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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 46. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 2nd December 1859, No. 4270.

Directing that the contract for the supply of land carriage for the transport of stores from Badrachellam on the Godávari to Secunderabad, be put up to public competition for one year in the first instance. } (Vide Military Proceedings from 1st to 10th December 1859, Nos. 73 @ 81.)

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1859, No. 2898.

1. Communicated to the Chief Engineer.

2. Mr. Watson will be informed in reply to his letter of the 7th October 1859, that having had several tenders before them for the supply of land carriage for the transport of stores from Badrachellam on the Godávari to Secunderabad, the Government have thought it to be the fairest, and in every way the best course to put up the contract to public competition, for one year in the first instance; and that the Commissary General has been accordingly instructed to invite tenders by public notice.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Papers:—

From the Resident at Hyderabad, 21st October 1859, *No.* 1519; *to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.*

I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of the Madras Government, the accompanying copy of a letter to the address of my 1st Assistant, from P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, transit Contractor, and beg to state, that I am aware that although the transit Contractor to Masulipatam offered to carry Government goods at the rates usually charged for the hire of country Carts, his offer was refused for reasons that I am not acquainted with.

No. 109, *dated* 19*th October* 1859.

2. A transit with relays of Bullocks at each stage between Hyderabad and Masulipatam is highly desirable, and the present Contractor has established this, and is in my opinion entitled to Government support.

3. He has also established a Bullock transit for goods and passengers between Hyderabad and Sholapoor, so that with the Railway to the latter place, there is a continuous transit at all seasons between Bombay and Masulipatam. Commerce is indebted for this to the private enterprise of Somasoondrum Mudaliar, and he seems to be deserving of Government countenance—especially as he offers to convey its stores at the same, and in some instances lower rates than other parties.

From P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, Transit Contractor, Camp Hoonmabad, 19*th October* 1859; *to Major A. R. Thornhill, First Assistant Resident.*

I humbly beg you will be pleased to lay the following circumstance before the British Resident with a hope, that my case will meet with the Resident's favorable consideration.

I have now established the Bullock transit between Hyderabad and Masulipatam for the last four months, and ventured upon this undertaking with the friendly and kind advice of Major Webb, who has also on two occasions recommended the transit to the Commissary General, for the conveyance of all public stores to and from Madras, viâ Masulipatam, and the Commissary General also has kindly promised to render every assistance, but up to this time, other private arrangements for the transport of Government stores have been made, and my transit entirely neglected, from which I have been exposed to great loss, and as I am now informed that a large supply of Government stores is on its way from Madras, and a Mr. Watson the transit Contractor from Buddrachellum to Nagpore has sent in his tender to Madras Government, offering to convey the same from the water terminus of the Godavari river to Secunderabad, at 5 Annas per mile per ton, I therefore offer to bring all stores either from Masulipatam direct, or from the water terminus to Hyderabad at 4 Annas per mile per ton, which reduced tender I trust will meet with consideration, and the transit of Government stores given to me, and I am prepared at all times to supply any number of Carts and Bullocks on due notice being given—I regret that I am necessitated to trouble the Resident so repeatedly, but having no gentleman so much interested in extending public convenience throughout the Hyderabad Deccan, and it being solely through the British Resident's kind support and assistance that my Bullock transit between Hyderabad and Sholapore continues to run for the last year, and being aware that my private exertions would never without the Resident's support succeed to carry out such extensive undertakings to any efficiency, and knowing that this request if sent direct by me to Government, will not meet with that consideration as it would if transmitted with the Resident's recommendation, I therefore humbly hope that the Resident will now be pleased to extend the same kindness in the present case, and forward this letter to the Government of Madras, and obtain for me the transit of all Government stores to and from Madras for Secunderabad, either viâ Masulipatam, or from the water terminus at the rate I have agreed for the land Carriage, thus by this arrangement not only the saving to Government in the transit of stores would be effected, but it would be a great inducement and help to me to maintain the transit which I have opened for the public convenience.

Referred for the observations of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and to the Departments of supply, for report.

28*th October* 1859.

From the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 31*st October* 1859, *No.* 412; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Referring to the order of Government dated 28th instant in the Proceedings of Government, relating to the offer made by P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, to contract for the transport of stores between the Eastern Coast and Hyderabad, I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to say, that the question appears to be one, on which the Commissary General's observations would be of most value. If the water communication between Masulipatam and Bezwarrah, and Cocanada and Buddrachellum is completed, land carriage from Masulipatam will be unnecessary, and from the point where water communication ceases to Hyderabad, His Excellency would give the contract to him who will do the work the best and most economically.

