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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 20—11— 1861.

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No. 199. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 14th November 1861 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel T. McGOUN, Controller of Military Finance, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 12th November 1861A.

SIR,

Letter from Commissary General, No. 226 of the 5th November 1861, with five enclosures.
Subject.
The preparation of Price Lists at Cannanore.

1. I have the honor to return herewith the documents marginally noted, which have been forwarded to me for report.

2. I have always considered that the manner in which Price Lists were prepared was open to serious objection, and was calculated to lead to much abuse : formerly they were made out by the Police, and that body being united with the Commissariat, under one and the same officer, lists prepared by the one could hardly be considered real checks on the expenditure of the other.

3. If all articles of Military supply are obtained by contract, as they are directed to be, there would be no occasion for price lists at all, as the check would be the terms of the contract, and not the price lists.

4. But as the system of contracts has not yet been carried out to the extent of rendering it safe to dispense with these price lists, and as it is obviously objectionable that they should be prepared by the Commissariat, and as their preparation is foreign to the duties of the Mufassal Police, Colonel McCally's suggestion that the Revenue Department should devise some means to supply them, would seem deserving of consideration.

5. I would, therefore, recommend that the suggestion be referred to that Department, not with reference to Cannanore only, but to all Military stations where the jurisdiction of the Civil authority prevails.

6. These price lists to be of any practical use as checks in Military expenditure should, it appears to me, be prepared by the Civil, and not by the Military authorities.

From Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General, Madras, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th November 1861, No. 226.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to represent to Government the great difficulty I experience in obtaining a price list of articles sold in the Cantonment of Cannanore since the introduction of the new Police.

2. Formerly this list was provided by the Military Police authorities, and sent by the Commanding Officer to the Examiner of Commissariat Accounts and myself to enable us to check charges, but it has now been discontinued for want of some responsible person to understand the duty of making it out. There being an objection on the part of the new Police to take on itself this duty.

3. I would respectfully suggest that the Revenue Department be called on to devise some arrangement by which this Department may be supplied with the list in question, as it is an important one.

No. 498, dated 30th July 1861.
No. 555, dated 2nd September 1861.

4. I enclose original correspondence on the subject with the Officer Commanding Malabar, which will put you in possession of the particulars of the case.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th November 1861.

Referred, with Commissary General's letter, for consideration in the Revenue Department.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, *Colonel,*
Secretary to Government.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1861, No. 2,187.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

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

Cannanore 2 September 1861

No 555. From The Officer Commanding
Malabar and Canara

To The Commissary General
Madras

Sir,

On the receipt of your letter No 1118 of the 23d July I wrote to the Inspector General of Police regarding the preparation of the Price Lists pointing out how these had been prepared by the Cutwall of this Station previous to the introduction of the new Police, but as that appointment had been abolished and an Inspector of Police substituted for it, I conceived it was this latter [illegible]

2 In reply Mr Robinson informed me that orders had been issued for the preparation of the Price Lists required, but that he should far prefer that the Police should have nothing to do with the Bazaars as they are apt to abuse their powers.

3 Since that, I have received another communication from him, intimating, that the Lists would be furnished in the Vernacular only as the form could be filled up in English. He further expresses a hope that the Commissariat Department will soon be able to arrange as might easily be done, for obtaining this information through some other channel than the Police, and that I will aid him in divesting the Police of a duty not properly belonging to that body.

4 I again communicated with Captain Ewart the Sub Assistant Commissary General on the Subject a Copy of his letter is subjoined

5 The Auditor of Commissariat Accounts has lately called on me for the Price Lists for the months of May and June - These I have not yet received, but foreseeing delay, and difficulties, I beg that you will move Government on the subject - some definite and clear understanding should be come to as to what Department the duty of making the Lists, specially appertains - The Lists being for your Department and having hitherto been kept [illegible] Department it is my opinion that you are the proper channel of communication on the point with higher authority

6 I fear that the proposition made by Captain Ewart cannot be entertained, though I fully agree with him on the advantage it will be to the Bazaars and to the Soldiers frequenting them in particular, if a person of the description he mentions could be allowed

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servant
[illegible]
for Brigadier
Comg Cannanore

No 496 Commissariat Office
Cannanore 28th August 1854

To
The Brigadier Commanding
Malabar and Canara
Cannanore

Sir,

28 Augt 1854 / 1244 / 25 Augt 54

I am acknowledging the receipt of the Brigade Major's letter No 552 forwarding an original letter from the Inspector General of Police regarding Price Lists herewith returned, I have the honor with reference thereto, to state that formerly Price Lists were furnished to the Commissariat Officer at Military Cantonments by the Bazaar Cutwall and in Civil Stations by the Adeharry or Head of villages, and I would beg respectfully to suggest that a person of this description be appointed for this station on a small rate of Pay to make out Price Lists, and would be of great assistance to [illegible] in making their purchases in the Bazaar the want of a person of this kind in a station like Cannanore where there are so many Europeans is much felt -

I have &c
Signed Archd Ewart Capt
A. A. C. Genl

A true Copy
[illegible]
Brigade Major

No 81

From

Captain A. J. P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate
Cannanore

To

The Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir,

I have the honor to forward original correspondence between the Major General Commanding the Provinces, the Superintendent of Police South Malabar and myself relative to the furnishing of Price Lists to the Commissariat and with reference thereto I shall be obliged by your furnishing me with instructions on the subject.

Formerly these Price Lists were made out by the Police Peons and Tahsildar, but on the introduction of the Madras Police these appointments cease to be held and I am therefore to comply with the Major General's request as my present office establishment is too small to carry on the Current work.

