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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 8th December 1859, No. 4336.

Approving of the despatch of the 21st Regiment N. I. to China and observing that the services of Captain W. H. Hessey cannot at present be spared from the Revenue Survey. (Vide Military Proceedings from 1st to 10th December 1859, Nos. 223 to 228.)

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1859, No. 1670.

Ordered that the foregoing proceedings be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 6th December 1859, *No.* 454; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

In reply to your reference on the Telegram from the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, dated Calcutta 5th instant, on the subject of the relief of the 4 Companies of the 12th Regiment in China, I have the honor by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to observe, that it is evidently the intention of the Supreme Government that the Corps, to proceed to China, should do so without delay, the more so because the Force of N. I. will probably have already been diminished there under previous orders, by the supposed embarkation of the 4 Companies of the 12th.

2. The Commander-in-Chief therefore now requests the orders of Government regarding the embarkation of the 21st Regiment for China.

3. With regard to the withdrawal of the 12th N. I., the circumstances which gave rise to it, are those given in the following extract from my letter to Government dated 6th July last, on which order No. 2443, dated 8th idem was issued.

Para. 3. "He also requests, that the Government of Hong Kong may be addressed on the "subject of the return of the Wing of the 12th Native Infantry, whose time of service abroad "expires in February next. No provision is proposed for the relief of the wing, as it is presumed "that the exigency which required its presence having passed away, the wing may be dispensed "with altogether. If this request be acceded to, the Detachment should be sent early after the "N. E. monsoon to Masulipatam, so as to arrive there in January next."

4. To this communication of Government, the Colonial Secretary replied, that the letter had been forwarded to the Major General Commanding the Forces in China.

5. So late as 12th September, the return of the detachment appears to have been considered a settled thing in China, for on that date, the Officer Commanding it, addressed this office to the effect, that the Officer Commanding the Forces had directed the detachment to be sent to Singapore, when he could dispense with its services.

6. No information has been received in regard to the date of its intended embarkation, or in regard to its detention, and, as it is inferred, that had it been intended to detain it (notwithstanding its foreign service tour is about to expire) such would have been communicated by the Officer Commanding the Forces or of the detachment, it is fairly presumable that it is now on its way back to India.

From the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 6th December 1859, *No.* 455; *to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Referring to the last para. of my letter of this date, I have the honor to annex extract copy of a letter this day received from China, from which it will be perceived, that the detachment 12th is now probably actually on its way to Masulipatam.

Extract of a letter from Major General Van Straubenzie, Commanding H. B. M's. Toops in China, to His Excellency Sir Patrick Grant K. C. B. Commanding the Forces Madras, dated Canton, 10*th November* 1859.

Para. 1. "I have the honor to inform your Excellency, that in accordance with the wish expressed in Colonel Marshall's letter to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, No. 2444 of the 8th of July last, I have, in concurrence with His Excellency the Honorable F. Bruce, Her Majesty's Minister to China, called upon the Admiral Commanding, to provide tonnage for the conveyance of the detachment of the 12th Madras Native Infantry to Masulipatam."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Major,
Dy. Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 6th December 1859, *No.* 1303; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

Stating that a Madras Native Infantry Regiment is required for China.

I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the telegram from the Government of India communicated to His Excellency on the 5th instant; and received this morning.

2. With reference to His Excellency's recommendation that the 21st Regiment should be the Corps to proceed to China, I am instructed to request that the services of the Officers of that Regiment named in the margin, may be placed at the Commander-in-Chief's disposal for Regimental duty.

Major D. Hamilton.	*Capt. W. H. Hessey.*
Captain R. Renton.	*Lieut. C. G. Blomfield.*
„ *J. W. Rideout.*	„ *T. G. Clarke.*

3. Lieutenants Cooke and Briggs who are under His Excellency's orders, will be ordered to join their Corps.

4. His Excellency purposes completing without delay the 21st Regiment, to 1,000 Privates, by Volunteers from the 2nd Extra Regiment about to be broken up.

ORDER, No. 4336, *8th December* 1859.

The Governor in Council approves of the dispatch of the 21st Regiment Native Infantry to China, as proposed by the Commander-in-Chief; and authorises the necessary arrangements for the purpose being carried into effect as early as practicable.

2. His Excellency is requested to intimate to Government, the probable date on which the Regiment may be expected to embark, with a view to the necessary communication being made to the Governments of India and to the authorities in China.

Major D. Hamilton on special duty, visiting the Hill ranges of the Presidency.
Captain J. W. Rideout 2nd Assistant and Acting 1st Assistant Military Auditor General.
Lieutenant C. G. Blomfield Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps.

3. The services of the Officers of the 21st Regiment Native Infantry named in the margin, are placed temporarily at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for Regimental duty.

4. Application will be made in the proper quarters for the following Officers who are required to re-join their Regiment on active service. The services of Captain W. H. Hessey, cannot at present be spared from the Revenue Survey.

Captain R. Renton, in charge of Resident's Escort, Yelwall and Mysore.

Lieutenant T. G. Clarke, Officiating Junior Assistant to Commissioner of Mysore.

Telegram to the Offig. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. Fort William.
Do. to the Commissioner of Mysore.
Do. to the Secy. to Govt. of India, with Governor General.
Letter to the Offig. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.
Do. to the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept., with Governor General.

Here enter 8th December 1859, Nos. 4337, 4338, 4338 A, 4338 B, 4338 C.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
„ Adjutant General.
„ Commissary General.
„ Superintendent of Marine.
„ Clothing Department.
„ Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions.
„ Inspector General of Ordnance.
„ Director General, Medical Department.
„ Military Auditor General.
„ Accountant General.
„ Auditor Commissariat Accounts.
„ Town Major.
" Revenue Department. With 2 spare Copies.

Exd. J. Davis.

Revenue 1859 Dept.

Rec.d of Govt. 10th December.

No. 2285.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. in the Military Department.

Dated 8th December 1859

Rec.d

Approving of the dispatch of the 21st Regt N. I to China and observing that the services of Capt.n W. H. Hessey cannot at present be spared from the Revenue Survey.

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