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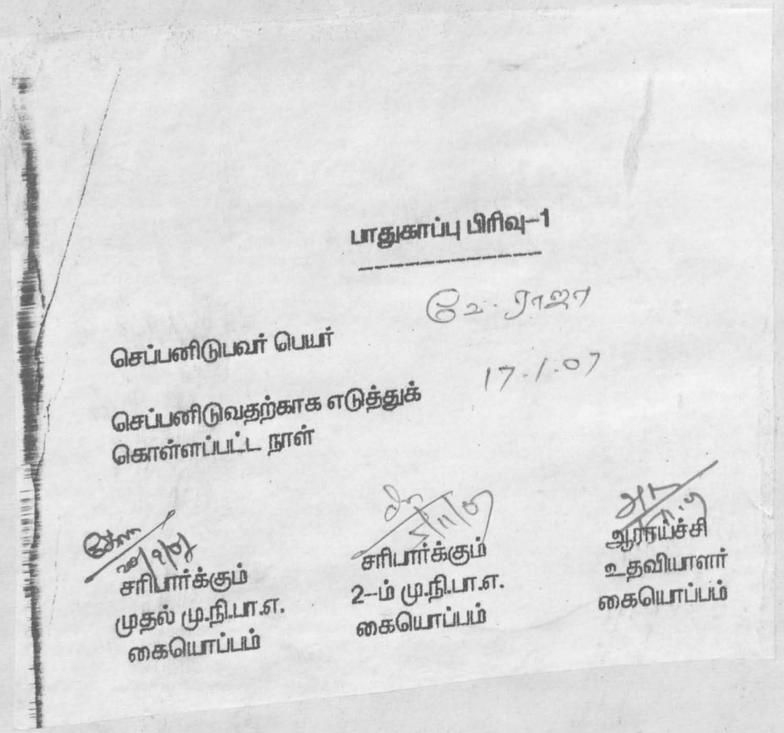
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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 23d December 1857.

No. 73. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 11th December 1857.

Read the following papers.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 10th December 1857, No. 195.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copies of correspondence between Captain Fergusson of the Commissariat Department at Masulipatam, and the Acting Collector of that District; and to solicit His Lordship in Council will be pleased to issue orders to prevent the Collector from pressing carts which have been engaged by the Contractor Rajah Naganah Naidoo Bahadoor for the transport of Commissariat and Military stores for the use of the Troops in advance.

No. 1175, dated 28th Novr. 1857.

Should the Acting Collector carry out his threats he will paralyse the efforts of this Department, now necessarily required to be of the most strenuous nature, to forward supplies for the use of the Troops about to take the field.

The Contractor's ancestors for more than 50 years have been Contractors for the supply of Military transport, and ancestral traditions have induced the present Rajah for a long time past to continue his supplies at a considerable loss; it would therefore be highly impolitic to act towards him in a manner which would damp his zeal by lowering his influence with the owners of carts.

Captain Fergusson makes allusion to the uncourteous style of Mr Knox's letter, there can be no doubt that the style is offensive, but I should hope not intentionally so.

Letter from Captain H. M. FERGUSSON, Sub Assistant Commissary General; to the Commissary General of the Army, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 28th November 1857, No. 1175.

SIR,

I have the honor to annex a copy of letter to Mr. Knox, the Acting Collector at Masulipatam and his reply thereto, and to request you will be pleased (should it be necessary for me to call upon the Collector to press carts for the public service) to take measures to prevent his carrying out his threat of pressing without distinction those engaged by the cattle Contractor for Government service. His doing so will tend to endless disputes and instead of promoting the good of the public service will have a contrary effect. I would only ask for his assistance when I find it impossible to obtain sufficient carriage through my own resources which is very likely soon to occur from the heavy requisitions for carriage for Troops and Military and Commissariat stores which in the present time are even of greater consequence than the Public Works Department whose carriage he is forbidden to meddle with. In conclusion, I beg to bring to your notice the very objectionable and uncourteous style of Mr. Knox's letter to me.

Letter from Captain H. M. FERGUSSON, Sub Assistant Commissary General; to T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector and Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated 23rd November 1857, No. 1161.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that about four days ago, the Ameen of Chellapully Talook by name Vencatareddy Naidoo pressed 20 carts engaged by my cattle Contractor and for which he had given advances. I understand they have been despatched with Telegraph wire to Bezoarah. I therefore request that after delivering their loads they may be brought back as quickly as possible, and that you will be pleased to direct your Peons not to press bandies engaged by my Contractor.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 23d December 1857.

Letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector and Magistrate of Masulipatam; to Captain H. M. FERGUSSON, Sub Assistant Commissary General of Masulipatam, dated 24th November 1857, No. 474.

SIR,

In reply to your letter dated 23rd Instant, No. 1161, I have to state that I do not believe your Contractor had made any advances to the cart men, and if he had, he was very negligent in not supplying you with the carts. If I am requested to press bandies for the public service, I will take all I can get, and shall not make any distinction in favor of your Contractor.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, No. 1347; dated 23rd December 1857.

Ordered to be referred to the Board of Revenue, in view to the necessary instructions being issued to the Acting Collector of Masulipatam not to press bandies engaged by the Commissariat Contractors.

2. The Board will be so good as to point out to Mr. Knox, that he in no respect forwards the public service by taking for one Department the carriage already engaged by another. The pressure of carriage is in itself an evil, and can be justified only by the necessities of the Government service. This justification however cannot be pleaded, if, as in the present instance, the service is actually impeded.

