

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

11th May 1858

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No. 79. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department under date the 12th April 1858, No. 1250.

Read letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, 6th April 1858, No. 480; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

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3d Regt. L. I. 11th Rt. N. I.		1 0	1 2	2 2	4 4	2 2	65 65	1 1	1 1	0 0	1 1	0 0	2	
D. Co. 5th Bat- talion Arty.		0	*1	0	0	0	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	With proportion of Non-Commissioned and Naigues. Lieut. Budd from Mangalore.
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16th do. ... Soopah ...		1	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	With proportion of Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers (Native.)
16th do. ... Jugglepett ...		0	1	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	And a few Sepoys.
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35th do. ... Hullial ...		0	1	2	4	1	46	1	1	0	1	0	0	
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5th Lt. Cavalry	Jugglepett...	1	0	3	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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CANNANORE,
1st April 1858.

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A copy of this has been sent to Captain Walpole, and I would beg the favor of your sending a copy to Mr. Robinson, the Joint Magistrate.

In the event of a Senior Officer joining the Field Force he will of course assume the Command.

From the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, Cannanore, 30th March 1858, No. 109; to the Magistrate of Canara, Sedashegur.

SIR,

I. In continuation of my letter of the 28th Instant, No. and subject as per margin, sent by express, and with reference to yours of the 25th idem to the Officer Commanding Mangalore, copy of which you forwarded to me, I have the honor to acquaint you that the Steamer "Thebes" left Madras on the 28th Instant, and may be expected here on the 2nd Proximo. I have ready for immediate embarkation 130 Rank and File from the Native Troops here, with a full complement of Officers and Non-Commissioned. The

"Thebes" will touch at Mangalore and embark a sufficiency of men from the 16th, which Major Hodson will have in readiness on the arrival of the 2 Companies H. M.'s 66th, to make up the Detachment to 300 Rank and File exclusive of Officers and Non-Commissioned, Drummers, Lascars and Puckallies, the whole under the Command of Captain Fullerton of the 11th Regiment N. I., and will be enabled, I hope, to reach Sedashegur on the 4th or 5th, which will be some time earlier than the proposed Detachment of the 16th under Major Hodson could have arrived, as they could not have left until relieved by the 66th, and then would not have exceeded 200 Rank and File, and the progress by Pattymar at this season is very precarious.

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4. When you next write I shall feel obliged by your favoring me with your opinion as to the strength and composition of the Rebels.

5. With reference to the latter part of my letter above quoted, I regret to say (if it would have been of use) there are no Mountain Mortars in this Arsenal.

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From the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara, Cannanore, 31st March 1858, No. 110; to the Magistrate of Canara, Shedashegur.

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With reference to that part of my letter No. 109 of yesterday's date as follows, viz.

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2. From the slight information I at present possess, I consider the Troops at present in the Field in North Canara, are inadequate to hunt down and destroy the Rebels, so as to bring the insurrection to a speedy and decisive conclusion, to effect this desirable end I consider the Troops ought to be equal to holding all the Commanding points of communications in Force, besides having sufficient Troops to act on the offensive wherever necessary. In this view of the case, as no more Troops can possibly be spared from these Provinces, Mangalore being now entirely almost denuded of Native Troops, I have to request you will, if you should deem fit, immediately adopt measures for obtaining Military aid as mentioned in the latter part of the Telegram above quoted.

3. I may here mention, that I have every reason to believe that the Troops comprising the 300 Rank and File, of whose early arrival I informed yesterday, are of the most efficient description.

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P. S.—Since writing the above, I have received instructions from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to proceed myself to the frontier, and put myself in communication with you, and I shall accordingly proceed by the "Thebes" Steamer.

Telegraph Message from Fort Saint George, } To Cannanore.
Tuesday 30th March 1858, 4-2 P. M.

From the Military Secretary to Brigadier Commanding.

Mountain Guns of Malabar Police have been placed at your disposal for Canara. If you think advisable "Thebes" can bring them from Calicut.

Telegraph Message from Calicut, Tuesday 30th } To Cannanore.
March 11-45 P. M.

From Special Assistant Magistrate to Brigadier Fitz Gerald.

In obedience to Government Telegram, Officer Commanding Malabar Police Corps has been requested to keep Corps and Guns at your disposal.

Telegraph Message from Ooty, Tuesday 30th } To Cannanore.
March 10-30 A. M.

From Adjutant General to Brigadier Fitz Gerald.

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Communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract and Copies.)

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

No. 80.

ORDER THEREON, No. 624; dated 11th May 1858.

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D. Co. 5th Battalion Arty.	Proceeding to Sedasheghur.	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	With proportion of Non-Commissioned and Natives. * Lieut. Budd from Mangalore.
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No. 101.
Intimating that 2 Companies of 66th, were enroute to Mangalore, and that Native Troops from Cananore and Mangalore will be despatched for Sedasheghur by the "Thebes" under the command of an experienced Captain, also that the Brigadier does not consider it advisable for Major Hodson to leave Mangalore at this moment.