Mr. Watson has however contracted with Government for the carriage of stores up the Godavari and as that gentleman may be considered the Pioneer in the undertaking of conveying public stores on contract, His Excellency considers that he is deserving of all reasonable encouragements.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Read the following letter from Mr. R. Watson, Chandah, Baypore Province, Masulipatam, 7th October 1859; to J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, with the Right Honorable the Governor.

I have the honor to inform you, that should the Right Honorable the Governor be pleased to accept my tender, I am prepared to supply Government with whatever amount of land carriage they may require for the transport of stores, "Commissariat and Ordnance" from Budrachellum on to Secunderabad.

2nd. The Right Honorable the Governor having resolved, in May last, to adopt Coringa as the port of debarkation for all stores for Nagpore and that quarter, there remains but the Cantonment of Secunderabad to be supplied from Masulipatam, and as my present tender will afford carriage for these stores if dispatched from Kakinada, the advantages thereof to Government are so manifest. I trust the Right Honorable the Governor may be pleased to accept my tender.

3rd. My proposal is, that all stores for Secunderabad be disembarked at Kakinada and conveyed by the Government Steamers to Budrachellum, from which point on to Secunderabad, I am prepared to contract for their land carriage.

4th. From Budrachellum to Secunderabad, the distance is only 200 miles, the route being viâ Cumemmet to Madaveram, on the Trunk road from Secunderabad to this place.

5th. Should the Right Honorable the Governor be pleased to accept my tender, I am prepared to establish a regular transit, of say five or ten carts daily as may be required. Each cart to carry half a ton and perform the journey in six days.

6th. The remuneration I would ask from Government, is the same terms as the Right Honorable the Governor has been pleased to give me on the line from the Godavari to Nagpore, viz., five Annas per ton per mile, and this rate I would only ask for the first year, when my expenses are heavier from the outlay necessary, and other expenses attendant on the establishment of a new line of route through a new country. I am already in communication with the Patentees in England for a supply of Boydell's traction engines, which I hope to have ready for these routes by next year, enabling me to undertake the transit of stores on reduced terms, equally remunerative to the Government as myself.

Begging the favor of your reply to me at Kakinada.

ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1859, No. 2571.

Resolved to refer Mr. Watson's proposal, through the Military Department, to the Commissary General for early report.

2. Colonel McCally will be good enough to furnish with his reply a memorandum of the terms of the existing contract or other arrangements for the conveyance of stores from Masulipatam to Hyderabad (or Secunderabad); together with a statement of the actual amount paid or payable on that account, for the latest month for which he can supply the information, and also of the total quantity of stores conveyed in the same time the whole distance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Commissary General for early report, with advertence to the reference dated 28th October 1859.

3rd November 1859.

From the Director General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 8th November 1859, *No.* 205; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

With reference to the Proceedings of Madras Government, Military Department, dated 28th October, I have the honor to report that it has hitherto been found most convenient to send Medical stores direct to Secunderabad and Kamptee from the Presidency, where they are carefully packed on Carts, and preserved by Tarpaulins from the effect of the weather. The landing of Medical stores at Masulipatam or Budrachellum, and re-packing on Carts, would probably be attended with considerable breakage and loss, unless proper persons were available at these places to superintend the landing of the packages and loading of the Carts.

2. Should proper arrangements be made in this respect, the transport of Medical stores would be effected probably, in less time than under the present system, and thus prove a great convenience to the public service.

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From the Commissary General, Madras, 9th November 1859, *No.* 199; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the order of Government on a letter from Mr. Watson, who offers to supply carriage for the transport of stores from Budrachellum to Secunderabad at the rate of five Annas per ton per mile, calling on me for an early report thereon.

No. 2571, *dated 1st November* 1859.

2. I will premise by stating that the terms on which Rajah Nagannah Bahadúr, the present Contractor supplies Carts for the transport of stores from Masulipatam to Secunderabad as laid down in his Contract Bond, dated 24th July 1849, are as follows:—

For an Arrack Cart.....16 Rs. ₱ trip.
For a Porter Cart..... ....15 do.
For a Store Cart.....14½ do.

3. In November 1857 however, the demand was so great, so sudden, and so unprecedented, that the Rajah was obliged to pay a great deal more than he received for the hire of Carts, and would have sustained so heavy a loss that he would have found it necessary to throw up the contract.