3. The Government are of opinion that the Sub Assistant Commissary General has not unreasonably taken exception to the style of Mr. Knox's letter.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated the 11th December 1857.

Read the following Papers.

Commissary General's Office
Madras 10th Decr 1857.

No. 195.

From

The Commissary General

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Depart.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will done the favor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

No. 1175 dy 25th Nov. 1857.

Council copies of Correspondence —
between Captain Fergusson of the
Commissariat Department at Ma-
sulipatam, and the Acting Collector
of that District, and to solicit His
Lordship in Council will be pleased
to issue orders to prevent the Collector
from preventing Carts which have been
engaged by the Contractor Rajah —
Nagana Naidoo Bahadoor for the
transport of Commissariat and Mili-
tary Stores for the use of the troops in
advance.

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I should hope not intentionally so.

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) A. McCally Lt Col
Commissary General.

To

№ 1175.

To

The Commissary General
of the Army
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to annex a copy of letter to Mr. Hunt the Acting Collector at Masulipatam and his reply thereto and to request you will be pleased (should it be necessary for me to call upon the Collector to press Carts for the Public service) to take measures to prevent his carrying out his threat of pressing without distinction those engaged by the Cattle Contractor for Government service. His doing so will lead to endless disputes and instead of promoting the good of the Public service will have a contrary effect. I would only ask for his assistance when I find it impossible to obtain sufficient Carriage through my own resources which is very likely soon to occur from the heavy requisitions for Carriage for Troops and Military and Commissariat stores which in the present time are even of greater consequence than the Public Works Department whose carriage he is forbidden to meddle with. In conclusion I beg to bring to your notice the very objectionable and uncourteous style of Mr. Hunt's letter to me.

Court Office
N. D. Masulipatam
Nov. 28th 1857

I have &c.
Signed, W. Mc. Ferguson Capt.
D. A. C. General

To

No 1161.

To

A. J. Knox Esquire

Actg Collector and

Magistrate

Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that about four days ago the Ameen of Chellapilly Yalooke by name Venkatareddy Naidoo presented 20 Carts engaged by my Battle Contractor and for which he had given advances. I understand they have been despatched with Telegraph wire to Beezwarah. I therefore request that after delivering their loads they may be brought back as quickly as possible, and that you will be pleased to direct

your

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your Peons not to press Bandies engaged by my Contractor.

Comt. Offices N. Dn. Masulipatam 23d Novr 1857

(Sd) H. M. Fergusson Capt
S. A. C. General

No 474. Masulipatam Collrs Cutcherry 24th Novr 1857

To

Captain H. M. Fergusson

Sub Asst to Comy General

Masulipatam

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 23d Instant No 1161. I have to state that I do not believe your Contractor had made any advances to the Carts men and if he had he was very negligent in not supplying you with the Carts. If I am requested to press Bandies

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for the Public Service, I will take all I can get, and shall not make any distinction in favor of your Contractor.

I have &c.

(Signed) T. J. Knox

Acting Collector

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(Signed) M. M. Fergusson Capt.

I. A. & General.

(True Copies)

(Signed) A. McCally Lieut.t Col.

Com.y General

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. A. Browne Col.

Secretary to Government

To The Revenue Depart.t

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Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Executive Department

Dated 11th Dec.r 1857

Received 12th " " "

Read the letter from the Commissary General, communicating the request of Assistant Commissary of Musters, Calcutta, requesting that orders may be issued for the payment of Messrs. Allen & Co. for supplying Carts with Drivers, &c. &c. &c. for the conveyance of Treasure, Baggage, Provisions, Public Stores, &c. &c. &c. from Calcutta to Meerut, and from Meerut to Calcutta, during the months of October and November last; and also bringing to notice the very objectionable and unreasonable Style of the Collector's letter to the Assistant Commissary of Musters, dated 18th Dec.r 1857.

No. 73.

Dep.t of Revenue &c.
23 Dec.r 57.

To

The Secretary to Government
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a letter from the Commissary General, dated 15th Instant, with its enclosures, on the subject noted in the margin.

2. The Commissary General's letter is addressed to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, but as it relates to the Revenue Department, I have the honor to request that it may be transferred to me.

3. I also beg to forward a letter from the Collector of Calcutta, dated 18th Dec.r 1857, on the same subject.

I have &c.

(Signed) T. J. Knox

Acting Collector

True Copies

(Signed) M. M. Fergusson Capt.

I. A. & General.

(True Copies)

(Signed) A. McCally Lieut.t Col.

Com.y General

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. A. Browne Col.

Secretary to Government

To The Revenue Depart.t

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No. 1347

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 23rd December 1837

Read the following

Extract from the Minutes

of Consultation in the

Military Department.

Here enter 11th December 1837

Ordered to be

referred to the Board of

Revenue in view to the

necessary instructions being

issued to the Acting

Collector of Masulipatam

not to prosecute Bandies

engaged by the Com-

-missariat Contractors.

The Board will
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out to Mr Knox that
he in no respects forwards
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taking for one Depart-
ment the Carriage
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Dated 23.d Dec.r 57

Extract from the Pr. of Sp.l Bd. of
Revl. of 19 Inst. & 580 Rs. 52 in
£3 Stg.

Extt. Mins of Cons in the Mdy Sept.r 13.th
& £. 18 Oct.r & 598 in Cons 18 Inst.

Referring to the Board of
Revenue in view to the necessary
instructions being issued to the
Acting Collector of Masulipatam
not to press Bandies engaged by
the Commissariat Contractors.

No 73 & 74.

18 Dec.r 1857