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No. 117. Read the following letter from the Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Nagpore, 26th November 1867, No. 421-5568.

With reference to your telegram of the 19th November, I am directed to forward copy of a further letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Sumbulpore, with enclosures, and to ask you to lay them before His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. The Officiating Chief Commissioner would venture to repeat his earnest recommendation, that the march of troops, *via* Sonapore and the Mahanuddy Valley to Raepore and Sumbulpore, may be suspended, until we learn whether the epidemic establishes itself on that route or not. It is certain that cholera carried from Pooree by travellers has appeared on that road. If a Regiment, with its followers, were to get cholera into its camp the disease would be quickly spread far and wide over the country.

3. There are many weeks of cold weather still before us, and if the disease disappears soon the Regiment could march in January. If, however, the disease gets worse and spreads over Sumbulpore it certainly would seem to be matter for consideration whether a Regiment, with its attendant followers, women and children, should be despatched along a road where they are almost certain to encounter cholera.

Copy of a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Sumbulpore, to the Commissioner of Cuttack; dated 22nd November 1867, No. 2859.

With reference to your letter, No. 418, dated the 16th instant, annexing copy of a telegram from the Officer Commanding the 11th Regiment, I have the honor to observe that it will be perfectly impossible to prevent return pilgrims from Pooree using the route by which the 11th Regiment will have to march to Raepore from Berhampore.

2. I have no list of the stages to the south and eastward of Sonapore; but I believe the route lies through Kuntoloo, Burnool, Ramgurr, Bood, Sonapore, &c., that is, for some one hundred miles or so through Native States; and though pilgrims might be turned off the main road at particular points they would be certain to re-appear again after turning the flank of the parties who stopped them. Besides, the mischief is already done, as cholera actually exists on the road by which the Regiment is to travel; for, independent of the places mentioned in the telegram, I have received intimation of its having appeared at Binka, *i. e.*, on this side of Sonapore. I am doing already everything that I can towards keeping the pilgrims off the main route, but I know that it is a hopeless task.

3. I should mention, also, that I have received orders to establish quarantine stations at Binka, on the right bank of the Mahanuddy, and at Rampore on the left bank, so as to prevent people infected with cholera from entering these provinces; and it would be rather awkward if the 11th Regiment should arrive at Binka with cholera in camp.

4. Under all these circumstances, it appears to me that to send a Regiment by the route in question, until the disease has disappeared, is to incur a very great risk, and I shall be obliged if you will telegraph as much to the Madras authorities. A copy of this letter will be sent for the information of the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces; and I will also address the Quarter Master General at Waltair, in continuation of a letter already sent to him, suggesting that the relief of the Corps at Sumbulpore and Raepore be deferred for a time.

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11th December 1867.*

From the Deputy Commissioner of Sumbulpore, to the Commissioner, Chutteesgurrh Division;
dated 22nd November 1867, No. 2651.

Forwards copy of the foregoing letter, with copy of Commissioner of Cuttack's, No. 118, dated 16th instant, and annexure, in continuation of this office letter, No. 2561, dated the 6th instant, and Endorsement No. 2571, dated the 8th idem.

Copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Cuttack, to the Deputy Commissioner of Sumbulpore ;
dated 16th November 1867, No. 418.

With reference to the enclosed, No. 158 of 13th November, I shall be obliged by your taking measures to prevent pilgrims passing by the Kuntolo route to Pooree during the time the 11th Regiment are on the march ; similar endeavours will be made at Pooree and Khoola to keep the road clear.

Copy of a letter from the Commandant, 11th Regiment N. I., Berhampore, to the Commissioner of
Cuttack; dated 13th November 1867, No. 153.

Reference.—Your telegram of yesterday, reporting cholera at Gobindpore and Samookpatana, received this morning.

Requests that measures may be taken to prevent pilgrims, to and fro from Peasee, using the road over which the 11th Regiment is ordered to march.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) G. F. TURNER,
Offg. Asst. Superintendent.

No. 118.

ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1867, No. 1575.

To be recorded.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

The Commissioner at Calcutta Mr. Ravenshaw telegraphed about the 17th ^{hop} that the route to Mandalay was as per plan & that it was very likely to be. The 11th Sept. 5 telegraph dated 2nd ^{Sept} reports to Lucknow so far as Mandalay. I am of opinion that ~~the~~ the Regiment will be on the Mahrattahs' River to day and the Officer commanding the Regiment has detailed Instructions in case of ~~Cholera~~ Cholera breaking out on his line of march. If all changes & corps are to be deferred till there is no outbreak on the line of march (a matter ~~on which he decided opinion was given~~) the whole military arrangements will be deranged. The 7th Sept. Lt. Col. Dalhousie has already for three days been detained at that station. The 11th Sept. left for Mandalay on the 20th ultimo and no doubt if Cholera is not with Col. Dalhousie & his staff. The Regt will telegraph. I think I have been guided by the opinion of the Commissioner at Calcutta and I approved of his decision under the circumstances. The 11th Sept. leaves the line of route to Mandalay. At Benko for Mandalay - if outbreak ~~of~~ is prevented along the line of march so doubt should matter will receive a sound discussion of the troops the Mahrattahs' River.

W. H. Murray & Son

Spward letter with inclosures for.

B. sent at express to L. Mr J.

also Telegram from Officer (maus. 11) Regt

date: Nov 24 rate: Le Caus Jalat
between 14 & 19 Nov

the returned

P. J. Schmitt

Memo.

In circulating these papers
I may mention that only
the wing of the 11th now
two marches beyond Khoondah
is in danger from the
cholera.

The Officer Commanding the
wing has had the fullest
instructions given him
in case of Cholera not having
subsided before he reaches
those parts where it now

is some ten days march, is
beyond Khoondah. I have also ascertained that
the march of the Regt. from

Waltair has been delayed
and consequently ^{there will be no} any further
movement of troops along
the infected line of road.
as the Regts at Raichur
and Sumbhure wait
to move till they are relieved
by the 11th and the
regiment from Waltair

P.S.

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From
Secretary of the Commission
Central Provinces
No 1121/5568

Sept 26/1875
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No 2036

Refers to the road ^{along} from
Dumrao to the Brahmin valley
to Raipore & Chitulpur, and
free from Cholera and requests
to ensure the march of the
11 Regt R.I. along that
road 11 Decr/67 & 1575.
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