4. The time was critical, and it would have been highly impolitic under the circumstances, to discourage the Rajah and lose his influence in the procurement of carriage for transport of supplies to the Troops in the Field.

5. On the earnest representation therefore of the Officer of the Commissariat Department at Masulipatam, and of the Rajah himself, and after communicating with the Civil authorities relative to the current rates of hire, I conceded to the Rajah an increase on his contract rates, and they were fixed as follows:—

For an Arrack or Porter Cart.....19-11 ₱ trip.
For a Store Cart.....17- 8 do.

Each Arrack and Porter Cart carries ½ ton, viz., either a Pipe of Arrack or two Hogsheads of Porter. Each Store Cart carries 1,000lbs.

6. The Rajah binds himself to deliver the stores safe at their destination, and to make good any loss which may happen through neglect of his agents.

7. Masulipatam is distant from Secunderabad 210 miles, consequently the cost of transport of a ton of goods, if consisting of Arrack and Porter, is at three Annas per ton per mile,—or if of other stores, at 2 Annas 11⅓ pice per ton per mile.

8. I observe that the distance from Budrachellum to Secunderabad is 200 miles, being only 10 miles less than from Masulipatam, and Mr. Watson offers to convey the stores from the former to the latter place at 5 Annas per ton per mile.

9. The distance from Budrachellum to Nagpore is 344 miles. Rajah Nagannah at the above mentioned encreased rates, used to convey supplies as above, the whole way to Kamptee viâ Chandah, at 3 Annas and 2 Annas and 11⅓ pice per ton per mile respectively.

10. Rajah Nagannah's contract has from time to time been remodelled and rates much reduced. It has been an heir-loom in his family for half a century; and as a natural consequence, he cherishes the retention of it, and appears ready at all times to submit to any change of rates and conditions founded on reasonable grounds.

11. He is prepared, I understand, to supply carriage on the same terms as he now does for the transport of stores from the banks of the Godavari, either to Kamptee or Secunderabad, or both places.

12. If Mr. Watson's offer is accepted, Rajah Nagannah himself loses all interest and advantage in the contract he now holds: already he has lost the contract for the carriage of stores to Kamptee.

13. It will now rest with Government to decide, whether it is advisable to dispense with the services of Rajah Nagannah as Contractor, by giving the contract to Mr. Watson, to continue it under any modified form with Rajah Nagannah, or to submit it to public competition.

14. I strongly advocated in my letter to you, that the whole management of the transport of stores both by water and land by way of the river Godavari, should remain with the Engineer's Department on occasion of the present experiment, but after that has been successfully carried out, I would strongly recommend that, either arrangements should be made with Rajah Nagannah, or the contract be put up to public competition.

Dated 8th June 1859, *No.* 99. *para.* 7.

15. The conditions of the Bond should provide for ample security being given, and for the safe delivery of the stores, and payment for all losses sustained.

16. There can be no doubt, that when once this noble water-way has become a practised thoroughfare, which it soon will become, there will be no want of Carts on moderate terms for the transport by land, of stores from the banks of the Godavari.

17. In the month of September last, which is the latest date up to which accounts have been received, (Rupees 3,547 Annas 5) three thousand five hundred and forty seven Rupees and five Annas were charged and paid for the hire of one hundred and seventy-eight Carts conveying Porter from Masulipatam to Secunderbad, the rate being at 3 Annas per ton per mile.

18. When the transit was in existence and in full activity, a profit to Government was generally obtained. I obesrve that in April last, there was a profit on the whole outlay, amounting to Rupees (1,526 10) one thousand five hundred and twenty-six, and Annas ten, thereby reducing the hire of the Carts very considerably.

From the Acting Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, Madras, 10th November 1859, No. 233; *to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

With reference to the communication to Government from the Resident at Hyderabad, respecting the transit of public stores between Masulipatam and Secunderabad, I have the honor to state, that any measure calculated to reduce the heavy outlay, incident to the employment of the Commissariat Department, for providing carriage or supplies, cannot fail to promote the public interests.

2. Hitherto, departments have been powerless to exercise any control over charges made by the Commissariat Department: and the almost exclusive delegation to it of obtaining supplies, has practically tended to keep up exorbitant rates.

