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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 19th April 1859.

No. 27. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Military Department under date the 8th April 1859, No. 1358.

(Vide Diary to Military Consultation, 12th April 1859, Nos. 63 at 71.)

(Communicating the arrangements for the employment of Her Majesty's Steamer "Punjab," and for the conveyance to Calcutta of the horses for the Bengal Stud purchased by Colonel Dickey.)

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 143; dated 18th April 1859.

To be Recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 1358.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 8th April 1859.

Read letter from the Superintendent of Studs, on special duty Madras, 6th April 1859, No. 41; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department.

As it is desirable that the Horses purchased in this Presidency for the Bengal Stud, should be sent round to Calcutta with as little delay as possible, so as to admit of their reaching their destination (Buxar) before the setting in of the rainy season, I beg that you will obtain the authority of the Honorable the Governor in Council for these Horses being sent on the Steamer "Governor Higginson," (now in the Madras roads) to Calcutta.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine for immediate report, with reference to Minutes of Consultation 5th April 1859, No. 1289.

6th April 1859.

From the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 6th April 1859, No. 1432; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation 5th instant No. 1289, communicating the sanction of the Supreme Government to the employment of the "Punjab" in towing the "Louisiana" from Madras to Rangoon, and to state that the "Tubal Cain" will probably be at Madras again by the end of the month.

From the Superintendent of Marine, 6th April 1859, No. 1438; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to inform you in reply to the reference of to-day's date on the letter from Colonel E. J. Dickey, requesting that arrangements might be made for the dispatch of his Horses to Calcutta by the Steamer "Governor Higginson," that the Agents of that vessel are in negotiation with private parties for the passage of from 150 to 200 Horses by her, and that it is not likely she will be available for the transport of any for Government.

2. Colonel Dickey called at my Office yesterday regarding this matter, and I put myself in communication with the Agents of the Steamer, with the view to secure passage for his Horses; but as the Telegram from the Supreme Government respecting the "Punjab's" movements had not then been received, I could not finally close with them and this morning other offers interfered.

From the Commander of Her Majesty's Steamer Punjab, Indian Navy, 7th April 1859; to the Military Secretary, Madras.

I beg to forward for the information of the Distribution Returns Nos. 16 and 17, and Right Honorable the Governor, the papers as per margin, and to request instructions regarding the men and Guns—they will of course

be very much in the way, should the "Punjab" be required to take Troops to Rangoon.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine, who will report without delay on the best manner of disposing of the Troops and Stores in question.

7th April 1859.

From the Superintendent of Marine, 7th April 1859, No. 1454; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your official Memorandum of yesterday's date, notifying the omission in my letter of same date, No. 1432, of information on the subject of the service required of the "Punjab," and to express my regret that this should have been overlooked.

2. The Steamer "Sydney" having been ordered from Calcutta to Rangoon to bring away all the sick and to tow an elephant Ship to Cocanada, it will not be necessary that the "Punjab" should return to Madras, unless there should be more sick details than could be conveniently accommodated in the first named vessel. I would therefore suggest that the instructions given to the Commander of the "Punjab" should be, 1st to receive a full complement of Troops at Madras for Rangoon—2ndly, to take the "Louisiana" in tow and carry her to that Port; and 3rdly, to place himself in communication with the Senior Officer in command at Rangoon and take his instructions as to returning to Madras or proceeding on to Calcutta.

3. I would likewise suggest that the Senior Officer at Rangoon be informed that the "*Sydney*" has been ordered to that Port for the express purpose of bringing over sick details; that she can accommodate between 300 and 350 (she can take 600 effectives) and that if there are a sufficient number of other serious cases to render it advisable, in his estimation, to employ the "*Punjaub*" in conveying them to Madras, he should at once order her to return. The Commander of the "*Punjaub*" has mentioned that he has a few East Indian Soldiers and some Guns on board for Calcutta. The former had better be landed here and be re-embarked in the "*Punjaub*" on her return, or in the "*Tubal Cain*," if she does not return. The latter might be left on board.

4. The Government in the Marine Department have decided that the Engineers of the "*Dalhousie*" shall remain on board.

5. I do not anticipate a lengthened passage to the "*Tubal Cain*" if she leaves Madras under sail for Calcutta at the end of this month, or the beginning of the next. She will have the southerly winds and will probably be up as soon as with the Steamer to tow her. There is therefore no necessity for the "*Punjaub*" returning expressly for her.

The Governor in Council is pleased to approve of the following arrangements, for the employment of H. M.'s Steamer "*Punjaub*," which vessel has been placed at the disposal of this Government.

2. Commander Foulston will receive a full complement of Troops for Rangoon, and proceed with the Transport "*Louisiana*" in tow to that Port, communicating with the Officer in Command there, from whom he will receive instructions, whether to return to Madras, or to proceed direct to Calcutta.

3. The military details at present on board the "*Punjaub*" will be landed immediately, and with the sanction of the Honorable the Governor, will remain under the orders of the Town Major of Fort Saint George, (in tents pitched on the Light House Esplanade) until required either for re-embarkation on the "*Punjaub*" on her return, or on the "*Tubal Cain*," in the event of the former Vessel proceeding to Calcutta direct from Rangoon.

4. The Guns referred to in the foregoing correspondence being retained on board the "*Punjaub*," until her eventual arrival at Calcutta.

5. With regard to the conveyance of the horses purchased for the Bengal Stud, the Governor in Council observes from the report of the Superintendent of Marine, that freight for them by the "*Governor Higginson*" Steamer not being procurable, they must be detained at Madras until the return of the "*Tubal Cain*" from Quilon about the end of the current month, when that Vessel will be placed at Colonel Dickey's disposal for their conveyance to Calcutta, and when from the prevailing southerly winds, a rapid passage may be expected.

6. Ordered that the foregoing arrangements be reported for the information of the Government of India, and that copies of the order and of the Superintendent of Marine's report,* be communicated to the Officer Commanding at Rangoon for information and guidance.

7. The necessary instructions will also be communicated to Commander Foulston for his guidance.

8. Ordered that the following letters be dispatched.

To the Officer Comg. H. M.'s Steamer "*Punjaub*." | Here enter 8th April 1859, No. 1359.

To the Secy. to the Government of India, Mily. Dept. | " 8th do. " " 1360.

To the Officer Commanding Rangoon. | " 8th do. " " 1361.

(True Extract and Copies.)

To the Quarter Master General.

" Adjutant General, for information.

" Marine Department.

" Superintendent of Marine.

" Commander Foulston.

" Town Major.

" Officer Commanding at Rangoon.

" Colonel E. J. Dickey.

" Military Auditor General.

" Accountant General.

" Commissary General.

" Auditor Commissariat Accounts.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

Ag. Secretary to Government.

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