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[Despatch Abstract.]

VIZAGAPATAM AGENCY. *Elephant*

Approving the proposal of the Agent in Vizagapatam to purchase an elephant to replace Diana, an animal attached to the establishment of the Senior Assistant Agent, as also his action in having sanctioned from Government funds a reward of Rs. 25 to the Mahout.

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J. F. D. No. 8
Agency.

CURRENT NO. 2661
VIZAGAPATAM GOVERNOR'S AGENT'S OFFICE.

Dated 10th February 1895.

From

F. D'A. G. WOLFE-MURRAY Esq^r.

Ag. Agent to the Governor,

Vizagapatam District.

To

THE HONORABLE J. H. Price

Chief Secretary to Government

Judicial Department Madras.

Sir,

Referring to Government
Order No. 187 dated 29th January
last, I have the honor to state
that in the middle of 1891,
Surat Tammal one of the elephants
attached to the Special Assistant
Agent's office being found in-
capable of doing any satisfactory
work, his sale was suggested
in this office letter no 776 dated
1st September 1891 to Government
and a substitute asked for.

This

80 1954
19-9-91.

This The Government sanctioned
in Government Order No. 1954
dated 19th September 1891.

2. Again early in 1892, Manoda,
the elephant attached to the
Principal Assistant Agents
office was found useless and
Mr Willock in his letter No. 50
dated 22nd January 1892 proposed
her sale and the Government
sanctioned it in Government
Order No. 293 dated 15th February
1892.

3. Since then Mr Willock was
making enquiries to find trained
ones to replace them and
provided Rs 5000 in his budget
estimate of charges for 1893-94,
but this item was curtailed in
The

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vide para. 64
G.O. 12 Dec. 1892
No. 1352 Final.

The sanctioned budget, and the
High Court said in its letter
No. 1002 dated 7th April 1893
that the Government disallowed
the item, stating that funds
would be provided on application
during the course of the year,
if necessity arises. He could
not however succeed in his
attempt and the money was
not therefore applied for.

4. In the meantime the elephant
Manoda referred to in para 2
supra died on the 14th July 1893.
and her death was reported
to Government in Mr Willock's
letter No. 1407 dated 29th Sept.
It was recorded in Government
Order No. 868 dated 10th August
1893.

5. The Government will be ^{pleased} to observe that there have been two vacancies in the elephant staff of this Agency, and on my joining the district I found that the Jeypore State was also in need of four elephants. I therefore cast about to procure elephants all over India, and addressed the marginally-noted officers for elephants, but none had any. I thereupon sent a notice for publication in the "Asian" Calcutta and the "Pioneer," inviting applications from persons who may wish to offer their elephants for sale, but the advertisements had no effect. Meanwhile I learnt only on November 2^d that the

Forest

1. Superintendent Field Operations, Jeypore.
2. Asst. Elephant Keeping Operations, Jeypore.
3. District Forest Officer, Bala Samund.
4. District Forest Officer, North Malabar.
5. District Forest Officer, South Malabar.
6. Chief Commissionerial Officer, all above.

Yes: but the sale of elephants at the Jeypore Fair is apparently a matter of notoriety, & the Dist. Officer might have made enquiries months before.

D
S.S.

So. No. 94 N°
2785

Yes, it was necessary in this case under the circumstances for this reason no remark has been made in the R.O.

16th Nov.
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S.S.

Forest Department has obtained the sanction of Government for the deputation of Mr. Battie, the District Forest Officer, Ganjam to attend the Jeypore elephant fair held from 8th November onwards. I then placed myself in correspondence with him, and on his application for the supply of immediate funds I wired to Government on the 12th and 15th November 1894 (it is I think obvious a wire was necessary for it was not till the 9th November that he told me to place funds at his credit) for the sanction of Rs 3200 for purchasing two elephants to replace Surat Jammal and Manoda referred to above, and the sanction of Government was conveyed to me in its telegram dated 16th Idem, but as a fact

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The Sonpur Commission also failed,
the prices demanded at the fair
being too high.

