

Revenue Department

No 2

Dated 3 — 1 — 1859

*Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 4th January 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General; to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras 30th December 1858, No. 206.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum of the 23d Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Mahout, who is in charge of the Elephant, and who has been employed during the past 19 years as a Mahout in the Commissariat Department, declares that the Elephant is not a white one, an opinion with which many persons, who are acquainted with Elephants in general concur.

From personal observation it appears to me that there is no difference between the animal in question and an ordinary black Elephant.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 2; dated 3d January 1859.

Resolved that the Commissary General be informed that it is not the intention of Government, under the circumstances now explained, to send the Elephant to Calcutta, and he will report the best mode in which the animal and its dam can be disposed of.

2. Ordered also that the Acting Collector of Coimbatore be called upon to explain how this animal came to be called a white one in his communication to the Board of Revenue dated 10th December 1858, and why sufficient enquiry was not made on the subject.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,  
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 5. From W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to the Government of India; dated 3d January 1859, No. 3.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Under Secretary Chapman's letter dated 8th June 1858, No. 898, I have the honor under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward copy of a letter from the Commissary General dated 30th December 1858, reporting that the Elephant which has been captured in the Coimbatore jungles and described as the white one is not of that colour, and that it is not much distinguished from the ordinary Elephant.

2. This Government have therefore deemed it proper to direct the Commissary General not to send the animal to Calcutta, as requested in Mr. Chapman's letter referred to.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
Under date the 3 January 1859.

Read the following letter  
from the Secretary General  
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Commisary General he  
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the elephant alluded to in  
explained, to send the elephant  
his father, ~~who was~~  
to be taken there and to report  
the last ride in which  
the animal, <sup>and its dam</sup> can be disposed  
of.

Ordered also that  
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to explain ~~under what~~  
<sup>how they</sup>  
~~circumstances the~~ animal  
came to be  
~~was~~ called a white one in  
his communication to the  
Board of Nov: dated 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 1858 and why  
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sufficient enquiry was  
not made on the subject.

Ordered that the  
following letters be despatched.

To  
The Secretary to the Govt of India  
/H. E. J. Lang 194-D.O./

3 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dept. 14.11.11  
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Recd Sept 14  
1859

W H Bailey Esq  
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The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir,

With reference to  
Mr. Andrew Leitch Chap-  
man's letter of 8th June  
1858, No. 898 I have the  
honour under the order of  
the M. Am. the Secy in  
Council to forward copy  
of a letter from the  
Commissionary General dated  
30th December 1858  
reporting that the elephant  
which has been captured in  
the Coromandel Jungles  
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Robert Lewis of Cons.  
23rd January 1859

From the Commissionary Genl. 2918  
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Effecting that it is not  
the intention of Government to  
send the elephant to Calcutta  
and calling upon the Secy  
Collector of Coromandel to explain  
how he came to call this animal  
a white one.

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it is not <sup>much</sup> distinguished  
from the ordinary Elephant  
by any peculiar color

This fact have  
therefore decided it  
proper to direct the  
Commissary General  
not to send the animal  
to Calcutta as requested  
in Mr. Chapman's letters  
dated 16.

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Fort St. Geo: 3<sup>d</sup> January  
1859

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

and in reply to inform you that the  
animal has been sent to Calcutta as requested.

Very respectfully,  
W. A. D.

Received 1859 Dec 17  
D<sup>r</sup> to Com<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> January

1859

To the Secretary to the  
Gov<sup>t</sup> of India.

29<sup>th</sup> January 1859.

Forwarding copy of a  
letter from the Com<sup>r</sup> of the  
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