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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd October 1864.

No. 162. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 10th October 1864, No. 3594.

Forbidding the use of Camels and Elephants on the Coonoor Ghaut, except on very special occasions. } (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 10th October 1864, Nos. 244—246.)

No. 163, ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1864, No. 1526.
Communicated to the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

Exd. T. Cartledge,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Commissary General, Madras, 6th August 1864, No. $\frac{149}{3552}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In acknowledging the receipt of Order of Government, No. 2610, dated 29th July 1864, I have the honor to inform you that none of the Elephants or Camels attached to Wellington are ever required for Commissariat purposes, and that therefore it rests with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to decide whether it is necessary, on Military ground, that they should be kept at Mettapollium, or whether they might not be re-placed by another description of Cattle.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department) with advertence to Order of Government, No. 2610, dated 29th July 1864.

8th August 1864.

From the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 29th August 1864, No. $\frac{297}{3031}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to offer the following reply to the correspondence in the Orders of Government, dated 29th July and 8th instant, on the subject of the use of Elephants and Camels on the Coonoor Ghaut.

2. Cattle are kept at Mettapollium as an essential part of the Equipments of the Regiment on the Hills—without their constant and proximate presence these Troops would be placed beyond the reach of service, if suddenly required.

3. Elephants are also used to bring up men who are not sick enough to need a Contract Transit Cart, and they were largely employed by Government in carrying material when the Barracks at Wellington were being built; and their services are likely to be similarly asked for, when the Lawrence Asylum is being erected. The Commissariat Department also use them for their own purposes.

4. In reply to questions put to the Commissary General, that Officer states :—

I. "I do not consider that it would be advisable to send Elephants and "Camels up the Coonoor Ghaut during the night."

II. "Travellers pass up and down the Ghaut by night as well as by day, "and the whole of the supplies for the weekly Market at Coonoor, go up during the night."

III. "Moreover, the Cattle are timid in the dark, and the journey is so "long that it could not, as a general rule, be accomplished in one night, so that the "Cattle would have to make two stages and remain the whole of one day in the "middle of the Ghaut."

IV. "The cost of oil would probably be Rupees 2½ per trip."

5. On paragraph 3 of Proceedings of Government, dated 29th ultimo, No. 2610, His Excellency has therefore to remark that it is quite practicable to dispense with the use of Camels and Elephants on the Hills and on the Ghauts, provided only, that they are never used by Departments for purposes detailed in this letter, excepting when Troops move. An establishment of Bullocks must then be maintained or hired quite independent of the ordinary establishment, for such Departmental purposes; but this new establishment of Bullocks will in nowise affect the numbers of Elephants and Camels retained for the Regiment at Wellington, because these animals alone are fit to carry the Camp Equipage used by European Troops, and by His Excellency the Governor when on a tour in the Hills, or in Wynaad.

6. When the new Coonoor Ghaut is opened, the old or the new can be limited to the use of public Cattle, &c., but until then it is difficult to see how, without a separate establishment of Bullocks, public or hired, Elephants and Camels can be kept off the Ghaut by night or by day, without interfering with passengers.

ORDER, No. 3594, 10*th October* 1864.

The Governor in Council learns from the foregoing papers, that the Government Elephants and Camels could not well be sent up or down the Coonoor Ghaut exclusively by night, as suggested in Proceedings dated 29th July 1864, and that their passage up and down, even so restricted, would not wholly prevent accidents.

Order No. 2610, *paragraph* 3.

2. The Commissary General says expressly in his letter of 6th August 1864, that none of the Elephants or Camels attached to Wellington are ever required for Commissariat purposes.

3. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council is of opinion that these animals should not be allowed on the Ghaut at all or on any part of the Neilgherries, except on very special occasions, such as the movement of Troops or the transport of Camp Equipage for His Excellency the Governor, and Commander-in-Chief, when on their tours.

4. The Governor in Council, therefore forbids their use on the Hills or Ghauts hereafter, except on the occasions abovementioned, and in such cases every precaution should be taken, and public notices given at the Bungalows and elsewhere for the information of travellers, to guard, as far as possible, against accidents.

5. Convalescent Soldiers, not strong enough to walk up the Coonoor Ghaut, may be conveyed in the Contract Transit Carts.

Quarter Master Genl.'s letter, paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Military Accountant.
" Examiner Pay Department.
" Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
" Adjutant General,
" Judicial Department, } for information.
" Accountant Genl. to the Mily. Dept. of the Govt. of India.

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The Magistrate of Coimbatore.