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[Despatch Abstract.]

VIZAGAPATAM AGENCY.

Approving the action of the Agent in Vizagapatam in regard
to the substitution of mules for elephants for civil purposes.

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 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
 From
 THE AGENT TO THE GOVERNOR
 VIZAGAPATAM

To
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO
 GOVERNMENT MADRAS.

Dated 2nd May
 Despatched do
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No. 453
 ENCLOSURES
 7 MAY 1895
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Forwarding for order Commissioner
 General's letter inquiring if it is
 necessary to maintain four elephants
 at Visianagaram for Civil reasons.
 2.15/5
 2.22/5
 2.23/5
 Taking
 allotment of
 elephants to Visianagaram
 due to decrease AS 16/5
 To be kept
 P. for use in paper
 15/5
 For order

No 7650

Officer of the Commissary General
Madras Command.

Bangalore, 19th April 1895

From

The Commissary General,
Madras Command.

To

The Agent to the Governor,
Visaagpatam District.

Sir,

Five elephants forming part of the Transport
of the Madras District are allotted for the
station of Visaanagram

2. Of this number four are at present
maintained at great expense to the State to
meet transport requirements in the event of
troops being required to aid the Civil power
to put down a rising in the Hill tracts.

3. It is proposed to withdraw the elephants
and to substitute a few mules, in view to
affording the Regiment of Madras Native
Infantry stationed there an opportunity for
practice in transport duties, in loading and
unloading kits &c and in carrying & reserve
ammunition

ammunition and entrenching tools during
field manoeuvres and field firing

4. Before putting this proposal forward
I have the honor to request that you will
kindly inform me whether Government
considers it necessary to maintain any
longer, for civil reasons, the five elephants
referred to.

5. I may add that, in the event of
additional transport being required at any
time with the prospect of the East Coast
Railway being extended to Vidianappam,
mules could be despatched by rail from
Madras or from Bellary via Suntakal
and Bezavada and carts could be
hired locally to meet any emergency.

I have etc

(sd) W Bruce Colonel
Commissionary General

(True Copy)

forward to the General
Mussie

Compd. M

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

In a letter from the Agent to the Governor Vizagapatam to the Chief Secretary to Government No. dated 18

ENCLOSURE No.



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F. D. No. 453
Agency.

VIZAGAPATAM GOVERNOR'S AGENT'S OFFICE,

Dated 25 May 1895.

From

F. D'A. O. WOLFE-MURRAY ESQ^r.

Ag. Agent to the Governor,

Vizagapatam District.

GM
To

THE HONORABLE J. F. PIER,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
Madras.

SIR, I have the honor to forward herewith for the orders of Government copy of Commissioner General's letter No 1650 dated 19th April 1895 inquiring if it is necessary to maintain elephants in Vidianagram to assist the civil authorities.

2. These elephants are kept I suppose in case of trouble arising in the Hill tracts in many parts of which no transport is available if troops had to be sent there.

3. The Gudern country is almost the only part of the District in which we have had to face such troubles occasionally. During the last ten years there were only two ^{risings} ~~risings~~, one of Jammi Lakari of 1886 and the other of Santa Whupati of 1891. On both these occasions the Regiment at Vidianagram was duly warned to be ready but

but never moved. Thus there had been no necessity for the use of the elephants. The Inaharajgs of Vizianagaram and Sypore assisted the civil power with elephants but the stock of these animals now kept by these Potentates is much below what it used to be. If the country is opened up by making good roads and the trade increased, I hope there will be no more disturbances of the sort.

3. The demand for these animals by the civil power at a future date is doubtful.

Now it is proposed to substitute mules for elephants. The former are much more cheaply kept and will form an efficient means of transport in the hill tracts if available in sufficient numbers especially when supplemented by the Agency and local elephants. I have therefore advised the Commissariat officers accordingly, if I am wrong Government will no doubt cancel my advice.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Camp - 11

for Ag Agent to the Governor.
W. A. S.

[AG.]
25.
600-7-5-95.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2302/95.

FOR ORDERS.

I can see no reason why the military elephants should not be replaced by mules. I would not make any change as regards the civil elephants.

W
4/6/95

x I make the remark with regard to the Agency Officers and not with respect to transport for troops. It is hardly likely that Govt. would sanction the keeping of a lot of mules and mulesees for the use of the Agency Officers. As regards the military Dept the case is different. Transport has to be kept up and mules are the animals chiefly used for this. It does not matter whether they are kept at Bellary or Vizianagaram. There seems no need to keep up for military purposes the number of elephants now at Vizianagaram. As horses can be got about and fed in the Malabar easily enough there seems no reason why mules should not be successfully used there for purposes of military transport.

As to whether the substitution of mules in place of elephants may be approved? As observed by the Commission General elephants are no doubt costly to the state; and it may perhaps be now considered whether a supply of these animals is still necessary for the administration of the Agency tracts? I & Mr. M. were of the opinion that there is no doubt of this necessity - vide notes under cover of p. of 16 Nov. 1894, No. 2785, Tully's mis., in the locked file. It is not stated whether mules have ever actually been tried in the Agency tracts - as a means of transport. - If the officer for military needs, it would probably be practicable to replace the civil Agency elephants by mules - at a considerable saving. The question is one, however, which can only be answered by officers who have had considerable experience of the Agency tracts. Mr. Wolfe Murray thinks mule transport practicable. Perhaps Mr. Bullock, Mr. MacLachlan, Mr. Taylor,

W. Elwin - or other officers might
 asked the question. - as to the
 comparative economy of using mules.
 It is a secondary question. The
 Commissariat Dept. is able to
 give information as to the cost of
 purchase & maintenance of mules, &
 the amount of work they can do as
 compared with elephants, & their ordinary
 length of life. -

D
 26-5-95

It might be as well perhaps to make
 the inquiries suggested by the L.S.
 I am not quite sure of my figures
 but I think that an elephant
 load is about 500 lbs. and that
 a mule can carry 180 lbs. If this
 is correct ^{then} mules would be equal
 to the elephant and perhaps for
 instance would require 21 mules
 to carry what 1 elephant
 does. Taking Rs. 45 as the cost
 per month of elephant in this
 district and Rs. 20 as that of the
 keep of a mule (rather too low
 a figure I fear) we get -

Cost of 7 elephants Rs. 315 - p. m.
 " 21 mules 420 " "
 Difference 105 -

Extra cost per annum Rs. 1260.

In Nagapattanam & Godavari the
 difference would be but small
 as the keep of elephants in these
 districts seems much higher.

D
 30/5/95

Elephant
 & Mules?

FOR ORDERS.

My recollection is that a powerful
 elephant will carry more on itself
 than a mule would be quite use-
 ful to carry the entire fly of a large
 tent, which an elephant can
 carry easily. I don't think mules
 would be of any use (for civil purposes)
 & maintained by Govt. - For such
 work as they are of use for pack
 animals, bullocks & ponies, can
 be got locally, unless I am much
 mistaken -

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The Agent's action is approved.

(For order)

13/6/95

To The Agent to the Govt. in Nagapattanam & Godavari M.S.

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