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Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 7th September 1858.

No. 5. From R. B. CRAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated the 2nd August 1858, No. 1210.

HOME DEPT. SIR,

With reference to the 5th and following paragraphs of the accompanying copy of a letter* from the Agent, in the Hill Tracts of Orissa, to the address of the Supreme Government, I am directed to request that the Right

Honorable the Governor in Council at Madras will report whether there is any objection to Lieutenant McNeil procuring the elephants required for the operations of the Agency in the manner proposed by him, and whether the Government of Madras can assist him in so doing.

2. It has been ascertained that Lieutenant McNeill has been mis-informed as to the number of elephants assembled at Sumbhulpore and that none can be spared for that place.

3. The enclosures of Lieutenant McNeill's letter are already among the records of the Government of Madras, and are therefore not sent.

From Lieutenant A. C. McNEILL, Agent in the Hill Tracts of Orissa; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated Camp Ooporobhango, the 3rd July 1858, No. 140.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following observations for the consideration of Government:

2. On the 6th May 1858, I addressed the Government of Madras on the subject of the elephants lately attached to this Agency, copy of which is attached and marked A. The Madras Government in their reply (also attached and marked B) state, that no elephants can at present be supplied for the use of this Agency.

3. The recent case of Meriah sacrifice in Upper Goomsur reported in my letter, No. and date as per margin, shows that strict supervision is still necessary, even in the districts nearest our immediate control, and the feeling regarding human sacrifice in the more distant districts bordering Bustar and Jyepore, is known to Government.

4. I beg therefore most respectfully to submit for the consideration of Government that it is essentially necessary that this Agency should be placed in such a position as to convince all parties, that we are always ready to take the field and undertake our usual visits, as the temporary removal of the elephants and the consequent inability to visit the Hill Tracts, will lead the sacrificing tribes to imagine that our visits have been discontinued, from reasons to which they will ascribe the very reverse of truth.

5. I would therefore beg to solicit that I may, in communication with the Madras Government, be permitted to obtain from the Zemindars in the Madras Presidency, thirteen elephants for the use of this Agency.

6. The Zemindar of Jyepore, Sree Vicram Deo, alone could furnish the number I now solicit; but I would submit for the consideration of Government whether under the special report made by me in my letter, No. 101, dated 27th May 1857, it would be proper to apply to him for the service of his elephants.

7. The Rajah of Vizanagram and the Zemindar of Boodly in the Vizagapatam District, also the Zemindar of Chinna Kimeddy, Pedda Kimeddy, Sooringhy, &c., of the Ganjam District, have elephants which could, with the sanction of Government, be made available.

[Handwritten signature and initials]

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8. In conclusion, I would beg respectfully to bring to the notice of Government that I have received information that there are upwards of 100 elephants now at Sumbulpore. If thirteen of these could be temporarily placed at the disposal of this Agency much time and correspondence would be saved.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 565; dated 1st September 1858.

Resolved that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be forwarded to the Agents in Vizagapatam and Ganjam, and that they be desired in communication with each other to apply to the Zemindars in their respective Districts and request them to allow the use of their Elephants, explaining the benevolent purpose for which they are required and that due compensation will be made for any that may die or be injured. The Agents will at once arrange for placing at the disposal of Lieutenant McNeill, as many Elephants, not exceeding 13, as they may be able to procure, and will report for communication to the Government of India what they may have done in pursuance of these orders.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Department

No. 565

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date 1st September 1858.

*Read the following
letter from the Under Secretary
to the Government of India.*

(Dated 2nd August 1858 No. 120)

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