6. Later on I received on the
25th December 1894 a notice
from the Superintendent Mysore
Hedder that an auction will
be held on the 14th and 15th
January 1895 exposing elephants
for sale. I then selected in
the list some numbers which
the Superintendent reserved for
me. I therefore sent a mahout
of mine to bid for such
elephants as he might think
fit for our purposes and he
has done so now. I may here
note that my letter noted in
para 2 of the Government
Order under reply was sent
out without my concurrence I
being

The fact should
have been stated in
the letter of 18th
January

* not natural

The Dist. Magistrate
makes a mistake
the letter referred to
in para 2 of the GO.
is the other one
vizt that in which
sanction was sought to
purchase an
animal in lieu
of "Diana"
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Being then far off in camp; it
should have been confined to
a mere report of the death of
the elephant Surat jammal, and
should not have asked for
sanction as sanction had already
been given. I regret the mistake.
7. While the matters were thus
going on the Senior Assistant
Agent reported that the elephant
attached to his office was very
old, and would probably soon
die and requested that it might
be exchanged. At the same time
the Special Assistant Agent reported
that Surat jammal referred to
in para 1 Supra died on the
12th December 1894.

8. The uselessness of the former
was reported in my letter No 11
and the death of the latter in
letter No 12 both dated 18th January
1895. Sanction of Government by
wire

not supra
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The Dist. Magistrate

X in 80 929.1.95 No 187

wire was also asked in the former letter for the purchase of another elephant, in place of the useless "Diana", at the Mysore Keddah, so that I might have the advantage of it being selected by my own mahout, then on the spot, and who had gone there to select two elephants in place of Surat Jamal and Manoda besides those required by the Mysore Estate, and it was necessary to obtain the sanction by wire owing to the number of days which a reply by post between myself and Government and myself and my mahout at Mysore would occupy.

9. The Government will therefore, I trust, see that the mahout has not been sent out to no purpose, as observed in para 2 of the Government Order under reply.

10. As regards para 3 of the Government Order I submit that proposals for replacing "Surat Jamal" and "Manoda" were sanctioned by Government so far back as 1891 and 1892 and every endeavour has since been made to get substitutes. The reason for applying for telegraphic sanction is in my letter NO: 11 dated 18th January last for purchasing an elephant for the Senior Assistant Agent has been given in para 8 above. I trust therefore that Government

may consider that I did exercise some forethought in the matter, for I have succeeded where my predecessors failed. I have procured from Mysore all the elephants required.

11. As Government Order NO: 2255 dated 27th November 1894, was replied to vide this office letter dated 6th February 1895 - T.F. & N. 4

Gen. let a clear instance of want of forethought, it is submitted, is to be found in the telegram proposed in 90. 155. 25.1.95. The remark made by Govt. was of general application rather than special.

CRP 644/95 in
8. 1344 T.D.
24.6.95

I beg that Government may be
pleased to sanction the purchase
of an elephant to replace
"Diana" the animal attached
to the Establishment of the
Senior Assistant Agent.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

O. Wolfe Murray
Ag. Agent to the Governor
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NOTE THE UNDER SECRETARY.

A note is submitted as ordered & the only
of 1344 of 95 has been put up.
In this connection it is noticed that Mr.
Baltus states that he purchased a
young tiger for the Agent to the Govt,
Vizaym, for Rs 3000, is not clear.
vide A. 587 & his note on its back
under cover of 27 24 June 95, no 1344.

to the agent who he asked
Perhaps he was bought
for 137

Draft memo: sub.
for signature. 11-7-95
11-8-95

one of them is in calf, the fact was probably

F. D. No.

575

Agency.

CURRENT No. 2716

VIZAGAPATAM GOVERNOR'S AGENT'S OFFICE.

Dated 28 May 1895.

From

R. Morris

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

Ag. Agent to the Governor,

Vizagapatam District.

To

THE HONORABLE

J. J. Prie.

Chief Secretary to Government

Judicial Department
Madras.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter F.D. No. 8 dated 10th February last, I have the honor to report that the ellahout whom I sent to Mysore to purchase the two elephants required for this Agency returned here on the 10th instant having been successful in securing the best sort of elephants. His commission extended to buy two more for the Mysore Estate which is prepared to contribute half the charge of his trip.

2. Mr Wolfe-Murray left the following note about these elephants. "Elephants have arrived in splendid condition and do much credit to ellahout Karim Sahib that he should have secured such fine animals. Three out of them are of the very highest caste of elephants, stout short-legged and straight-backed and the fourth is little inferior to them. They are better shaped for baggage purposes than any elephant I have seen in the District. One of them is in calf, the fact was probably

unknown

"unknown when it was brought. It is destined for the
 "Jayspore Estate where this 'unearned increment' should
 "do well both in its embryo state and after its birth.
 "The mother will not calve probably for another 16 months
 "but it may be sooner. Two years is the period of an
 "elephants' gestation"

3. The elephant left Basaler Railway Station on the
 20th March, arrived at Beiravada on the 26th idam by rail
 and here on the 10th Instant by road.

