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*The Quarter Master General of the Army.*

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*The Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

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*On the letter of the Acting Collector of Ganjam, 9th September* 1856.

Sir Patrick Grant adheres to the opinion he has already given, that the Regiment now at Berhampore may, with all safety, be withdrawn to Vizianagrum, and the several Detachments to their Regimental Head Quarters.

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The Commander-in-Chief rejoices to see, that Mr. Smollett starts no objection to the proposed concentration of the Troops at Vizianagrum.

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Neither is any opposition offered by the Acting Collector of Masulipatam, His Excellency is glad to observe.

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The Commander-in-Chief finds nothing in this letter to induce him to change one iota of the opinions he has already expressed with respect to the concentration of the troops in this Division.

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His Excellency most strongly recommends the suggestion of the Agent, for an increase to the Kurnool Horse, to the favorable consideration of Government, if it is deemed to be unsafe, without some such increase, to sanction the proposed concentration of the regular Troops.

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With regard to para. 3 of the Collector's letter, the Regiment of N. I. now at Mercara will not be withdrawn.

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QR. MR. GENL'S. OFFICE,
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(True Extract and Copy.)
(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
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No. 10. ORDER THEREON *No.* 346; *dated 9th April* 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings dated 26th November 1856, No. 3942.

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*Acting Secretary to Government.*

No. 1014.

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" Commissioner of Mysore.
" Resident Travancore.

Exd. R. Spears.

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Enclosing Letter from the Mins: of Revs: in the Military Department.
Dated 25th March
Received 30th
No 1014

Sanctg with certain modifications the proposition of the Commander in Chief for the withdrawal of detachments and Concentration of the Troops throughout the Madras Presidency.

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