

judicial (189) Department.

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G.O., No. 1071.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Generalists Recording letter from
P. G. Madras Command post
certain cases in which regard
by the police and the depots
firing on a gang of Maravans
with the*

Disturbances-Civil

343
Camp Alanculan

14th June 1899.

No.4

From

Lieut. H. V. Firth

Commanding Detachment 27th Madras Infantry.

To

Deputy Adjutant General,

Madras Command-

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I arrived at Alanculan at 7 A.M. after travelling all night.

2. Two wounded men brought in from neighbouring villages were attended to by my ward orderly.

3. Found the roofs of several huts removed to prevent them catching fire; and most of the valuables buried in the fields.

4. The collector and Mr. Deane, District Superintendent of Police are here.

5. News having been received that a village was being attacked, the above officers and myself with 10 Rifles started at 11 a.m. for the scene.

On seeing some rioters, with collector's permission, I rode on to reconnoitre and came upon about 700 running away. I galloped ahead of them and forced them to turn in the collector's direction, but they reached a village on the way before him. With his permission I rode through the village and saw several rioters disappear into the houses. I then galloped beyond the village and tried to secure two prisoners but they escaped by swimming a tank.

I had previously captured one man, and in trying to deprive him of his stick and knife, received a gash on my right hand.

38 prisoners were taken altogether.

6. The men (27th M.I.) behaved

no sleep, and had marched about from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

7. Marched with collector, District Superintendent of Police and 9 Rifles for Alanculan at 11 p.m.

8. Copies of this report have been sent to the Adjutant General in India, Assistant Adjutant General Southern District, and to the Officer Commanding Trichinopoly.

I have, etc.,

Sd. H.V. Firth. Lieut:

Comdg. Dett. 27th M.I.

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No. 490-

This report had to be entirely rewritten ^{and} considerably ~~and~~ curtailed.

Trichinopoly

21-6-99

Sd. R.F. Clothier
Lieut-Colonel,

Commanding Trichinopoly-

*The copies -
G. Simpson W. B. L.
Sdg.*

Disturbances-Civil

Camp Surandai

16th June 1899.

No. 6

From

Lieut. H.V. Firth

Commanding Dett. 27th Madras Infantry.

To

The Deputy Adjutant General

Madras Command.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that 10 rifles arrived this morning at 9.45 from Pallamcottah.

2. A report arrived that some ⁵⁰⁰⁰ ~~thousand~~ rioters, some armed with guns, were moving about the District destroying property. The Collector, District Superintendent of Police and myself with 12 rifles proceeded at 10.30 a.m. to visit the villages and get information. At one village we heard that the rioters were making off across country and the collector asked me to ride round the village (Subruayapuram) they were making for to prevent any one leaving it. I saw several people, some arrived with sticks and iron implements running away and made two prisoners. The District Superintendent of Police ~~here~~ joined me. In the village the excitement was intense - men and women were ^{being} unmercifully beaten and there was much difficulty in restoring order - some 20 rioters were captured.

My party after marching several miles, had to double across nearly 2 miles of broken ground, over high embankments, through wet paddy fields and nalas - the men got somewhat separated in doing this, but it was the only way to prevent the rioters from getting away - although dispersed, the men behaved ~~colly~~ but I am not disposed to try the experiment again.

3. The Detachment ^{marched} and doubled all day over a roadless country, and did not return to quarters till 10.30 p.m.

4. This report

I have etc .,
Sd. H.V.Firth - Lieut.
Comdg. Dett. 27th M.I.

No.492-

II

Lieut. Firth's original report had to be entirely re-written.

2. He has been informed by telegram that I do not approve of attempting to use Infantry ~~as~~ Cavalry or Mounted Infantry- and what happened on this occasion seems to prove conclusively the desirability of having some cavalry out as already suggested by me.

Trichinopoly

21-6-99

Sd. R.F.Clothier
Lieut-Colonel.

Commanding at Trichinopoly-

*True copies
G. Simpson M.G.
D.A.G.*

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Tinnevely District

22nd June 1899, 9.p.m.

From

Captain F.N. Burton

Commanding Dett. 27th M.I.

To

The Deputy Adjutant General,
Madras Command.

Sir

I have the honour to report that all has been quiet here during the past 24 hours.

