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(Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 2nd December 1861, Nos. 23 & 27.)

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F: Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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6. Looking at the past interruptions connected with the steam communication to the Eastward, it will probably be found that the Burmah Steam Company's vessels would afford better opportunities to the Madras Government for relieving the Native Soldiers in Pegu, than they have hitherto had by means of the Government Steamers. I understand that a Contract has recently been entered into with that Company for performing this service; and under proper

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of their duty, and the distance to which each man was detached; the number of sick, the number of Detachments, and the places at which they were located; and the number of Guards and Sentries supplied by these Detachments, as well as the total number of absentees and of employed men; the number of men sent back to the Coast and of men sent to rejoin Corps to the Eastward, and the number of men who died, those who were invalided or pensioned.

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I have the honor to inform you that Messrs. Dymes and Co., have requested to be informed, for communication to their principals, Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., of Calcutta, whether it is the intention of Government to renew the Rangoon Mail Contract which will expire in January next. The Proceedings of Government of the 26th ultimo, No. 335, lead me to conclude that there is no intention of continuing the Contract, but as this is not expressly stated, I solicit instructions to guide me in furnishing reply to the application.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1861, No. 287.

The Superintendent of Marine is informed that the Government do not intend to renew the Rangoon Mail Contract with Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER, No. 4383, *2nd December* 1861.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Government of India be communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for remark, with reference to Proceedings of Government No. 856, of 5th March last, and in view to Government being furnished [illegible] as possible, with the [illegible] January 1859, and with the several Tabular Statements called for in paragraph 4. [illegible]

2. Major General Budd will, in the meantime, favor Government with his views as to the best means of effecting the reliefs of Native Troops serving in Pegu—and of the sick whenever necessary.

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4. The Military Finance Department seem disposed to prefer the employment of the Burmah Steam Company's vessels to that of Government Steamers on this service.

5. Meanwhile a copy of the foregoing Minute by His Excellency the President and of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India, with a request that this Government may be favored with early information on Queries 1 and 2 of His Excellency's Minute.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 2nd December 1861, No. 4384.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
,, Quarter Master General.
,, Dy. Adjt. Genl. H. M.'s British Forces.
,, Marine Department.
,, Superintendent of Marine.
,, Controller of Military Finance.
,, Commissary General,.....
,, Principal Inspector General Medical Dept., } for information.
,, Inspector General of Ordnance,.....

Exd. T. Stubbs.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 4384.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 171, dated 5th November 1861, I am directed to forward for submission to the Governor General of India in Council, copy of a Minute by His Excellency Sir William Denison, on the suggestion of the Military Finance Department, that arrangements should be made with the Burmah Steam Company, for the employment of larger vessels between the Eastern Coast and Rangoon for the purpose of facilitating the relief of Troops serving in Pegu, and to request that this Government may be favored with early information on Queries 1 and 2 in paragraph 5 thereof.

2. I am also to append copy of the Proceedings of Government on the papers referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to solicit attention to the fact, that the existing Contract with the Burmah Steam Company will expire in January next.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd December 1861.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 5th November 1861, *No.* 171 : *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

With reference to your letter No. 856 A, dated 5th March 1861, I am directed to transmit, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, Extract* from the Report of the Military Finance Department, No. 530 A, dated 31st July last, referring to the Minute of His Excellency the late Commander-in Chief at Madras, and to the means of preserving the health and efficiency of the Troops occupying Pegu.

* *Paragraphs* 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 *and* 12.

2. My letter No. 110, dated 4th September last, transmitted copy of letter from this Department, No. 1064, dated 30th September 1856, which extended to the Madras Presidency the indulgence granted in that of Bengal, of free passages and rations on board to the families of European and Native Troops proceeding on foreign service of a nature admitting of the former accompanying them : but I am to request that the Government of Fort Saint George may be moved to take into consideration the best measures for keeping the Corps on service in Pegu complete, and facilitating their prompt relief when so sick as to require sick leave to the Provinces, as suggested in paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 10 of Colonel Balfour's letter.

