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No. 47. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 24th August 1858, No. 1164.

Approve of the suggestion of the Inspector General of Ordnance that the whole of the Equipment of the Malabar Police Corps should be under the charge of the Officer Commanding that Corps and direct that measures be accordingly taken to carry it into effect. Referring to a suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief that the Mountain Gun-shed should be removed from the Police Corps Lines to the European Barracks, direct that orders be issued in Public Works Department for this being done, if not done already and the other works mentioned.

(Vide Judl. Cons. 24th Augt. 1858, Nos. 61-62.)

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 1859; dated 10th September 1858.

Adverting to para. 3 of the above Extract, the Government observe that an Estimate for constructing a Gun-Shed in the Cantonment of Mulliapooram was submitted by the Officiating Chief Engineer on the 20th August last, and referred to the Military Department with an order dated 28th Idem, No. 1760. Major Lawford is now requested to instruct the District Engineer of Malabar to submit, in communication with the Officer Commanding the European Detachment at Mulliapooram, Estimates for any other buildings that may be required to carry out the arrangements ordered in the Judicial Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 1164.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 24th August 1858.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel G. BALFOUR, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 26th July 1858, No. 185.

Ordnance Dept.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1434, dated 2nd November 1857, in which it is resolved to place the Guns of the Mountain Train of the Malabar Police Corps, entirely at the disposal of the Detachment of the European Regiment at Mulleaporum, for instructing the men in Artillery Practice, and directing that the care and keeping of the Ponies, Harness, &c., belonging to the Train should remain as at present wholly with the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps, I beg permission to state that such an arrangement seems to me to be inadvisable, as a division of charge of the same Equipment is likely to lead to confusion and inefficiency.

2. I have addressed the Collector of Malabar on the subject, and he has communicated to me the views of the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps. This Officer states, "I have before represented that the European Detachment, which is relieved usually twice a year, has no fixed establishment, or means of taking care of the Ordnance and Mountain Train Equipment, and I am therefore of opinion that the whole allotment originally intended entirely for the Police Corps, would be more efficient in the charge of a Resident Officer well acquainted with its use and requirements, and with means at his command to supply them, than in that of a constantly changing Detachment totally helpless (on arrival at the station) without the assistance of the Officers of the Police Corps, as to its management and care; and generally ordered to quit it just when they are sufficiently advanced to take an interest in the practice and science of Artillery."

3. From the foregoing remarks it will be perceived that the experience of the Officer immediately in command is confirmatory of my opinion; and I would therefore strongly recommend Government to place the Guns, Harness, &c., of the Malabar Police Corps under the charge of one Officer, and as the distance between the location of the European Detachment and the Cantonment of the Malabar Police Corps is only half a mile, I would suggest that the whole Equipment be as heretofore under the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps, the Guns being supplied on the orders of the Officer Commanding the station, whenever they are required for the practice of the European Detachment. Or a Warrant Officer of the Ordnance Department may be appointed to the charge and held accountable for Government property; the propriety however of expending the Stores or any of the Equipment must rest with the Officer issuing the order.

4. Such an arrangement will save all complication, while a proper control will be exercised by the Officer Commanding the Police Corps, both over the Equipment and the Warrant Officer in charge thereof.

Order.—In the letter recorded above, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines points out the disadvantages of the arrangements made for the charge of the Mountain Train of the Malabar Police Corps recently attached to the European Detachment at Mullapooram, and he suggests that the whole Equipment should as heretofore, be under the Officer Commanding that Corps, the Guns being supplied, on the orders of the Officer Commanding the station, whenever they may be required, for the practice of the European Detachment. Under the circumstances represented, the Governor in Council approves of this suggestion, and directs the Magistrate of Malabar to adopt the necessary measures for carrying it into effect.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 4th June 1858.

The Governor in Council considers it objectionable that Guns should be left within the power of any Native Soldiery. The Mountain Train at Mulliapooram with the Ammunition, Tools, Stores, &c., has been ordered to be made over to the Officer Commanding the European Detachment, and the whole must be kept within the European Lines as soon as arrangements can be effected for their being duly lodged there.

The Commander-in-Chief has already recommended that the "Mountain Gun-shed should
Minute 11th March. be removed from the Police Corps Lines to the European Barracks." Orders will be issued through the Department Public Works for this being done, if not done already, and for any buildings, Magazines, &c., connected with the Train being constructed in the European Lines, or transferred thither from the Police Lines if already erected.

In Extract Minutes Consultation, 4th June 1858, para. 3, the Government directed that the Ponies, their Harness and Stable gear should as before continue under the control of the Commandant of the Police Corps; as however the Inspector General of Ordnance represents that this division of the Equipment would be unadvisable, the Governor in Council directs that the Ponies also with all belonging to them be made over to the Officer Commanding the European Detachment, and the Stables shifted to the European Lines. The European Sergeant referred to in Lieutenant Bloomfield's letter of 16th June last, or two, if the second can be spared from the Police Corps, should also be put under orders of the Officer Commanding the Detachment for the care of the Guns and the Equipment, and the Inspector General can, if he thinks fit, assign an Ordnance Warrant Officer for the same duty. The Commander-in-Chief will also be requested to give the detail of European Artillerymen referred to in his Minute of 11th March 1858, as soon as practicable.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
" Military Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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" If none of the Suggestion of the Inspector General of Ordnance that the whole of the Regiment of the Malabar Police Corps should be under the charge of the officer Commanding Lines and direct that measures be accordingly taken to carry it into effect. Referring to the Suggestion of the Commander in Chief that the Bromley Lines should be removed from the Police Corps lines to the European Barracks direct that orders be issued in Public Works Dep.t for this being done if not done already and the other works mentioned.

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Fort St. George
10th September 1858

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