directing his superior Officers Colonels DeSilva and Alves implicitly to obey my orders though at the time he considered that I differed from His Excellency as to the style of operations, this is not the only instance of many, and as the Officer Commanding the combined Field Force my thanks are due to His Excellency the Governor General of Goa for his unvarying kind consideration on every occasion and the entire confidence he placed in me in directing all his Officers to carry out my orders whatever they might be.

3. I would here venture to recommend that a frontier armed Police under European Officers on the model of the Sawunt Warree Local Corps and the Chetsundries or armed village Police be organized for North Canara instead of posts of Regular Troops; in a private letter received to-day from General Jacob he mentions that the Bombay frontier is perfectly guarded without the presence of a single red coat, thereby rendering the Regular Troops available for more important duties. I would also recommend the erection of defensive towers as on the Bombay frontier.

4. In conclusion, I think that Mr. Fisher wrote his letter of the 3rd, copy of which was transmitted with mine of the 8th, having but an imperfect knowledge of the state of affairs; if I am correct in my surmise, I have no doubt at an early period I shall hear from him that considering the Force I purpose leaving in the Soopah Talook he concurs with me in thinking the Forces may be broken up, which I shall be glad of, as the suspension of my former orders causes considerable inconvenience.

I have &c.,

(Signed) J. FITZGERALD, Brigadier,
Commanding Malabar and Canara.

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

Panjim, 1 Decembre 1858.

MON CHER GENERAL,

Je vous ecrit plus d'ance fois sue ce que je éroyais a propos de faire a le'gard du reste des Bringaudos que si conservent encore au large et j'ai reçu votre reponse dans la quelle j'ai eu le plaisir de voir que vous été, d'accord avec rusi dans les moyennes a employer pour capturer ces mauvais gens sont cinq seulement trois Founduies et deux deserteurs des 2 Bn. d'Infanterie les premiers sujets Anglais, et les second Portugais. Pour si peu de monde et si insignifiant il me semble qui il sera suffisant conserver des partes, comme j'avais amparavant et deux colonnes volantes dans la Province dembarbacem et deux outres dans celle de Satary avec ces forces, et une espionnage viem derigie je crois que nous obliendrons des resultats plus avantajoux.

Et sans donner avec des grandes manœuvres, les honneurs que ces miserables brigands ne meritent pas de ces marches, et contre marches, nous retirions seulement la fatigue de nos troupes sans pouvoir ja mais paices moyennes les atrapper paice qu'ils ne se montrant pas a de couvert et se conserveront au contraire caches dans les bois des gattes si a propos pour ce genre de combatants.

Mr. le Genl. Fitzgerald ne pense pas sur ce point comme moi. Il a donné des ordres pour commencer les operations Militaires contre les revoltes quand il u'ya a pas des revoltes deja dans cette pais il y seulement cinq brigands et par consequence ji ne les considere pas de tel importance qu'ils meritent de ce mouvour des forces considerables contre eux j'ai donné malgres ces observations desordres termenantes aux Colonels Alves et Silva pour que soient promptement executé toutes des ordres du General Fitzgerald des derniers qu'ils ont reçu je vous euvais ca joint la copie.

Pourtant si vous pouvez faire croire a Mr. le General Fitzgerald qu'il n'y a pas deja des revoltes dans le territoire Portugais nous pourrons destiner part de nos forces pour des autre services plus utiles mais se vous a contraire n'etes pas d'accord avec moi dans tout ce que viens de vous dire croyer Mr. le General, que je fairai ce que vous juger convenable dans l'interet des deux nations parce que j'ai en vous une confiance illimité.

Recevez mon cher General l'assurance de mes très haut consideration et je suis

Votre tres humble et tres
Obeissant Serviteur,

(Sd.) V. De TORRES NOVAS.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) L. G. JACOB.

(True Copy of a true Copy.)

(Signed) J. FITZGERALD, Brigadier,
Commanding Malabar and Canara.

To the Adjutant General of the Army, Ootacamund; dated Camp Sedasheghur, 15th December 1858, No. 28.

SIR,

No. 17. Forwarding copy of letter from His Excellency the Governor General of Goa and drawing attention to the kindness and consideration of His Excellency.

of a letter, for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I have this day addressed to His Excellency the Governor General of Goa.

With reference to and in continuation of my letter of the 10th Instant, No. and subject as per margin, I have the honor to transmit copy

I have &c.,

(Signed) J. FITZGERALD, Brigadier,
Commanding Malabar and Canara.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Viscount de TORRES NOVAS, Governor General of Goa, &c., &c.; dated Camp Sedasheghur, 15th December 1858.

MOST EXCELLENT AND ILLUSTRIOUS SIR,

I had the honor in my letter of the 6th Instant, No. 8, of intimating to your Excellency my having broken up the combined frontier Field Force under my command, I also communicated the same to Colonels DeSilva and Alves and that they could now make such disposition of the forces under their command as they might deem necessary.

2. In a few days I shall proceed to Cannanore my Head Quarters, and now in taking leave of your Excellency on the fortunate completion of the duty I was entrusted with, I trust your Excellency will allow me to express my sense of your particularly kind and conciliating manner in directing your superior Officers Colonels DeSilva and Alves implicitly to obey my orders, tho' latterly you differed from me in the expediency of my measures, and I trust your Excellency will deign to accept of my sincere thanks as Officer late Commanding the combined frontier Field Force for your kind consideration on every occasion, as well as the entire confidence you placed in me in directing all your Officers to carry out my orders whatever they might be.

3. I also am indebted to your Excellency for many civilities and favors to myself personally.

4. In conclusion, I would take the liberty of hoping that no time will be lost in transporting the Sawunts and families to Timoor as I believe such a measure is absolutely necessary to restore entire confidence to both the Portuguese and British subjects on the frontier and trusting your Excellency will be pleased to accept the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

I have &c.,

(Signed) JAS. FITZGERALD, Brigadier,
Commanding Malabar and Canara.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieut. Colonel,
Adjutant General of the Army.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

Fort Saint George, }
2nd February 1859. }

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Ag. Secy. to Government.

ORDER THEREON, No. 172; dated 8th February 1859.

No. 65.

Referred to the Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police, in reference to the suggestion of Brigadier Fitzgerald in para. 3 of his letter of the 10th December last, No. 17.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Fort St George }
8 February 1859.

The Chief Commissioner of }
Mofussil Police. }
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very special manner to present the organization
to the public No 17 regarding the organization
of a frontier Guard Police under the name
of officers on the model of the Shawnee
Band of Police for North Carolina
instead of parts of regular troops as also the
creation of a frontier Guard as on the boundary
between the well worthy the obvious
consideration of Government.

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Ad. Smith Office
Colonial
22 January 1859

Gen. William Howard
Admiral
Admiral
of the Navy

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Fr. P.
Cons. 25th January 1859. N^o 156 117
* See List to Am. S. H. 6th June 1854

Judicial Letter to Eng
dated 3rd May 1859
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2nd February 1859

To the Judicial Department
with an Order (to be returned) 2nd Dec 27

Wm. L. G. S.
of Secy. to Government

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Military Department
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From The Secy. Genl

To The Secy. & Genl

Dated 22nd Jan No 2710
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Forwards copies of
letters from O. C. & Co. & Co.
transmitting copies of letters
from H. C. The Secy. Genl of Goa
referred to in Cons. from Genl
Jacob and of one addressed by
himself to H. C. and brings to
notice for consideration suggestions of
Mr. Fitzhugh in 3rd para of his
letter of the 10th Uto 1857.

Ref. to the Secy. Genl

With an Order.