3. The suggestions in the other paragraphs of the same letter, relative to the retention in the Provinces of such men of any Corps ordered to Pegu as may seem likely to fall sick, seem worthy of attention ; and the course indicated is probably already to some extent followed. His Excellency the Governor General in Council will be glad to be favored with the review by the Government of Madras, of the state of the Troops in Pegu and Tenasserim, from January 1859 to the present time, with the separate statements of each Corps referred to in paragraph 12 of the letter, as early as convenient.

4. I am also, in connection with this subject, to express the approval of His Excellency the Governor General in Council in the proposals of Major General Carthew, Commanding Pegu Division, to complete the reductions in that Division, as communicated in your letter No. 2391, dated 12th July last, and its annexures. His Excellency in Council considers the results attained very satisfactory.

Extract of a letter from the Chief of the Military Finance Department, Calcutta, 31st July 1861, *No.* 530 *A ; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.*

Paragraph 5. I also submit that, as comparatively few of the Regiments in Pegu have been made up, by volunteering, to the full strength of 800 Privates, as contemplated, it would

be advisable to solicit the attention of the Madras Government to the necessity of keeping the Regiments in that Presidency always complete to the full authorised strength of at least 600 Privates, instead of being (as formerly) often below that strength, or at least far below that number of efficient men, by reason of the many sick Sepoys being kept in Hospital with the Head Quarters of their Regiments. I am aware of the great importance of bringing away sick Soldiers from Pegu as soon as the Medical Officer reports the removal to be necessary, but I equally appreciate the importance of men being sent to replace the Soldiers so withdrawn. It has been deemed a just cause of complaint that hitherto the Madras Government have not been granted the means for carrying out the reliefs, owing to the Steamers specially intended for the service of the Madras Government being constantly withdrawn by Bengal or Bombay for services unconnected with the Madras Army. It would, therefore, be advisable, if Transports were afforded to the Madras Government for maintaining the Regiments to the eastward at all times, in an efficient state, and for keeping up a constant communication with the Garrisons furnished by the Madras Army to the Eastern Settlements.

6. Looking at the past interruptions connected with the steam communication to the Eastward, it will probably be found that the Burmah Steam Company's vessels would afford better opportunities to the Madras Government for relieving the Native Soldiers in Pegu, than they have hitherto had by means of the Government Steamers. I understand that a Contract has recently been entered into with that Company for performing this service; and under proper arrangements I think this will in the end be found to be the most economical way of keeping up communication between the East Coast and Moulmein and Rangoon. It is true that the vessels at present employed by the Burmah Company are small and not well adapted for moving Soldiers, especially those who are sick; but I have no doubt that a larger subsidy would enable the Company to bring out superior and more suitable vessels, especially if, in addition to the carrying of Soldiers, the emigration of laborers to Pegu be encouraged.

7. With a view, however, to prevent sickness among the Troops in Burmah, and thus diminish the number of transfers to the Madras Coast, I would submit to Government the importance of relieving the Soldiers stationed to the Eastward from all detached duties and guards. These and other precautions would, I anticipate, pave the way to a further reduction of the Forces maintained in Burmah; and in reference to the opinion pronounced by His Excellency, Lieutenant General Sir P. Grant, that the reductions in the Garrisons to the Eastward are unsafe, I submit that the Force still maintained there is nearly quadruple that which fought the last action of the first Burmese war, which terminated in the peace of Yandaboo. The strength still maintained in these Provinces appears exceedingly large, when viewed in connection with the population an area of the country; and as Government have also resolved that this Force shall be maintained in the most efficient state, by the full strength being kept at all times complete and ready for service, employed only as Soldiers, (not as Police) and freed from all those detached duties which fritter away an Army and injure its discipline, I, with deference, submit that the Force now in Pegu will, under these conditions, be found more than ample for the country. Moreover, with the aid of the Telegraph now connecting Rangoon and Calcutta, the rapidity with which reinforcements could be supplied in an emergency, is another element of strength. The results to be expected from opening out trade with Ava and China, and the increased prosperity of the people of our own Provinces, ought to be taken into consideration, when looking at the difference in strength between the present Force and the much larger one proposed by His Excellency Sir Patrick Grant. The practicability of adopting efficient measures for maintaining the Soldiers of a small force in health, should also be considered; for these measures can always be applied with more ease and with less expense to a small than to a large Army.