3. From a paper now before me, I observe that the Commissariat charged this Department 12 Annas per Cart, and 4 Annas per Cooly, employed in conveying stock from Black Town to the Mount Road, on the occasion of its moving into the present Premises, while the rates usually disbursed by this department and by private individuals, are 8 Annas and 2 Annas respectively.

4. The knowledge of such facts induce me to believe, even with my short experience of the working of this Department, that the proposal made by the Commission on Public Offices and sanctioned by Government, of transferring to the Commissariat Department the purchase of country supplies, will very much increase the cost of the Clothing to the State, without any proportionate advantage in the quality of the material.

5. Nothing can be fairer than the system pursued here, where, every contract beyond the most trifling, is put up to public competition after due notice being given.

6. The supplies undergo the strictest scrutiny by experienced men. The Superintendent has a direct interest in obtaining the best supplies at the lowest prices, under the constant check of the Auditor, whereby the cost of the Clothing to Government is kept down to the lowest limit.

From the Resident at Hyderabad, 7th November 1859, *No.* 1643; *to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

No. 113, *dated 6th November* 1859.

No. 1642, *dated 7th November* 1859.

I have the honor to forward for such consideration as the subject may be deemed to deserve, the enclosed copy of a letter and of its accompaniments from P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, transit Contractor—as well as of the reply which I have sent to it.

From P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, Transit Contractor, Secunderabad, 6th November 1859, *No.* 114; *to the Commissary General, Madras.*

Having heard that the Commissariat Officer at Masulipatam has submitted a tender to you for sanction for the transmission of stores by Government transit to this place, I have therefore telegraphed to you on the subject, offering the services of my transit at reduced rates, and beg that you will kindly as you have already promised, support me in this my application.

Major Webb, at the particular request of Captain Young, has already brought my case to your notice, and it was at the strong persuasion of the former gentleman, with every assurance of obtaining your permission for the transit of Government stores that I opened it at once without any demur, and seeing your promise of support to Major Webb, gave me every encouragement to continue it, and the British Resident also has been pleased to recommend my case to the Madras Government, that the favorable terms of my transit be engaged for the transit of stores, being alive to the arrangements I have made on other lines, having merited the entire satisfaction of the public, and further, Mr. Watson the Government Contractor having sent in his tender for the transport of stores, &c., from the water terminus to this place at 5 Annas per ton, I have offered to convey the same for 4 Annas per ton through the British Resident, I therefore humbly beg that you would be so kind as to see the reasonable and reduced rates I offer to convey stores, which would prove a great saving to the Government, and at the same time by your kind assistance support my transit which I have opened at the express wish of several gentlemen, at a time when no means of speedy travelling was opened between this and Masulipatam. Should you be pleased to accept my application, I beg to assure you that I will do my utmost to meet your wishes in every point in the speedy transit of stores to this place. The copies of correspondence that has transpired between my Agent and the Commissariat Officer, I beg to submit for your perusal, and I have also submitted the case to the British Resident, soliciting support in the matter.

My case is such that I have peculiar claims for your support, for at the time when I started the transit, the very identical Rajah of Wulloor to whom the transit of stores is now given to my detriment, positively refused to maintain a private transit when Government withdrew theirs, on this ground, and there being no other individual willing to accept the undertaking, Captain Young requested Major Webb to persuade any one at this place to open a transit, and I immediately complied with Major Webb's request with assurance of every support from Government—that Officer guaranteed this support, viewing the terms of my transit to be so much cheaper to the Government than that maintained by the Public transit; and now after I have opened one, he has been unjustly favorably recommended by the authorities to supplant me in all my offers, and therefore appeal to you for support.

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From P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, Transit Contractor, Secunderabad, 6th November 1859, No. 113; *to the 1st Assistant Resident, Hyderabad.*

Availing myself of the kind support evinced by the British Resident, regarding the Masulipatam transit, and from the flattering recommendation regarding my poor efforts to meet the convenience of the public, I now again with every confidence of support, respectfully approach you with this letter on the same subject, from the very unjust manner I have been dealt with, notwithstanding my ready offers, and the very reduced and cheap rate of my charges.

