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8th September 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th September 1857.

No. 31. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department under date the 17th August 1857.

Read the following letter from Brigadier P. THOMPSON, Commanding Malabar and Canara ; to the Quarter Master General of the Army Fort Saint George ; dated Cannanore, 7th August 1857, No. 246.

SIR,

1. In forwarding the enclosed copy of a letter received from Captain Baynes Commanding at Calicut, I would beg to remark that I think it advisable that some plan should be devised to insure the sale of rice (at any price) to the Native Troops and their followers at an outpost like Calicut where there is no Military bazar.

2. It would appear from Captain Bayne's communication that complaints had been made to him, and that on one occasion rice was not even offered for sale in the shops, though in a large town like Calicut there was no doubt a great quantity at hand though for some purpose kept back.

3. The inconvenience and hardship to Native Soldiers when rice is arbitrarily and without warning kept back is very great, and the more so as they cannot be viewed in the same light as other members of the community who are at liberty to leave their houses at a moment's notice and purchase at a more distant and more favorable market, whereas they are by the regulations of the service prohibited from leaving their posts and liable to be punished if they do so.

4. I beg to be understood that I do not wish in any way to have the prices of grain interfered with, but all that is necessary is to have rice forthcoming for the consumption of the Native Troops.

HEAD QUARTER'S MYSORE DIVISION, BANGALORE, 10*th August* 1857. } (Signed) P. E. CRAIGIE, Major General, *Commanding Mysore Division.*

From Captain W. BAYNES, Commanding Calicut ; to the Major of Brigade Malabar and Canara, Cannanore ; dated Calicut 4th August 1857, No. 182.

SIR,

I have the honor to state for the Brigadier's information that I think it would be highly beneficial to establish a Military bazar at this outpost.

2. For some days past I have been somewhat embarrassed by constant complaints from the Native Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Detachment 3d L. I. respecting the scarcity of rice, its excessive dearness and occasional unwillingness of the bazar dealers to sell at any price.

3. I have of course been in communication with the Collector and Magistrate on the subject, and it appears that the orders of the Board of Revenue are so stringent on the subject of free trade in grain that Mr. Robinson could do no more than privately assist me in opening up the market.

4. I was credibly informed that no rice was purchasable in the bazars yesterday, and therefore in conjunction with the Collector I have borrowed at my own risk forty Morrahs of rice from a Native Gentleman, which arrived at my house this morning and which I despatched to the Lines about an hour ago.

5. If Government at the recommendation of the Brigadier were to sanction a Military bazaar, the Shopkeepers being possibly connected with the Regiment the price of rice must always with a little management be moderate. For instance on the 2d Instant the price of a morah of second sort of cheapest rice in the bazaar was 5 Rupees at Quilandy, on that day it was selling at Rs. 3-4 add the bandy hire on 5 morahs, I calculate it could have been sold here at Rs. 3-6 the morah.

6. In conclusion I am happy to state that the Collector assures me that the price must considerably fall in less than ten days.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) P. THOMPSON, Brigadier, *Commanding Malabar and Canara.*

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th September 1857.

Transferred to the Adjutant General of the Army.

QR. MR. GENL'S OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
13th August 1857.

By order,
(Signed) T. J. LAWDER,
Assist. Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

No. 297.

The Provincial Commander in Chief has the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara with enclosure relative to the difficulty experienced by the Troops at Calicut in obtaining the requisite supply of rice, and to recommend that Government will be pleased to take the same into their early consideration and provide a remedy.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th August 1857.

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieut. Col.,
Adjutant General of the Army.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

By order

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

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, No. 895; dated 7th September 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 Calicut in obtaining rice from the venders; 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 observed that the remedy proposed by him, is the establishment of a Military bazar at Calicut, in order that the venders 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 either be to force trade arbitrarily, or assume to themselves a better knowledge of the trader's interests than he possesses himself. 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 venders; 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 proposing the arrangement, as is apparent from Captain Baynes' letter, is that the sale of grain may be forced and be under Military law.

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

2d Military Department. 2 A

No 3 Box No 1

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 17th August 1857

Read the following letter

No 246

From Brigadier Stalkartt Comdg Malabar & Canara

To The Quarter Master General

of the Army

Fort Saint George

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Native Troops

Cannanore
7th August 1857

Sijd J. Thomson Brigadier
Commandg Inft & Cant.

Head Quarters Mysore Division
Bangalore 10th August 1857.

Sijnd J.C. Craigie Major General
Comg. Mysore Division

No 182 of 1857.

To
The Major of Brigade
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are so stringent on the subject of
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Cabaind
4th August 1857

I have &c
(Sgd) W. Baynes
Captain Commanding Cabaind

A True Copy
(Sgd) P. Thomson Brgr
Commanding Malabar Hamars

Transferred to the Adjutant

General of the Army.

By order

Dr Wr Genl Office
Fort St George
13th August 1857

Sgd/ J J Lawder
Apt Dt Wr Genl
of the Army

Adjutant Genl's Office
No 297

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Fort St George
15th August 1857.

Sgd/ W. G. Woods Lt Col
Deputy Adjutant General
of the Army

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By Order

Sgd/ C A Browne Lieut

Secretary to Govt

To

The Revenue Department

Sd/ H Smith

Revenue Dep.t

No 895

Extract from the Mins of Consultation
Under date the 7th September 1857

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(Recorded 17 Augt 1857 No 246)

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Contract Mins: of Govt:
with the Military Dep.t

Dated 17th Augt 1857

Rec.d 21st

No 246

To Mr Sgt. J. A. Ogilvie

Referring to letter
from the Principal
Secretary to the Govt of
Bengal of the 20th August
1857 Recommend-
ing that early attention
be taken to the remarks as
contained in the Govt Order

Ogilvie

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may be forced & be under mi-
litary law.

I have &c

(Signed) J. Thomson

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Govt &c &c

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D^o to Cons: 18^th Sept^br

No. 895.

Extract Mins of Cons:
D^d 7^th September 57.

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No. 31 & 32.