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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th April 1829.

No. 61. Read the following letter from J. R. KINDERSLEY, Esq., Acting Subordinate Criminal Judge of Bellary, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st April 1829, No. 114.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th August 1828, by which I was informed that the care of the roads of Bellary Cantonment was to be made over to me for one year, and that the services of the Road Serjeant would be placed at my disposal, I have the honor to report that after a trial of 7 months I find the services of that functionary entirely worthless.

2. To represent his services as worthless is indeed the most favorable light in which I can place them, for I omit to calculate the loss which is suffered by the State in the waste of prisoners' labour consequent on the Serjeant's entire misconception of the art of repairing roads.

3. Hoping to obtain better assistance at a lower cost, without reflecting on the Road Serjeant, I addressed to the Inspector General of Prisons on the 12th October 1828, a letter, of which I have the honor to enclose a copy, and which I understood him to say that he had submitted to Government with the support of his approval; but I think it no longer proper, for the purpose of screening an individual, to withhold my opinion of the Road Serjeant's services, though I make this report merely with a view to inform Government of the actual state of the case, without any wish to prosecute charges against the Serjeant, who perhaps in another sphere might acquit himself more creditably.

4. In conclusion I beg to state, that the services of the Road Serjeant were placed at the disposal of the Subordinate Judge at the request of my predecessor, and that I do not desire the [illegible] benefit of them. Should the Government [illegible] fit to make such an appointment as that suggested in my letter to Mr. Rohde, I shall take the duties, which the Road Serjeant has hitherto neglected, entirely upon myself.

From J. R. KINDERSLEY, Esq., Acting Sub Criminal Judge of Bellary, to J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, dated 12th October 1828, No. 430.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 17th August 1828, placing the Road Serjeant of Bellary under my orders to assist me in repairing the Cantonment roads with the prisoners under my charge, I have the honor to inform you that I consider the employment of the Road Serjeant under me both unnecessary and expensive.

2. It is inconvenient for me to employ a man who, being on the effective strength of the Army, is to a great extent free from my control; and it is expensive to employ such a man, as he [illegible] a monthly salary of Rupees 26 8 3 with Rupees 10 0 for his [illegible] and in [illegible] the work of superintending the labor of one or two gangs of Convicts.

3. It appears to me that the work might be superintended as well for Rupees 20 per mensem by a pensioned European, or by an intelligent Native, while the Serjeant might be employed in strictly Military duties.

4. The roads have been placed under my care for one year only, but I believe that the M[illegible] have and the least wish to resume the charge, and if they discontinue it they might work with the same agency as suffices for me.

5. If therefore you think proper to do so, I have the honor to request that you will submit my suggestion in regard to the Road Serjeant to Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. R. KINDERSLEY,
Acting Sub Judge.

MINUTE by the Honorable the PRESIDENT, dated 11th April 1829.

I think application should be made through the Quarter Master General for the withdrawal of the Serjeant.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th April 1859

No. 62 ORDER THEREON, No. 540, dated 19th April 1859.

In Extract Minutes Consultation 17th August 1858, No. 2952, in the Military Department, on the suggestion of the Inspector General of Ordnance, the maintenance of the roads in the Bellary Cantonment was confided to the [illegible] Mr. Lewin the Subordinate Judge [illegible] the task on condition of his receiving the services of the Road Serjeant. The arrangement was to be experimental for one year.

2. [illegible] the Inspector of Prisons, the Acting [illegible] Judge Mr. K[illegible] Road Serjeant, whose [illegible] The Serjeant [illegible] (Rupees 78-12-?) and [illegible] of the [illegible] control of the Sub Judge. Mr. K[illegible] of the Road [illegible] a European pensioner, at [illegible] Rupees 30 a month.

3. The Inspector of Prisons recommended Mr. K[illegible] proposition on the ground [illegible] employing effective soldiers as Civil [illegible] and of placing [illegible] control of the Superintending Officer. Government referred the [illegible] observations of the Commander in Chief.

4. [illegible] Mr. K[illegible] reports that after a trial of 7 months, he finds the [illegible] Road Serjeant [illegible] and that a great loss is suffered by the [illegible] of prisoners' labour in consequence of that [illegible] He adverts to his letter on the subject to Mr. [illegible] referred to in para. 2, [illegible] Government [illegible] the arrangement he proposed, he will [illegible] the Road Serjeant has hitherto [illegible]

5. [illegible] that [illegible] be made, through the Quarter Master General, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that the Serjeant may be withdrawn.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Judicial Department

No. 540

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
Dated 19th April 1859.

From the Sub. Judge of
Bellary —— Entered No. 114 d/ 1st instant.
[illegible] 1 April 1859.

In Ex: Minus. Cons: 17 Augt. 1858, No 2952, in the Mily. Dept., on the suggestion of the Inspector General of Ordnance, the maintenance of the Roads in the Bellary Cantonment was confided to Mr Lewin, the Subordinate Judge, who undertook the task on condition of his receiving the services of the Road Serjeant. This arrangement was to be experimental for one year.

In his letter of the 12th Octo. Ms following to the Inspector of Prisons, the Acting Sub

that application is made
through the Quarter
Master General to
get the C in C that
the Sergeant may be
withdrawn.

Sub Judge of [illegible]
Quarter Master General
2nd Sept. [illegible]

[illegible] application [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] General

Judicial Dep[illegible]

No. 3[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] July 179[illegible]

[illegible] letter from the Acting Judge of [illegible] reporting that the [illegible] of the Provincial Battalion has withdrawn from [illegible] Sepoys notwithstanding the orders of [illegible] and applying to the Commanding Officer [illegible] to withdraw the detachment.

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