2. I have been informed that private arrangements have been made for the conveyance of Government stores from Masulipatam to Secunderabad by the Commissariat Officials at the former station at enchanced rates, and my Agent hearing of the same, offered my transit at reduced rates, to which he has received the enclosed endorsement, specifying that if a transit is required, it would be made known to him, and even this has been set aside, and on his repeating the offer, met with severe reprimand, and should the Government be pleased to establish their own transit, when large consignments of stores for this station are dispatched, and totally neglect mine which I have solely opened from the encouragement and kind advice of Major Webb, with every assurance of support from Government, and I particularly embarked in the undertaking at a time when Government withdrew their transit, and when no other private individual would venture upon the undertaking, and now after all the difficulties I have had to encounter, and offering my transit at a very reduced rate, solely to keep it engaged, I feel myself very unfairly dealt with, in private arrangements being entered into now with the Rajah of Woolloor for the conveyance of Government stores attended with loss to the State; and further, as it would appear from Circular Order No. 3245, Commissary General's Office Madras, dated 27th October 1859, and from recent Telegraph instructions that all Commissariat transaction, be the amount ever so trifling, must be put up to public competitions, even this indulgence in accordance with the orders of Government has been denied me—

To the Commissary General, Madras.
"Having heard Contract for conveyance of "stores from Masulipatam has been private-"ly engaged, I have offered to convey 20 "Rupees per trip to Secunderabad, which "was unnoticed—solicit orders for public "competition—particulars by post."

I have therefore, believing that the Commissary General would sanction the Commissariat Officer's (at Masulipatam) proposal, I have this day telegraphed on the subject as per margin, and will write further particulars in detail by post, * and beg in the meantime, that the British Resident will also see the injustice dealt to me, and intercede in my behalf that all Government stores be sent up by my transit alone at a very reduced rate, which will not only in the end prove a saving to Government, but would tend to encourage the transit, but should the support I now solicit be denied me, it would be my only alternative from the want of support with much regret to withdraw it; which would subject the public to great inconvenience, as every one who has travelled by my transit has confessed that it is a great source of convenience, particularly the arrangements being so replete and correct, that travellers are exposed to no privations and hardships so common to ordinary land travelling in this part of the country.

* *Copy herewith forwarded.*

From the Agent Transit Establishment, Masulipatam, 25th October 1859; *to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Northern Division.*

I most humbly beg to bring the following few lines to your favorable consideration, that I was told you have an intention to post transit from hence to Secunderabad to convey the Government stores, and I therefore beg to offer you as below:—

On monthly wages.

A pair of Bullocks, 20 Rupees per month.
A Country Cart, 5 Rupees per month.

For a Trip.

A pair of Bullocks, with a Cart loading 1,000 lbs, at 22 Rupees each trip.

I further beg to say in consequence of my present performing, I request you to have the favor of questioning me on the matter personally, and when I will satisfy you on the subject.

From the Agent Transit Establishment, Masulipatam, 1st November 1859; *to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Northern Division.*

The proprietor of the transit at Secunderabad, P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar informed me to interfere with you for the transit, which is to be intended from hence to Secunderabad.

I beg to request that you will not fail caution me the time of your settlement, and also I desire to see the effect be brought to public sale or auction, as per usual system in your Department.

I am a party in the station or an Agent to Somasoondrum Mudaliar, Esq., who particularly advised me to bid the effect, and to get the contract for lowest or highest bids.

I again trouble you to have the goodness of noticing me the subject, before any settlement you do make with other, and am great desire to see the effect be out-cried publicly.

Endorsement.

M. Appavoo Mudaliar Garoo is informed, that there is no present intention of starting a permanent transit between Masulipatam to Secunderabad—should however such a step be decided upon, the contract will of course be sold by Public auction as usual. The transit now about to run, is only a temporary one for a few weeks, for which arrangements have already been made.

COMMISSARIAT OFFICE,
MASULIPATAM,
2nd Novembrr 1859.

(Signed) B. F. HEYSHAM,

S. A. C. General.

From the Transit Agent, Masulipatam, 3rd November 1859; *to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Mosulipatam.*

In consequence of long silence to my two letters, one on the 25th ultimo and the other on the 1st instant, I beg to request you again for a reply or an endorsement on my letters, as I have to communicate to my superior P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, the Proprietor of transit, &c. at Secunderabad, who hourly expecting to my replies in the subject. I again take the liberty of requesting you the cause of detention, and enable me (to reply my superior), I am entirely sorry to say you did ill-treated me in the matters; had this not been the Government work or contract, indeed I would not trouble you in the matter so oftenly—I most respectfully beg to ask you for a reply early, before this evening, as I have urgent affairs to go to Cocanada where I will march to night, also to inform the subject to my superior at Secunderabad, or return my letters back.

