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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th June 1861.

No. 43. Read the following letter from Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Streepoorandum, 6th May 1861, No. 5 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government, No. 16, dated the 26th ultimo, calling upon me to expedite the submission of my reply to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 5th of March last, No. 505, calling for explanation on certain points in connection with the march of the 1st Light Cavalry to Bangalore.

2. In reply I beg to state that on the 8th of March last, I received the Order of Government, No. 505, dated the 5th of March, and on the day following I received the Order No. 508, dated the 6th of the same month, reviewing my letter reporting the measures I had adopted for procuring carriage for the 1st Light Cavalry to Bangalore.

3. I beg now to forward the explanation called for.

4. The Government in their Order calling upon me for certain explanation state, that although the Maistries agreed with Lieutenant Walker for the same rate of hire to which they finally agreed with the Collector, no engagement could be made, because the Maistries insisted on special aid being given to them in procuring carts and enforcing the attendance of cartmen. I beg respectfully here to state that this does not appear to be the case, as explained by Lieutenant Walker.

5. Lieutenant Walker allows that an amended tender for Rupees 24 a bandy was given, but that the Commanding Officer considered the price asked rather high and delayed his acceptance ; had Colonel Cherry closed I have now no doubt the contract would have been fulfilled. I had, on Lieutenant Walker writing to me, already informed the contractors that I was prohibited from giving them any aid whatever.

6. In my letter under date the 13th of February last, No. 28, I have already stated, that there was a report that the Regiment were going on to Hyderabad. I directed the Táluq and Town Magistrate to make known throughout the town and suburbs that the bandies would not be required to march further than Bangalore, and that the story of the Regiment being ordered to Hyderabad was erroneous. I further repeatedly told these Officers that impressment was illegal and forbidden, but I at the same time told them, that I expected them to give every aid to the contractors and to see that no impediments were thrown in the way of the contractors in procuring bandies.

7. More than the required number of bandies were brought by the contractors, but some 30 or 40 were rejected by the Quarter Master as unserviceable ; the bandies being either too small or the cattle inferior. On the Saturday evening (February 2nd) eighteen bandies were wanting, these the contractors would have supplied if time could have been allowed to procure them from some distance (the town bandies being all engaged), but it was a matter of consequence that the Regiment should not be delayed, as Colonel Cherry had previously informed me that the men were superstitious and had begged not to be forced to begin their march on a Tuesday, as on their march from Trichinopoly to Cuddapah they had suffered so much from leaving on an unlucky day. Cholera had already shown itself amongst the camp followers, I accordingly ordered the Town Magistrate to procure the required eighteen bandies, which he did, as he assures me, without impressment or coercion of any kind.

8. The assistance I promised the contractors was that I would punish according to the provisions of the Contract Act, all parties who after agreeing with them to furnish bandies should fail to do so, the assistance I gave them was the ordering the Town and Táluq Magistrates to make known that the bandies would not be required to go further than Bangalore, and on the eve of the departure of the Regiment I ordered the Town Magistrate to supply eighteen bandies.

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9. Had earlier notice for tenders for carriage been given, I do not think any difficulties would have arisen. I was no doubt premature in applying for permission to impress, and will take care on any future occasion not to act so hastily. I regret now that I should have interfered at all, but I acted to the best of my judgment in what I considered a pressing emergency.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1861, No. 1,148.

The Government accept the explanation afforded by the Magistrate of Trichinopoly in paragraph 8.

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

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Your most obedient Servant

Trichinopoly District
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6th May 1861

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To J D Sim Esquire
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