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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 653-654 Press Mis.

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No. 5. From C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 25th September 1858, No. 46.

SIR,

In acknowledgment of an Extract from the Government Minutes of Consultation, No. 565, dated 1st September 1858, Political Department, I have the honor to submit the enclosed copies of letters that have passed between the Rajah of Vizianagrum and myself on the subject, and I am sure the Government cannot fail to regard with pleasure and satisfaction the readiness of the Rajah to meet the wishes of the Government of India.

2. Although the Rajah has thus expressed himself ready to give up his Elephants to the full number required, I can say with certainty that it is not without considerable personal inconvenience, and while the fact greatly enhances the value of the Offices thus rendered, it will, I trust, obtain the special thanks of the Supreme Government, for I should add that in every instance where the aid or co-operation of His Highness the Rajah of Vizianagrum has been sought by me in furtherance of the Public interests or of those of the State, they have been accorded in the most cheerful and willing manner, so much so, that I always feel reluctance in applying to him for assistance where I can possibly do without it.

3. I am not of opinion that the keep or indeed any other expence connected with looking after the Elephants while employed in the Government Service should be defrayed by the Rajah as desired by him, but I solicit distinct instructions on this point before the Elephants are sent away.

4. I make no doubt the Rajah of Bobile will also be glad to afford assistance by the loan of some of his Elephants, and so soon as I receive the further orders of Government, I purpose to arrange the number to be supplied by each of these two Zemindars, and I think there will thus be no necessity for indenting on the Zemindars in the District of Ganjam.

5. The Government will be aware that the Dusserah is at hand, a festival usually celebrated with considerable pomp and state by the Zemindars of this District and in which their Elephants bear a conspicuous part, I therefore propose that the Elephants intended for Government employ should be held available from the 20th October next, when the Feast will be over, and if the Government of India will meanwhile Telegraph to me at Vizagapatam, it will save much delay, and the Elephants can be despatched on the very date I have mentioned.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor; to His Highness the Rajah of Vizianagrum, dated 16th September 1858, No. 253.

SIR,

In forwarding to you the accompanying copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 1st Instant, I have the honor to request you will oblige me by stating whether it is in your power to make over any Elephants for the purpose proposed.

2. I am not of opinion that you are called upon to put yourself to any great inconvenience by aceeding to the requisition now made, at the same time the value of your aid will of course be proportioned to the sacrifice at which it is made, and I am so well aware of your ever ready co-operation with the authorities in promoting everything tending to the public weal that I only fear you may entirely lose sight of your own wants and requirements in your anxiety to further the wishes and views of Government; in fact I feel it is rather needful to check than to encourage your disposition to co-operate with me in all matters having for their object the good of the State or the welfare of the community at large.

3. Your own knowledge of the importance of the object for which your kind aid is now solicited will I feel be the best guide in determining you as to the mode and the extent of assistance to be rendered by you.

From MAHA RAJAH of Vizianagrum; to C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, dated 19th September 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter, dated the 16th Instant, with the copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, and beg to assure you that nothing else can be more gratifying to me than to render my Service to Government at all times. I shall be too happy to furnish you with the number of Elephants required by Government, *viz.* 13, without putting myself *to the least inconvenience*; at the same time I shall esteem it a particular favor by your kindly allowing that the expences for their fodder, &c., may also be borne by myself during the time they are employed for the purpose required, and I shall feel *infinitely* obliged by your recommending the Government to comply with my humble request. The Elephants are ready to start at your orders.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 653; dated 6th October 1858.

The Governor in Council desires that the Agent will express to the Rajah of Vizianagrum the sense which this Government entertain of his very prompt and liberal conduct which they feel assured will be duly appreciated by the Supreme Government. The Government cannot however accept his very handsome proposal relative to the keep of the Elephants, which they must insist on defraying while the animals are employed on the Public Service. The Elephants will not be required before the 20th October. The Agent will report the result of his reference to the Rajah of Bobili.

2. Meanwhile the foregoing correspondence will be forwarded to the Supreme Government, in reply to their letter of the 2nd August last. It will not however be necessary to await from them any instructions. The Agent after hearing from the Bobili Rajah will arrange as to the number to be sent from Vizianagrum and Bobili respectively, and will settle about their Despatch with Lieutenant McNeill with whom he will communicate direct. Mr. Read will likewise intimate to the Agent in Ganjam that no elephants will be required from that District.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 7. TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated Fort St. George, the 6th October 1858, No. 654.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Under Secretary Chapman's letter, dated the 2nd August last No 1210, I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit, for the information of the Government of India, copy of one from the Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam, and the correspondence which accompanied it, as also of the instructions issued to that Officer regarding the Elephants required by Lieutenant McNeill for the operations of the Agency.

* *Dated 25th September* 1858, *No.* 46.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Political Despatch

No. 653

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date 6th October 1858.

Read the following letter from the Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam.

Dated 25th September 1858 No

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Ordered that the
following letter be
dated:

The Seal of the Govt
of India

the Agent to the Governor
in Vizagapatam
Agent on the Gold
Coast of Orissa
} dispd 13th

+ in reply to Your letter of the
2 August last - It will
not however be necessary
to await from them any
instructions

+ the hearing from
Bobili & Jeypore

with settle about this dispatch
with Lieut-Col Peile with
whom he will communicate
direct - the Road will
proceed
Herewith

Desp. to 13 "Chief of the instructions" enclosed to be sent to Sir G. Pollock in the ship not after 10th Jan.

Political Department

No 1054

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir,

With reference to the Under Secretary's Chapmans letter dated the 25th August last No 1210, I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit for the information of the Govt of India a copy of one from the Agent to the Governor in Bhopawar dated and the correspondence which accompanied it, as also of the instructions issued to that Officer regarding the Elephants required by Lieut. McNeill for the operations of the Sappers and to request that you will intimate to this Board by telegraph what the Supreme Govt would wish to be done

Copy of the Govts Letter

Dated 25th Sept. 1858 No 46.

Fort St George
6th October 1858.

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Mr Secretary Jn?
Reader will write
this ...

letter and the orders
passed thereon will
be furnished to Lieut
Colonel Hunter in the
Old Straits of Bicerra for
his information.

JP

Pol. Let. to Govt. Aug. 21st Dest. Ab. of 1858 Para 4th

Inw. Sec. to Govt. 12th October

Pol. 1858 Depts

No. 654.

To

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India

Dated 6th October 1858

Transmitting for the information of the Govt of India the correspondence received from the agent at Vizagapatam also the instructions issued to that officer regarding the Elephants required by Lieut. McNeill for the operations of the agency.

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