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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 479 Press Mis.

Dated 30. 10. 1861

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 30th October 1861.

No. 71. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 19th October 1861, No. 3,750.

Confirming the arrangements ordered in the Political Proceedings of Government, No. 453, dated 15th instant, relative to repairing at a cost of Rupees 85, the place of Arms now occupied by the Detachment of Native Infantry at Tanjore.

(Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 19th October 1861, Nos. 358 and 359.)

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1861, No. 479.

Communicated to the Magistrate of Tanjore.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From Major F. H. SCOTT, Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 4th September 1861, No. 68-206.

I have the honor, by order of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to request you will inform me, whether the continuance of the Detachment of Native Infantry at Tanjore is likely to be of such duration as to make it desirable to repair the place of Arms now occupied by it.

2. The Chief Engineer states, that the cost will amount to 85 Rupees which exceeds ¼th the value of the building, and, therefore, not within his competence to sanction.

Referred to the Political Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th September 1861.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Government Agent and Magistrate of Tanjore for his report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16*th September* 1861.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Depy. Secy. to Government.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Magistrate of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vellum, 27th September 1861, No. 270.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order* of Government, dated the 16th September, forwarding a letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, calling upon me to report on the probable continuance of the Detachment of the 15th Native Infantry at Tanjore.

* Herewith returned.

In reply I beg to state that, as Magistrate, I have long since been of opinion that the presence of the Detachment is not required for the maintenance of the public peace. It is, however, for the Government to determine whether, in consideration of the large amount of property located in the Palace, it is desirable to retain a Military Guard or not, but my own opinion is that the safe custody of this property may be, with confidence, entrusted to the new Police. Should the Government determine on withdrawing the Detachment, an addition to the Police Force of not less than 35 men will be indispensably necessary.

ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1861, No. 453.

Ordered that the report of the Magistrate of Tanjore be communicated through the Military Department to the Deputy Quarter Master General in reference to the enquiry contained in his letter of the 4th ultimo, No. 68. As it appears that the withdrawal of the Detachment of Native Infantry at Tanjore will involve the employment of 35 extra Police Peons, the Government think that it would be more economical to repair at a cost of 85 Rupees the building now occupied by it.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
„ Magistrate of Tanjore.

Exd. E. Cardledge.

Political 1861 Dept

Pros: of Govt in the
Military Dt 3750.

Dated Ootacamund 30th October 1861 Recd 7th Novr
Communicates to His Excellency
the Governor in Council
the Proceedings of a Court
of Inquiry held at
Tanjore
on the Conduct of
Lieut Colonel
Wood

Govt of Fort St George
Military Department

No 3750.

Ordered to be communicated to the Provincial Commander in Chief of Fort St George & Board of General Officers for their information.

2. Under the foregoing orders of the Military Department, the Proceedings of the Court of Inquiry assembled at Tanjore on the 19th ultimo for the purpose of trying Lieut Colonel Wood of the 3rd Regiment Native Infantry are transmitted for the information of the Provincial Commander in Chief & Board of General Officers.

3. In thus proceeding to the Investigation of the Conduct of Lieut Colonel Wood the Government have not overlooked the Orders of the Government of India relative to the employment of Officers on Furlough or Retirement on the Pension Establishment, but on the present occasion they have considered that the Public Service would suffer materially if the Services of Lieut Colonel Wood were dispensed with at this juncture, and that the Ends of Justice will be sufficiently answered by the Trial of Lieut Colonel Wood by a Court Martial.

No 499 dated 29th January 1861
& corresponding Proceedings of Govt
No 928 dated 22nd July 1861

By Order &c
(Signed) H. Wood
Secretary to Govt

Fort St George
19th October 1861

To the Political Department

W.S.

No 499

Confirming the Arrangements ordered in the Pol Proc: of Govt No 4538 of 15th Inst relative to engineering at a Cost of Rs 85 the Palace of Arms now occupied by the Detachment of Native Infantry at Tanjore —

With an Order