Memo. from the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Mosulipatam, 3rd November 1859.

M. Appavoo Mudaliar Garoo, is informed that the tenor of his letter of this day's date is objectionable; the letters referred to by him as being unanswered, dated 25th October, had no reference to the matters in question, but was itself in answer to questions—letter dated 1st instant was endorsed on the evening of the 2nd, and returned this morning the 3rd, so that he has no cause of complaint whatever, the objectionable tone of his communication now under reply, shall be brought to the notice of P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar.

Official Memorandum from the 1st Assistant Resident, Hyderabad, 7th November 1859, *No.* 1612.

P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar is informed with reference to his letter No. 113 of the 6th instant, that the Resident cannot insure his having all the Government stores as he proposes forwarded by transit—but Colonel Davidson supposes that if the Contractor has offered to carry stores at lower rates than any one else, and in a proper manner, viz., conveying them in a certain number of days to their destination, the Commissariat will only be too happy to avail themselves of his offer. Colonel Davidson will therefore, in order that it may be known how the case stands forward those papers for the information of the Madras Government.

From the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, 15th November 1859, *No.* 293; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Adverting to the references from Government under dates 28th October and 3rd November 1859, relative to the tenders of Mr. Watson, and P. Somasundrum Mudaliar, for the conveyance, by Bullock transit, of all Government stores from Masulipatam or Budrachellum to Secunderabad, I have the honor to observe, that if P. Somasundrum Mudaliar is the individual who has heretofore supplied the Commissariat with Bullocks and transits in the Northern Division, he would appear to be well deserving the favorable consideration of Government, for the very effective way in which he has performed this duty; and I am further aware that he possesses ample resources for satisfactorily fulfilling any contract of this kind he may enter into.

2. Government have already sanctioned an arrangement with Mr. Watson, for the conveyance of stores from Budrachellum to Nagpore, and are consequently best able to judge what confidence can be placed in that gentleman; his proposed rate for the Secunderabad route is higher than that of P. Somasundrum Mudaliar; while the latter has at command an already established transit; and Mr. R. Watson, I infer, will have to establish one hereafter if his tender be accepted.

3. Other points in connection with these tenders, are more for the consideration of Government and the Commissary General, than of this Department.

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ORDER, No. 4270, *2nd December* 1859.

The Government have before them, tenders from Somasundram Mudali and Mr. Watson for the supply of land carriage for the transport of stores from Budrachalam on the Godavari to Secunderabad, and the Commissary General reports that Rajah Naganah is also prepared to contract for the same.

2. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council thinks that the fairest, and in every way the best course is, to put up the contract to public competition; for one year, in the first instance.

3. The Commissary General will issue the necessary instructions accordingly without delay, for tenders being invited, of which due public notice should be given to all concerned, and he will submit the tenders received, with his report thereon to Government.

4. The letter from the Acting Superintendent of Army Clothing above recorded, is referred to the Commissary General for his observations; but as it is not confined to the subject of the present correspondence, his reply thereto will form a separate report.

To the Resident at Hyderabad.

| Here enter 2nd December 1859, No. 4270, A.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General. With 20 spare Copies.
" Department Public Works.
" Commissary General.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Clothing Department.
" Director General, Medical Department

Exd. J. Davis.

Pr. Cons: 10th Nov. 59 - 10-11.

P. W. 1859 Dispatch
Rec'd from Gov. E. 20th Dec.
No. 3231.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. in the Military Dept.

Dated 2d
Received 10th } Novr. 59

No. 2898. 18th Dec. No. 4279.

Directing that the contract for the supplying of land carriage for the transport of stores from Budrachalam on the Godavari to Secunderabad be put up to public competition for one year in the first instance.

Mr. Watson,
Grant Govt. Contractor for Land Carriage from Godavari to Kamptee 8/8 Feby. 60 Cnc.
58 qrs 1 C. 20 Maunds
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From the Military Dept. dated 24th Jany 60. No. 229
Cons: 31st Jany - 107-108.
Rajah Nyapauk Bahadur's tender approved

Communication to the Chief Engineer.

No 2898.

1 Mr. Watson to be informed in reply to his letter of the 14th Inst. that his tender for Land Carriage from Budrachalam on the Godavari to Kamptee at 8/8 per Candy has been accepted by the Government of Madras, and that the Contract will be executed in his name.

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Endorsement.