8. I also advise that the proposals set forth in the letter of the Secretary to Government of Madras, No. 2540, dated 1st October 1856, respecting the families of Soldiers, should be made a part of the Foreign service scheme of the Madras Army, and the order regularly made known to the Soldiers. The indulgence of half rations to Soldiers' families on boardship should also be conceded, and I also advise that ten rations a month be allowed to each Soldier who takes his family with him to Pegu or to the Straits. I am not sanguine as to the result of this measure, but, whether it has the effect of inducing Soldiers to take their families to the Eastern Settlements or not, it may be deemed worthy of consideration, and tried under the most favorable arrangements.

9. I would also advise that care should be taken to exclude from Regiments proceeding on Foreign service, all sickly men afflicted with scrofulas or scurvey, as also the young, raw, or weakly lads lately enlisted, unless they be considered likely to fill out and not suffer from the climate. I would also advise that all Soldiers sent away from Pegu sick, be invariably ordered back as soon as recovered, and that men returning on leave with sick Soldiers should also be ordered to rejoin promptly.

10. The Madras Government should also be enjoined to take measures to keep the Regiments complete with really efficient Soldiers, up to the established strength, whether that be fixed at 600, 700 or 800, and finally that the measures adopted to give effect to the above arrangements be fully detailed and reported on.

12. The best explanation of the importance of the reductions would be a review by the Government of Madras of the state of the Troops in Pegu and Tenasserim, on the 1st or 15th of each month, from January 1859 up to the present date, in order to show the exact strength of each Corps on these dates. When this review is made, the Government of Madras might furnish the Supreme Government with tabular statements, showing the strength of the whole force, as well as the strength in each Regiment and at each Station in detail. The statement of each Corps, whether Artillery, Infantry or Sappers, should show distinctly the number of men efficient and available for duty, and of those actually off duty; the number of men on guard, the nature of their duty, and the distance to which each man was detached; the number of sick, the number of Detachments, and the places at which they were located; and the number of Guards and Sentries supplied by these Detachments, as well as the total number of absentees and of employed men; the number of men sent back to the Coast and of men sent to rejoin Corps to the Eastward, and the number of men who died, those who were invalided or pensioned.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, Madras, 20th November 1861, No. 3262; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to inform you that Messrs. Dymes and Co., have requested to be informed, for communication to their principals, Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., of Calcutta, whether it is the intention of Government to renew the Rangoon Mail Contract which will expire in January next. The Proceedings of Government of the 26th ultimo, No. 335, lead me to conclude that there is no intention of continuing the Contract, but as this is not expressly stated, I solicit instructions to guide me in furnishing reply to the application.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1861, No. 387.

The Superintendent of Marine is informed that the Government do not intend to renew the Rangoon Mail Contract with Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Minute by the Honorable the President.

On reference to the Contract with the Firm of Mackinnon Mackenzie and Company, for the conveyance of the Mails and Passengers between Madras and some of the Northern Ports of the Presidency and Rangoon, I find that the Government is bound to pay the Contractor at the rate of 4,500 Rupees for each completed voyage out and Home, together with freight according to certain specified rates for the different classes of Passengers, and it guarantees to the Contractor that there shall be freight and passage money payable by the Government to the extent of at least 3,000 Rupees, so that the amount of the Government expenditure on account of the Company is in fact 7,500 Rupees per month, or 90,000 Rupees annually.

2. The amount it is true, is not very large, still, however, it is worth considering whether, looking to the very great reduction which has taken place in the strength of the Madras Native Troops employed in Burmah, and to the proposed transformation of these into a Local Force, the maintenance of a regular line of Steamers between Madras and Rangoon, by means of a Government subsidy can be necessary.

3. These Steamers are too small to be used for the transport of a Regiment, other provisions would therefore have to be made for conveying the reliefs backward and forward, and, so far as I can gather from the letter of Colonel Balfour, all that the Steamers will have to do, in addition to the conveyance of Mails, will be to convey Invalids backwards and forwards.

