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from 11th to 17th June 1859.*

No. 51. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 6th May 1859, No. 2924.

I am directed to acknowledge and reply to your letter No. 720, dated 26th March 1859.

2. The Governor General in Council is in the first place very desirous to remove from the mind of Sir P. Grant the impression that his opinion, or that of the distinguished Officers to whom he refers, is undervalued by the Government of India, and would not have met with the attention to which the views of Officers so competent are eminently entitled, had the expression of those views, or even the fact that they had considered the subject, been before the President in Council.

3. But a reference to the correspondence will, it is believed, show that no representation had ever been made to the Government of India (at least in this Department) that the proposed arrangements, in their relation to a general system of Military security, had been considered by His Excellency Sir P. Grant, or other high Military authorities.

4. The proceedings of the Madras Government under date 20th July, did indeed contain Memoranda by Sir P. Grant and Colonel Cotton, on which this subject is particularly discussed. But those proceedings had not even been received in this office at the time when the orders of 23rd September on the Budget were drafted; and no attention having been drawn to them by the Madras Government till now, they escaped notice when Captain Fraser was directed to communicate more fully the grounds of the original orders, as he did in Public Works letter of 13th January. This being the case, it is not surprising that the orders of the Government of India were given without reference to circumstances of which it was not aware.

5. I am further to point out that no general plans of the whole station (including the pettah and old fort,) and no reports had ever been sent up to this Government, such as to make it possible to form here any independent opinion on the important subject in question. Neither had the Chief, Civil and Political Officer of the Kingdom of Mysore ever been consulted on the subject, although it is one in which that Kingdom is interested, as well as the Division of the British Army stationed at Bangalore.

6. It may here be observed that the reference to Sir Mark Cubbon was requested not in consideration of his Military rank, but of his position as administering the Government of the Territory. It may be added that in all the Governments of the Bengal Presidency, and in all the Territories where both the Civil and Military Administrations are under the immediate orders of G. G. in C., questions of this nature invariably are passed under the eye of the head of the local Civil Government before being finally determined on in this or the Military Department. This course is found, in practice, not only unobjectionable, but very advantageous.

7. I am now directed to say that the construction of the Barracks may be resumed, as intimated by Telegram this day, it being now apparent that the question of Military security has been well considered in relation to the site selected for these buildings.

8. But whilst the building of the Barracks will now go on, the Government of India would wish to be put in possession of full information regarding the defensive arrangements, before work on the latter shall be actually commenced.

No. 52. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Lieutenant-Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 14th June 1859, No. 1465.

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 6th May, No. 2924.

2. This Government is aware that by an oversight the Commander-in-Chief's Minute of the 11th March 1858 was not specially brought to the notice of the Government of India until

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the 26th March 1859, though it was before that Government in the printed proceedings of both the Military and the Public Works Departments. But I am desired to point out with reference to paras. 5 and 6 of your letter, that Sir P. Grant's earlier Minute of the 15th September 1856, specially sent to Calcutta in a letter from the Military Department in connection with the new Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore, contained proof that the Commissioner of Mysore was fully consulted about the arrangements for improving the Cantonment. It is mentioned that Sir M. Cubbon entirely concurred in the condemnation of the Arsenal; and again that he was prepared to advance from the Mysore treasury whatever funds might be required for the arrangements recommended in that Minute respecting the Dragoon Barracks, the Hospital, the Horse lines, &c., and also to assist in procuring work people of all descriptions. I am desired to enclose a copy of the Minute in question. It is in manuscript, as all the printed copies have been exhausted.

3. I am directed to take this opportunity to state that for the future, with the view of keeping the Government of India well acquainted with the Acts of this Government, the weekly printed Proceedings in all Departments will be sent up by the next Mail Steamer after they shall be ready for despatch respectively; and efforts will be made to have the Proceedings ready as soon as possible after date.

Madras 8th June 1859.

