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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 6th October 1857.

No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Military Department, dated 18th September 1857, No. 3237.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Revenue Department,

Respecting the supply of Rice to the Troops at Calicut. } (Here enter 26th August 1857.)

2. The Governor in Council observes that although no interference can be exercised in the sale of Grain, it is at all times competent to Officers in command to cause arrangements to be made for keeping the Troops properly supplied with rice through the agency of the Commissariat.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 1027; dated 6th October 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 3237.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 16th September 1857.

Memo. from the Adjutant General of the Army, 15th August 1857; No. 297.

The Provincial Commander-in-Chief has the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Madras and Canara with enclosure relative to the difficulty experienced by the Troops at Cannanore in procuring the requisite supply of rice, and to recommend that Government may be pleased to refer the matter for early consideration and provide a remedy.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

17th *August* 1857.

Memo. from the Adjutant General of the Army, 24th August 1857; No. 297.

I am directed by Major General Mountsteuart Jackson Grant, Commanding Madras and Canara, to forward for submission to Government the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara relative to the dearness of rice at Cannanore.

Referred to the Revenue Department in continuation of reference under date the 17th August; immediate application has been made to Bombay for a supply of rice and wheat for Cannanore.

26th *August* 1857.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, under date the 7th September 1857; No. 862.

Read the following Extract Minutes of Council: } Here enter 17th August 1857.

1. The Provincial Commander-in-Chief forwards a letter from the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara, representing the difficulty experienced by the detachment of Sepoys at Cannanore in obtaining rice from the vendors and recommends that some remedy for the evil complained of should be provided by Government. The Brigadier's letter gives cover to one from the Officer Commanding the detachment, who first brought the circumstance to notice; and it is proposed that the remedy proposed by him, is the establishment of a Military bazar at Calicut, in order that the vendors may in a manner be under control, and thus rice be always available for the Troops.

2. Government, however, are unable to interfere in a matter of this nature; to do so, would subject us to force trade arbitrarily, or assume to themselves a better knowledge of the trade's movements than her possesses herself. The evil complained of is occasionally felt in every town and village in India, sepoys and civil inhabitants suffering alike from the arrangement of grain vendors; and although the Government feel every inclination to afford to their soldiery all facilities to obtain supplies, they do not at the same time see how they can place this class of their servants on a different footing from all the rest of the community. Further, Military Bazars cannot be established in such small stations as Calicut, especially when the main object in providing the arrangement, as is apparent from Captain Baynes' letter, is that the sale of grain may be forced and be under Military law.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Revenue Department, under date the 16th September 1857; No. 918.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department. } Here enter 25th August 1857.

The Government consider it unnecessary to do more in this occasion than to refer to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 9th Instant No. [illegible].

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The Governor in Council observes that although no interference can be exercised in the [illegible] of [illegible] at all times [illegible] to Officers be [illegible] to cause arrangements to be made for keeping the Troops [illegible] supplied with rice through the agency of the Commissariat.

(True Extract and Copies.)

[signature]

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General,
" Revenue Department, [illegible]
" Commissary General.

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Rad R. Spears.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department.

Dated 16th September 1837
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Abstracting the reference to the difficulty experienced by the Troops at Calicut in obtaining the requisite supply of rice, that, although no interference can be exercised in the sale of that article, it is at all times competent to Officers in Command to cause arrangements to be made for keeping the Troops properly supplied with rice through the agency of the Commissariat.

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