4. It appears that there is accommodation on board the existing vessels according to Contract for

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so that in the course of the year, 1,500 men might be carried in each direction as the number of men (Native Troops) in the Station will not exceed $4 \times 800 = 3,200$ men, it would appear to be unnecessary to provide for the transport of nearly half that number annually, I cannot therefore admit the necessity of adopting the suggestion of Colonel Balfour that extra encouragement should be held out to the Company, in the shape of an additional subsidy for a term of years, to induce them to provide larger vessels than are at present found sufficient, or those which have been sufficient during a period when the Native Force in Burmah consisted of ten Regiments.

5. That it would be desirable that laborers should emigrate to Pegu, I am willing to believe—but that Government should provide an expensive Steam Fleet to meet a possible contingency of this kind, appears to me a most unwise arrangement—before the Government can take into consideration the best measures for keeping the Corps on service in Pegu complete, and facilitating their prompt relief when sick, it must be furnished with data upon which to found its calculation,—it must know

1st. What is to be the amount of the Force retained in Pegu.

2nd. Whether the Native portion of this Force is to consist of Madras Troops, or of a Local Force.

3rd. It must have returns of the number of persons requiring to be relieved on account of sickness annually, or an average showing the per centage of men thus absent from their Regiments—when this information is furnished, the Government will be able to form an opinion founded upon reliable data, which at present it is unable to do.

ORDER, No. 4383, *2nd December* 1861.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Government of India be communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for remark, with reference to Proceedings of Government No. 856, of 5th March last, and in view to Government being furnished, as early as possible, with the necessary data for the review of the state of the Troops in Pegu and Tenasserim, from January 1859, and with the several Tabular Statements called for in paragraph 4.

2. Major General Budd will, in the meantime, favor Government with his views as to the best means of effecting the reliefs of Native Troops serving in Pegu—and of the sick whenever necessary.

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4. The Military Finance Department seem disposed to prefer the employment of the Burmah Steam Company's vessels to that of Government Steamers on this service.

5. Meanwhile a copy of the foregoing Minute by His Excellency the President and of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Government of India, with a request that this Government may be favored with early information on Queries 1 and 2 of His Excellency's Minute.

(True Copies.)

Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 4383

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

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Read the following Papers

From the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. Transmitting Extract from the report of the Mily. Finance Dept. regarding the Troops occupying Pegu — Here Entes 5th Nov. 1861, No. 171.

Proceedings of Govt. Marine Dept. Authorizing the Discontinuance of the Mail Contract to Rangoon — " — 23rd " " — 387.

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To the Secy: to the Govt of India
Mily Dept: } Here enter 2nd Decr 1861 No 4384.

(True Extract)

Secretary to Govt

To The Marine Department
with Copy of the President's Minute.

Military Department

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(A true Copy)
J. Marshall C.B.
Secretary to Govt.

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No. 414

Requesting with ref.e to Mar.e Ord.s of Gov.t No. 3879 of 23rd Ultimo that the Opinion of the Bnch.t of Marine may be obtained as to the best means of effecting the reliefs of Native Troops serving in Pegu & of the sick whenever necessary.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, 6th December 1861.

No. 21. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 2nd December 1861, No. 4,383.

Requesting, with reference to Marine Proceedings of Government, No. 387, dated 23rd ultimo, that the opinion of the Superintendent of Marine may be obtained as to the best means of effecting the reliefs of Native Troops serving in Pegu and of the sick whenever necessary.

(Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 2nd December 1861, Nos. 23 @ 27.)

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1861, No. 409.

A copy of these papers will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, and his opinion called for on the points referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order.

2. Mr. Franklin is requested to endeavor to make arrangements for continuing the Mail Contract from month to month until the present question can be finally settled—the Order of Government in the Marine Department, dated 23rd ultimo, No. 387, being held in abeyance.

3. The present Order will be communicated to the Postmaster General, in reference to Proceedings, 22nd ultimo, No. 1,561 in the Public Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F: Cartledge.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Pros: 2nd Decr. 61 No. 4,383. Mily. Dept.

Order — 16 December 1861 No. 409.

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Marine 1861. Department.

No. 409.

PROCEEDINGS of GOVERNMENT.

Dated 6 Decr 1861.

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