Memo

It is shown that
H. E. Minute of March
11/59 was not specially
sent to Calcutta as it
ought to have been, with
the rest of the P. W.
Dept. It was sent in
as a part of the
with Dept. ~~with the~~
Proceedings,
viz. Mil. Dept. April
30/58, despatched
to H. W. D. July 20/58, des.
Despatched Sept 2nd 1858

from

it is true, unfortunately, that
the paper was not brought
to the notice of the Govt. of
India; and it is not even
subscribed that the ~~proceedings~~ ^{proceedings}

proceedings sent to me may
carefully examine for

It was not until the
26th March/89 that the
attention of the Govt. of India
was drawn to the paper.

It is a mistake,
however, to say as in
Para 5 of this letter from

the Govt. of India that the Committee of
Calcutta were well informed of the
proceedings. Had not the Committee
been informed of the proceedings
in the C. in C. in 1886, (which was
sent to Calcutta on the
14th October 1886) that the

Committee were prepared to
advise any amount required
for the improvement of the
harbour; showing that he
~~was~~ had been consulted
about them & approved them.

The Govt. of India,
even in this letter, shows
misapprehension for the

local authorities, till as
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gives that their own
shall be returned containing
the defence before they are
commenced - in which
orders required
whether any reply shall be
sent to the letter, or whether
it shall be simply answered.
Orders required
at the same time
as was met and
and cannot be made
and of the
is more
important

31st May 1854
My dear Mr. Russell
In my Memoirs of the
15th July 1854 you will
find the following
papers to which I
allude in my letter of the
1st July 1854. That is
papers to which I have
alluded in my letter with
reference to the 15th July 1854.

local authorities, all on
(128) their own terms

respect to the title of
the new Magazine
Ranach's at Bangalore
but I certainly never
dreamed of converting the
Commissioner regarding
the position of a fortified
Post or to give there
was no intention of applying
to him for additional ground
for it or any other purpose.

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"The Commissioner of
Mysore has informed me
that he is prepared to
advance from the
Mysore Treasury what
ever funds may be
required to carry out
these arrangements."

It does not appear to
me that any further work
on the title from the Govt
of India is called for
from me.

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My dear Sir Patrick,

I think the best way of dealing with this subject will be for Mr. Prondillon to frame a reply to the Government of India.

1st Devoting the paper to form given alternate
proving that Sir Mark Lubbock was consulted

and
2ndly. Sending another Copy of your estimate
with those pages marked which con-
tain full information regarding the defensive
arrangements.

It would also be well to state that a copy of your minute was sent to the Supreme Government with our printed Proceedings.

Take this opportunity of suggesting
that

that we should send Copies of our Proceedings fortnightly or even weekly, if desired, to the Governor General - Our true relative position is that we act on our responsibility in the discharge of the trust committed to us, subject to his revision, and he may therefore fairly expect to be promptly informed of what we are doing.

If you agree you will perhaps send the papers back to Mr. Dourdillon with this Letter, and he will draw a Letter to the Government of India accordingly.

Yours sincerely
 L. M. M. M.

I quite concur
 J. C.

His Excellency
 Sir Patrick Grant

Since the above was written I have had before me another set of Papers relating to the Bangalore Cantonment and I send these also in case the two should have reference to each other.

6 Copies
Orig. 16
with Mr. Clerk
in the C. and P. Office

Public Works Department
No. 1465.

To
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ready as soon as possible
after date.

Fort St George
14th June 1859

[Signature]

On the 11th of 1857 I left
Hos of Govt of India.

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To the Secretary to the
Govt of India.

21st June 1857

Reporting out that the Com-
missioner in Charge of the
15th Division 1857 contains
proof that the Commissioner
of the 15th Division was consulted about
the arrangements for improving
the Government of the 15th Division
and that for the purpose of the
15th Division the 15th Division
will be sent up
by the next mail steamer.

From Lord George S. P. 1857
C. 10. 1405

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