The health of the Detachment is good and supplies &c continue to be satisfactory.

The Deputy Magistrate has requested me to send 6 rifles with him tomorrow to assist him and the police in surrounding and searching some neighbouring villages before daybreak.

I still carry out the day and night patrolling of the town as before reported.

Col. Havildar Lutchmayya Commanding the detachment of 21 rifles at Sangarainakoil, reports in a letter dated 20th June that by order of Superintendent of Police, 8 rifles of the detachment left to accompany a party of 16 police to Neelinellur a distance of $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

En route a party of 4 sepoys and 8 police was detached to go to a village called Koilangodam the remainder arriving at Neelinellur at 6.30 a.m.

There were 40 Muravars there who came out and attacked them with sticks, swords, and stones.

The party fired 6 rounds, killing one man and wounding one and took 18 prisoners, the remainder escaping into the jungle.

There were no casualties in the sepoy-police party.

I have &c

Sd. F.N. Burton Captain,
Comdg. Dett. 27th M.I.

to
India,
Madr. Dt.,
Trichinopoly-

True copy

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From the No. dated 189
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H. M. C.

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an incident
 if it had happened by
 and demand immediate
 investigation -
 The persons given by Capt. R.
 only given to Magistrate T
 and officers -

and have to prove that they find
 force or the law not protect them -
 the papers shd. be sent to
 with instructions to take special
 note of the same

Submitted for information
 The report of the men,
 is the only one of much
 importance as it shows
 that the party of 4 men
 and 8 horses fired and
 hurrahs and took
 place in the fashion
 open warfare.

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that an inquest was held on the
body as required by Sec 174
C.P.C. -

H.S.

29-6-99 -

Except when acting in self-
defence the sepoys have no
justification in using their
arms unless under orders of
a magistrate or a Command
Officer. As to the number
of sepoys acting under the
night or an officer I do not
know the Mr. Conant & others.
by fixing a minimum, but
expect let the local authorities
decide that, merely insisting
on presence of a magistrate or
Com. Officer.

MA 29.6.99.

In this case, it seems to me that the party of 4
sepoys and eight Police acted in good faith, in self-
defence, in pursuance of the provisions of the
Criminal Code, Sec. 130 of the C.P.C. & 7

as in my opinion, and I think I am, there
was no offence committed under Sec. 132 (a), nor is there
any offence committed on officers.

with the Timorously. Mr. Hambrick, to
whom we have given full powers, knows
the law, and he is for the law with all his
heart & soul. I should trust in his
using his powers with discretion and in
accordance with law. Any special
instruction, given now, might have the
effect of making the Police troops out
of the state of mind and independent decision,
when decision might be of the first
importance. Mr. Hambrick, in his
of the 29th Inst. remarks that if the
Police had fired, we could not have
the situation as it was.

The situation was
I think, in the present,
as it was.

The Police did not
interfere with the
sepoys, and I think
they were successful, and I
think they were justified in
interfering with the
sepoys.

Am. Mr. A. M. M. M.

Am. Mr. W. M. M. M.

Am. Mr. M. M. M. M.

I agree with H.E. that a
good case can be made out
for the sepoys & Police in
this case that they acted
in self defence. But the
question would still arise
Why were they without an
officer or a magistrate in
situation where they were
likely to have to make use
of arms.

It appears to me that
where the law can
be applied with, especially
in grave matters as
use of lethal weapons
the military or the
Police, it would not
be justified in ^{allowing} ~~breaking~~

to be broken
present, I can see
no fault in compliance
with the law, for Govt.
a dozen magistrates

Such Magistrate must be a
person of some judgment
discretion and I don't
see that the material
is available -
If the appointment of
qualified had been

And if any Sepoys are
killed there will be the
further question why were
they sent out in such
small parties as to
invite attack? & this is a
very serious question.

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accompanied by
Perhaps it will be enough
to send a copy of the
correspondence to Mr. Hamrick,
to say with ref. to the require-
ments of the Code of Crim.
etc. additional Magistrates
to be created if he thinks
necessary to accompany
of repro when a Comm. officer is not available
MA 30.6.99.

I don't see where the individuals are
to be got whom we could trust
to exercise proper magisterial
discretion - If the mag.
I am prepared to accept - are wanted - wh.
H.E.'s opinion that we are wanted - wh.
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