

Revenue Department

No 218

Dated 16 - 2 - 1859

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 25th February 1859.

No. 15. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 1st February 1859, No. 435.

Extract from a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, dated 15th December 1858, "Military" No. 33.

Letter dated 24th August 1858, No. 152.

Correspondence relating to the system of providing supplies of Carriage for Troops on the line of march.

8. The decisions of your Government on the several points embraced in this correspondence have been passed after careful consideration, in the Revenue and Military Departments.

9. As regards Carriage for Troops on the march, you observe that, "it appears to be absolutely necessary to retain in the hands of the Magistrate, the power to press Carts on occasion of Troops marching. The evil is great it is known and admitted; but at present there is no remedy, and all that can be done is to take what precautions may be possible to reduce its pressure and its weight." One of these precautions is, that in consideration of the Carriage being pressed, the owner is entitled to rather more than the regular rate of hire; and as it would not be fair that the extra charge should fall upon the Sepoy, that the amount should be debited to the State."

10. I approve of the principle of this arrangement; but it will require in its application to be carefully superintended. An annual Statement should be sent, of the amount of public charge which has been incurred in consequence.

11. It appears to me that one of the chief causes of the difficulty in procuring Carriage, is occasioned by the liability of the owner to be carried a lengthened distance from his home. The Commander-in-Chief observes, "one of the greatest hardships, if not the greatest, is that of having their Carts taken on, sometimes to the extent of 3 or 4 reliefs, whereas, the owner has, in the first instance, only agreed for one relief, thus a man undertakes to go to Bellary from Madras, on arrival at the former station, his Cart is seized, and he is obliged to proceed to Secunderabad and thence perhaps to Nagpore."

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Qr. Mr. Gl.'s Dept.) Military Audr. Genl. Acct. Genl. and to the Revenue Department.

The Mily. Audr. Genl. will submit to Govt. annually a Statement of the expense incurred by the State, in consequence of the arrangement referred to in para. 10.

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be drawn to effectually check-
ing this great evil.

13. I concur with His Excel-
lency the Commander-in-Chief,
in expressing a hope that the
frequency of the reliefs of
Native Regiments which has
been inevitable of late, will
now soon cease to be necessary.

(True Extracts.)

W. Marshall
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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to be sent from the City
of London in the Military
Department.

Notes 1st
Dec: 10th February 1850

Common eating
Correspondence relating
to the department of printing
supplies of carriage for
troops on the line of
march.

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ordered to be
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of Revenue for circulation
to the Collections.

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