M. Appavoo Mudaliar Garoo is informed, that there is no present intention of starting a permanent transit between Masulipatam to Secunderabad—should however such a step be decided upon, the contract will of course be sold by Public auction as usual. The transit now about to run, is only a temporary one for a few weeks, for which arrangements have already been made.

COMMISSARIAT OFFICE,
MASULIPATAM,
2nd Novembrr 1859.

(Signed) B. F. HEYSHAM,
S. A. C. General.

From the Transit Agent, Masulipatam, 3rd November 1859; *to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Mosulipatam.*

In consequence of long silence to my two letters, one on the 25th ultimo and the other on the 1st instant, I beg to request you again for a reply or an endorsement on my letters, as I have to communicate to my superior P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar, the Proprietor of transit, &c. at Secunderabad, who hourly expecting to my replies in the subject. I again take the liberty of requesting you the cause of detention, and enable me (to reply my superior), I am entirely sorry to say you did ill-treated me in the matters; had this not been the Government work or contract, indeed I would not trouble you in the matter so oftenly—I most respectfully beg to ask you for a reply early, before this evening, as I have urgent affairs to go to Cocanada where I will march to night, also to inform the subject to my superior at Secunderabad, or return my letters back.

Memo. from the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Mosulipatam, 3rd November 1859.

M. Appavoo Mudaliar Garoo, is informed that the tenor of his letter of this day's date is objectionable; the letters referred to by him as being unanswered, dated 25th October, had no reference to the matters in question, but was itself in answer to questions—letter dated 1st instant was endorsed on the evening of the 2nd, and returned this morning the 3rd, so that he has no cause of complaint whatever, the objectionable tone of his communication now under reply, shall be brought to the notice of P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar.

Official Memorandum from the 1st Assistant Resident, Hyderabad, 7th November 1859, *No.* 1612.

P. Somasoondrum Mudaliar is informed with reference to his letter No. 113 of the 6th instant, that the Resident cannot insure his having all the Government stores as he proposes forwarded by transit—but Colonel Davidson supposes that if the Contractor has offered to carry stores at lower rates than any one else, and in a proper manner, viz., conveying them in a certain number of days to their destination, the Commissariat will only be too happy to avail themselves of his offer. Colonel Davidson will therefore, in order that it may be known how the case stands forward those papers for the information of the Madras Government.

From the Acting Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, 15th November 1859, *No.* 293; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Adverting to the references from Government under dates 28th October and 3rd November 1859, relative to the tenders of Mr. Watson, and P. Somasundrum Mudaliar, for the conveyance, by Bullock transit, of all Government stores from Masulipatam or Budrachellum to Secunderabad, I have the honor to observe, that if P. Somasundrum Mudaliar is the individual who has heretofore supplied the Commissariat with Bullocks and transits in the Northern Division, he would appear to be well deserving the favorable consideration of Government, for the very effective way in which he has performed this duty; and I am further aware that he possesses ample resources for satisfactorily fulfilling any contract of this kind he may enter into.

2. Government have already sanctioned an arrangement with Mr. Watson, for the conveyance of stores from Budrachellum to Nagpore, and are consequently best able to judge what confidence can be placed in that gentleman; his proposed rate for the Secunderabad route is higher than that of P. Somasundrum Mudaliar; while the latter has at command an already established transit; and Mr. R. Watson, I infer, will have to establish one hereafter if his tender be accepted.

3. Other points in connection with these tenders, are more for the consideration of Government and the Commissary General, than of this Department.

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ORDER, No. 4270, *2nd December* 1859.

The Government have before them, tenders from Somasundram Mudali and Mr. Watson for the supply of land carriage for the transport of stores from Budrachalam on the Godavari to Secunderabad, and the Commissary General reports that Rajah Naganah is also prepared to contract for the same.

2. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council thinks that the fairest, and in every way the best course is, to put up the contract to public competition; for one year, in the first instance.

3. The Commissary General will issue the necessary instructions accordingly without delay, for tenders being invited, of which due public notice should be given to all concerned, and he will submit the tenders received, with his report thereon to Government.

4. The letter from the Acting Superintendent of Army Clothing above recorded, is referred to the Commissary General for his observations; but as it is not confined to the subject of the present correspondence, his reply thereto will form a separate report.

To the Resident at Hyderabad.

Here enter 2nd December 1859, No. 4270, A.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General. With 20 spare copies.
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" Commissary General.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Clothing Department.
" Director ~~General~~, Medical Department

Exd. J. Davis.