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No. 35. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 21st March 1862, No. 285.

The Officer Commanding the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force has forwarded the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry assembled to investigate a complaint preferred by Private Curreem Beg, No. 2,114 of the 19th Regiment Native Infantry, on being fined by the Magistrate of Ramyapatnum in the sum of 20 Rupees on the charge, it is presumed, of endeavouring to intimidate the Police. Brigadier Browne brings to notice the hardship of the Private's case, as he acted only under the orders he received from his immediate superior the Serjeant Major of the Detachment in the act which it is supposed constituted the offence.

2. The statement of Serjeant C. Wilkinson of the Artillery relative to what occurred on the occasion is as follows:—

"The Detachment marched into Ongole on the evening of the 12th of January, the Officer "Commanding the Detachment then gave orders to have 15 pairs of Bullocks ready for the follow- "ing day at 2 P. M., for the use of the Detachment to proceed to the following march (viz.,) "Tungatoor on the 13th ultimo, about 3 P. M. the Commanding Officer sent for me to "know if the Bullocks had arrived—they had not; I was then ordered to take 4 men and a "Serjeant and a Naigue and 2 Sepoys and go into the village, and if I seen any Bullocks to "bring them with me, myself and the party ordered went into the village, and we found one of "the Revenue Peons procuring the Bullocks. He had procured about 5 pairs when we arrived, "and we procured 5 pairs more. I was in company with one of the Europeans and the Naigue "and 1 Sepoy, when the Bullocks were collected together, when a Native dressed in plain cloths "came up with 5 or 6 Police Peons with their staffs drawn and in a threatening manner; as soon "as the Native above alluded to came near the Sepoy, he caught him by the neck and pushed "him violently across the road. I then ordered the Sepoys to fix bayonets, to take charge of "the Bullocks and for his own protection, he did so, and remained perfectly steady afterwards "at ordered arms—the remainder of the cattle then came up and we proceeded on the road, the "owners of the Bullocks were paid for the hire and they departed satisfied from Tungatoor."

"There was no violence used in procuring the cattle by the party under my charge, the "owners gave them willingly, the Native above alluded to was in my opinion under the influence "of liquor or some other intoxicating drug."

3. Lieutenant Macdougall in forwarding the above statement, reports that the Acting Serjeant Major acted up to his orders, and further that he (the Lieutenant) advanced money for the payment of the fine to save the Private from imprisonment with hard labor.

4. The original correspondence is forwarded for perusal, and as the case as reported appears to be a hard one against the Private, the Serjeant, if any; being the one to blame the Commander-in-Chief directs me to suggest, that it be referred to the proper department for the report of the Magistrate, and should there be any mitigating circumstances, His Excellency trusts that Government will be pleased to remit some portion at least of the heavy fine imposed.

Referred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
22nd March 1862.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1862, No. 545.

Referred to the Magistrate of Nellore for report. He will likewise forward to Government the record of the case or a translation of it, if the original is not in English—as also the Session's Judges remarks on the case, if any were made in his review of the Calendar.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 545 — 3d April 1862.

Referred to the Magistrate of Athlone for report. He will likewise forward to Govt. the record of the case, or a transcript thereof, if the original is not in English — as also the learned Judges remarks on the case, if any, were made in his review of the Calendar

The Magistrate of Athlone
with 3 enclosures to be returned

Military Dept.

J P

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