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200 Rank and file of H. M.'s 66th Regiment.
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With reference to that part of my letter No. 109 of yesterday's date as follows, viz.

	Officer	Rank and File.	
5th Cavalry	3	97	
74th Highlanders	8	283	
47th Regt. N. I.	2	68	
European Arty.	1	31	
	14	477	

"adverting to the composition of Force from Bellary as per margin, I have this day telegraphed to the Adjutant General to solicit His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to Telegraph to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, as to whether a portion of the European Force and Cavalry could not be made available at Darwar or other Station in lieu of Native Troops much required in the Jungle Warfare against these Insurgents." From your local knowledge you will be able to point the best line for their operations in the event of assistance being granted. I have the honor now to transmit copy of an immediate Telegram just received from the Adjutant General of the Army, in reply to the Telegram above referred to viz. "Immediate—the Commander-in-Chief cannot adopt the suggestion in your Message of this day two forty-five P. M. At present he does not even know whether the disturbances are within or beyond the frontier of the Madras Presidency, and you should report fully on this point by letter." It is the duty "of the Civil Authorities to afford you full information on all points with respect to the strength of the Insurgents, the description of the Country in which the Troops are to be employed, etcetra, etcetra, and if you are of opinion that your force is not equal to the enterprise in hand, you should so communicate to the Civil Officer. If the Civil Authority in the disturbed District cannot obtain adequate Military aid from you, Commander-in-Chief considers that the Civil Officer ought to make a requisition on the nearest Civil functionary of the Bombay Presidency, who, there is no room to doubt will call upon the Military Authorities nearest at hand to comply therewith to the extent of their means," to which I would beg to call your immediate kind attention, and request you will at the earliest period afford me such information as you possess as to the strength and composition of the Insurgents, and their general situation, naming the particular localities they occupy above or below the Ghauts.

2. From the slight information I at present possess, I consider the Troops at present in the Field in North Canara, are inadequate to hunt down and destroy the Rebels, so as to bring the insurrection to a speedy and decisive conclusion, to effect this desirable end I consider the Troops ought to be equal to holding all the Commanding points of communications in Force, besides having sufficient Troops to act on the offensive wherever necessary. In this view of the case, as no more Troops can possibly be spared from these Provinces, Mangalore being now entirely almost denuded of Native Troops, I have to request you will, if you should deem fit, immediately adopt measures for obtaining Military aid as mentioned in the latter part of the Telegram above quoted.

3. I may here mention, that I have every reason to believe that the Troops comprising the 300 Rank and File, of whose early arrival I informed yesterday, are of the most efficient description.

4. I shall at all times be much obliged to you for any information connected with the movement of the Rebels, the nature of the Country, &c., and trust you will also communicate freely on such matters with the Officer Commanding the Troops and Officers Commanding parties.

5. The presence of a Senior Officer being, I consider, necessary with the Madras Troops in the Field, I have appointed Major Ireland to Command as long as he is Senior Officer, with his Adjutant as his Staff.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I have received instructions from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to proceed myself to the frontier, and put myself in communication with you, and I shall accordingly proceed by the "Thebes" Steamer.

Telegraph Message from Fort Saint George, } To Cannanore.
Tuesday 30th March 1858, 4-2 P. M.

From the Military Secretary to Brigadier Commanding.

Mountain Guns of Malabar Police have been placed at your disposal for Canara. If you think advisable "Thebes" can bring them from Calicut.

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Telegraph Message from Calicut, Tuesday 30th } To Cannanore:
March, 11-45 P. M.

From Special Assistant Magistrate to Brigadier FitzGerald.

In obedience to Government Telegram, Officer Commanding Malabar Police Corps has been requested to keep Corps and Guns at your disposal.

Telegraph Message from Ooty, Tuesday 30th } To Cannanore.
March, 10-30 A. M.

From Adjutant General to Brigadier FitzGerald.

The Mountain Guns Malabar Police have been placed at your disposal, if desired "Thebes" can take them from Calicut, Government have also asked Mr. Robinson, Calicut, whether the Malabar Police can be employed against the Rebels. Rewards of Ten thousand Rupees for each of the three Sawant Brothers have been offered.

Communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract and Copies.)

To the Revenue Department. With 3 spare copies.

Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

W. B. George
Canara 11th May

No. 878-693

By back Briney Const.

in the Military Dept.

Dated 12th

Received 27th April 1888

W. B. George

Communicating as
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Brigadier Commanding
Malabar and Canara, for
sending copies of correspondence
to the Civil authorities
connected with the district.
Canara in North Canara, with
his dispatch orders thereon.

W. B. George

To be recorded

W. B. George }
11th May 1888 }

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