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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,  
13th April 1864.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 144. From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 10th March 1864, No. 23.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Government Order, dated 3rd instant, No. 307, and respectfully to state that I cannot modify the opinion I expressed in July 1862, against the removal of the European troops from Calicut.

2. I am happy to bear testimony to the very satisfactory progress that has been made in organizing the new Police, but a year and a half is but a short period in the history of a body of men; and I think it would be expecting too much to suppose that they would efficiently supply the place of regular troops for some years to come, should circumstances occur calling for the operation of the latter.

3. No improvement, material enough to affect the question, has taken place in the means of communication, in the part of the District to be considered, since July 1862.

No. 145. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kotigheri, 28th March 1864, No. 619.

General Department.

With reference to Government Order, No. 307, dated 3rd March 1864, I have the honor to state that I do not think that the detachments of Europeans at either Calicut or Maliapuum should be withdrawn.

2. They are wanted for exigencies with which, should they occur, no bodies composed of natives, be they Military or Constabulary, can deal with certainty and effect.

3. I am not clear whether my opinion is required on the subject of the letter of the Adjutant

General noted in the margin; but I venture to

No. 312, dated 22nd February 1864.

submit one. It is, I deem, quite unnecessary to locate a party of Royal Artillery at Malia-

purom. They are not required, and the measure will sooner or later involve a large charge on the State. I will sketch the history of the howitzers now at Maliapuum. When Major Haly began to organize the *Shibandi* corps at Maliapuum, he mooted the advisability of having mountain howitzers in the train of that small Police body. The late Mr. Conolly and local officers, who knew the work that had to be done, and the nature of the country, opposed the measure, as unsuitable and leading to needless expense; however, Major Haly had obtained the opinion (I believe demi-officially) of several Artillery officers, and the measure was sanctioned. A large and needless expense was incurred.

4. I was not in the country when the discussion took place; but I heard of it in England from the late Mr. Conolly, and thoroughly concurred in his views as to the futility of the costly measure.

5. When I became Magistrate of Malabar in 1856, I became more than ever personally impressed with this view; and so soon as the mutiny broke out, I took advantage of the reaction of opinion, in regard to placing Artillery in the hands of Native troops, to obtain the sanction of Government to get rid of the useless and expensive appendage to the Police corps. The ponies, &c. were sold off, and all Civil charges got rid of. As the best thing to be done at the time with the howitzers, they were sent over to the European barracks, with the Artillery men who had been sent to Maliapuum to instruct the Police corps in their use.

6. It appears that these guns have been retained at Maliapuum with a Warrant officer, and four Corporals; in all probability for the instruction of the European detachment in Artillery practice for general service.

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7. If the guns are not required at Maliapurom for this sole purpose of instructing soldiers in the use of Artillery, they are not wanted at all, and should be sent into the Arsenal. I feel assured that if a regular detachment of Artillery be sent to Maliapurom, the next charge will be for reviving the expensive establishment of ponies, with all its contingent charges of saddlery contract, veterinary charge, &c.

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ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1864, No. 514.  
Communicated to the Military Department.  
(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

Exd. J, Tulloch.

*Jud. Department,*

*PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

*And following*

*letter:*

*From the Magistrate of Malabar { Here enter 10<sup>th</sup> March 1862, No. 23 }*

*Inspector General of Police { 28<sup>th</sup> " 619.*

*Order thereon 13<sup>th</sup> April 1864. No. 514.*

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