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From

E. MALTBY, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George;

To

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Cape of Good Hope.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 8th Ultimo, No. 58, and to request that you will offer to Sir George Grey, the thanks of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, for the information which His Excellency has obligingly sent regarding his arrangement for assisting the Government of India, in the present crisis. This prompt and important support will be of much value in restoring order in Bengal, and in discouraging attempt at disturbances in this Presidency, where I am happy to be able to report, that quiet has hitherto prevailed.

Fort St. George, }
18th September 1857. {

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Acting Chief Secretary.

From the Colonial Secretary, Cape of Good Hope; to the Honorable the Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 8th August 1857, No. 58.

Sir,

I have the honor, by command of His Excellency Sir George Grey, to acquaint you, for the earlier information of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, that upon the receipt of Despatches from the Government of Bombay, dated 29th June to 8th July, which arrived here on the 6th Instant, per Honorable East India Company's Steamer "Madras," conveying the disastrous intelligence of the wide-spread revolt of the Native Troops in the Bengal Presidency, and representing the urgent demand for troops, both at Bombay and Calcutta, His Excellency has made the following dispositions, in accordance, as regards details, with the request of the Government of Bombay.

2. Her Majesty's 89th Regiment, the only Regiment immediately available here, will be despatched forthwith, per Screw Steamer "England," and hired transport "Ocean Wave," to Bombay. The Head Quarters, stationed in Cape Town, are already embarked.

3. Her Majesty's 95th Regiment, which is daily expected from England, will be despatched forthwith to Bombay.

4. A Detachment of Royal Artillery, 220 men strong, being all at present in Cape Town, will be sent forthwith, in Her Majesty's Steamer "Penelope," to Calcutta, with fifty horses.

5. The Screw Steamer "Cleopatra," with the Head Quarters, and 400 men of Her Majesty's 23rd Fusiliers on board, bound to China, which arrived here this week, have been ordered direct to Calcutta, instead of Singapore; and all vessels with Troops for the same destination, which may touch here, and several are expected, will be ordered in like manner to Calcutta.

6. His Excellency expects to be able, after communication with the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces, who is at Head Quarters on the frontier, to be able to spare another Regiment of Infantry, which will be sent to Calcutta, together with any further number of Troops, either Infantry or Artillery, that can be sent away from this command, without endangering the safety of the Colonial frontier, which, although at present in a greatly improved condition, is passing through a crisis, which requires the utmost vigilance, and a considerable display of strength.

7. His Excellency trusts that the Madras Presidency may continue to be free from the dangers, and be spared the scenes of violence, to which the Presidency of Bengal has been exposed, and that even there the revolt will have been ere this put down, and the supremacy of Government fully established.

(Signed) R. W. RAWSON,

Colonial Secretary.

(True Copy.)

Exd. H. Morgan.

Acting Chief Secretary.

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Political Department

No 796.

To The Honble the Colonial Secretary
Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of the 4th ulto No 58 & to
request that you will offer to Sir George
Grey the thanks of the R. Hon. the
Genl for the information which
his Excellency has obligingly sent of
his arrangements for
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Yr

Fort St George
18 September 1857

Bellevue, 1857, August 1st.

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to receive
the enclosed letter from the
Colonial Secretary of
the Cape of Good Hope.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, very respectfully,
J. M. Thompson