4. The following particulars are given for the information
 of Government regarding the elephants brought down.

Number on the Maddala List	Name of the elephant as given by Mr Wolfe Murray	Age	approximate height		Cost	How disposed of	Remarks
			feet	inches			
7	Lakshmi	21	7	10	1000	Given to the Special Assistant Agent in place of Surat Jamel	
9	Barbara	29	8	3	1000	Given to the Assistant Agent in place of Manoda.	
12	Susan	18	7	10	1000		
52	Stella	21	8	1	1200	Jayspore Estate	With calf. Is troublesome

5. The total cost of bringing down these elephants is
 Rs 2099. 6. 8 of which a half is borne by the Jayspore
 Estate and the net charge for Agency elephants is
 below the sanctioned amount of Rs 3200 vide
 Government

2000 Rs cost
 1050
 3050 Rs

Government Order No 2785 dated 16th November 1894.

6. In conclusion I beg to state that Mr Wolfe-
 Murray sanctioned a reward of Rs 50 (Rs 25 from the
 funds of the Jayspore Estate and Rs 25 from the Government
 funds) to the Mahout for the excellent condition he has
 brought the animals in and for the very excellent
 selection he has made and noted that he has never
 seen better shaped animals anywhere. I request
 that his action may be approved.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Agt. Agent to the Governor.

W. D. C.

Copied by S. P. S.
 Compd. S. R.

Judicial Depto
CURRENT NO. 27/16

From
The Agent to the Government
Vizagapatam District

To
Chief Secretary
Government,
Madras.

Dated 22nd } May 1895
Despd 28 }
Recd 30 }
No: 575
Enclosure. 8cl.

Reporting on the arrival of
elephants from Mysore

MR 27
NO 57

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265 8-4-95 Pub (confly)
187: 29.1.95 mis
papers.

Cus 2661 + 2716/95.
Dy 22nd July 1895 No 1531

Order
mis.

DESPATCH

The Agent's proposal to purchase an elephant to replace "Diana" attached to the establishment of the Senior Asst Agent, as also his action in having sanctioned a reward of Rs 25 (from the Govt funds) to the mahout is approved.
2. The actual cost of the elephant should be reported for the information of Govt.
(forwarded) 25/7/95

Note: This order is to be put in the file.

To The Agent to the Govt in Vizagapatam
" Asst. General ...

MR 5.7.95

NOTE: No 1344 of June 95 is kept in the Press.

H. L.
Please return to me to show to go with ref to the slip attached.
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25.45.
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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

C. No 2661 of 95 } from the Agent to the Govt.
.. 2716 } in Vizagapatam.

FOR ORDERS.

These papers relating to the purchase of elephants for the Vizagapatam Agency were delayed on account of go of 24 June 1895, n. 1344, Tudd, the original of which was available only on the 10th inst.

* Though dated 10th February it was not received till 30th May, being submitted in place of a letter cancelled in manuscript language 3/12/7

In the first of the currents read above, Mr. Wolfe Murray explains, in reply to go of 29 Jan'y 95 n. 187, T.D., that he procured from Mysore 2 elephants for replacing "Surat Tawal" and "Kauoda" as sanctioned by Govt in go of 19 Sept. 91 n. 1954 + 15 Feb'y. 92, n. 293, Tudd, + requests sanction for the purchase of another to replace "Diana" the animal attached to the establishment of the Senior Asst Agent of which he spoke in his letter (n. 252) in go. 187^{that it} 29.1.95^{was very old and will probably die}.

In the second current, Mr. Morris, the Agent, furnishes particulars as to the names, age + cost of the elephants purchased (from the Mysore Khedwas) by the mahout reported by Mr. Hodge Murray. He quotes Mr. Wolfe Murray's

the effect
 that the elephants arrived in splendid condition to
 the credit of the mahant & states that the net-
 charge for the 2 animals is only about Rs 3050, ^{Rs} i.e.
 below the sanctioned amount of Rs 3200.

As Mr. Wolfe Murray appears to have
 sanctioned a reward of Rs 50 (Rs 25 from Treas-
 ure funds & Rs 25 from Prov. funds) to the
 mahant for the excellent condition he brought the
 animals in & for the very excellent selection he
 made, the Agent's action ^{in this respect} has also to be
 approved. Perhaps the draft order on back of the current
 will suffice?

12-7-95
 1877/95

V. S. P. Agency
 Eleph.

FOR ORDERS.

for the same mahant also purchased
 elephants for the state.

HON'BLE MEMBER.

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