An early reply will oblige

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
Sd/ A. J. P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate

Cannanore
6th March 1861

Cannanore 6th March 1861

No 796
To

Captain A. J. P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate Cannanore

Sir,

In reply to your letter of date the 6th instant, I beg to acquaint you, that I have requested the Superintendent of Police, South Malabar, to issue instructions to the Head Constable at Ramachery to make out the Monthly Price Lists. This plan will,

Vide letter to Govt. 3rd Nov. 1861.

Rec'd 2nd Nov. 1861.

Rec'd 9th Nov. 1861.

Price lists to be monthly instead of quarterly. Instructions issued accordingly 9th Nov. 1861.

No 2870.

The Officer Commanding
Malabar Division

The Commissariat Officer
Cannanore

Sir,

I have &c.
Sd/ H. Conolly
Collr.

Cannanore 2nd Nov. 1861.

No 3535

Cannanore 2nd Nov. 1861.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Price List of articles procurable in the Cannanore Bazaar for the month of October 1861.

I have &c.
Sd/ A. J. P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate

Cannanore
2nd Nov. 1861

Cannanore 2nd Nov. 1861

No 3536

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Price List of articles procurable in the Cannanore Bazaar for the month of October 1861.

I have &c.
Sd/ A. J. P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate

Cannanore
2nd Nov. 1861

Cannanore 2nd Nov. 1861

No 3537

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Price List of articles procurable in the Cannanore Bazaar for the month of October 1861.

I have &c.
Sd/ A. J. P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate

Cannanore
2nd Nov. 1861

I hope, sufficient to enable you to meet the Conservancy Generals requisitions

I have &c
Signed W. Wales
Deputy Col Collector

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To

The Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I have the honor to inform you that as there is no one in the Town of Cannanore to furnish me with the Monthly Price Lists of that locality, I request you will be so good as to request the Superintendent of Police of Malabar to issue instructions to the Head Constable in charge of the Town to make out the necessary Price Lists.

I have &c
Sd/ A. J. P. Ewart
Asst Magistrate

Commissariat
Office
Cannanore

No 820 Calicut 8th March 1881

To Captain A. J. P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate
Cannanore

Sir,

In reply to your letter of March 3rd 1881 No 69, I beg to state that I do not consider it expedient to apply for the aid of the Head Constable in charge of the Cannanore Town, on the principle therein indicated. I have therefore directed the Chowkidar Tahseeldar to have the Price lists made out by either of the two above-mentioned persons in the vicinity, as there is no Police Station in the Town.

I have &c
Signed P. Grant
Collector

No 69 Commissariat Office
Cannanore 5 July 1881

The Commissary General
Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter No and date as per margin, calling on me to furnish Price lists for March I have the honor to inform you that these Price lists were formerly made out by the Town Cutwall but on the introduction of the new Police that appointment was abolished and an Inspector of Police appointed in his stead. Some time back I called on him to furnish the Price lists as done formerly by the Cutwall but he was prohibited doing this by his superior Mr. Bloomfield Superintendent of Police N. M. I then wrote to Mr. Grant Magistrate of Malabar on the subject, and beg to forward copies of the correspondence from which you will perceive that there is no one available for this duty in Cannanore as the Police are now no longer under my orders and my small Office Establishment as Joint Magistrate is under the orders of the Magistrate of Malabar. I would beg

on the subject.

I have &c
Sd/ A. J. P. Ewart

beg respectfully to suggest that he be called on to furnish the Price Lists now required.

I have &c &c
Signed/ A.J.P. Ewart Capt
A.A.G. Genl

No 1886. Calicut 2d July 1861

From P. Grant Esqre
Collector of Malabar
To Captain A.J.P. Ewart
A.A.G. Genl
Cannanore

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th Ultimo No 247, I have the honor to refer you to mine of the 22d May last, in which the subject of furnishing monthly Price Lists was disposed of.

I have &c &c
Signed/ P. Grant
Collector

No. Badagherry 22d May/61

From P. Grant Esqre
Magistrate of Malabar
To Captain A.J.P. Ewart
Joint Magistrate
Cannanore

Sir

I have received your letter of the 18th instant and have thought over the matter in hopes that I should be able to assist but I am unable to do so for I have not a single subordinate in Cannanore except the Sea Custom Manager and Salt Peshcar. There is no Adigherry even to be assessed.

I have &c &c
Signed/ P. Grant
Magistrate

/True Copies/
Ewart Capt
A.A.G. Genl

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Memo:

No 17

The directions of the Inspector General were that this Pass List should be furnished by the Police for one month and no longer This period having expired, the Pass list Cannot no longer be furnished by the Police The Commandant of police will be respectfully requested of this by Inspector

Signed C J Blomfield
Supt of Police
Fort St George

Copy to the Supt of Police
Fort St George 10th May 1861

No 174

To The Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir

With reference to the enclosed Copy of a Memo from the Superintendent of Police Fort St George to the address of the Inspector I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to cause to be forwarded to me the Monthly Pass list both of the Town and Country at your earliest Convenience.

I have &c
Signed A J P Cogan
Joint Magistrate

Canjanore
8th May 1861

No 171

To
Brigade Major
Malabar & Canara
Cannanore

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Current Pass List have been returned unsigned by the Head Constable in charge of Barracks and as it appears by the accompanying letter from Fort St George that these Pass lists can not be issued by the Police - I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to cause me to be furnished with instructions thereto -

I beg to enclose Copies of correspondence on the subject.

I have &c
Signed A J P Cogan
Joint Magistrate

Cannanore
15th May 1861

No. 230

Cannanore 17th May 1861

To

The Sub Assistant Comm.t General,
Calicut and Cochin
Sout Malabar

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 174 of Yesterday date relative to the inconvenience experienced by you in furnishing the Price lists to which you are legally entitled at the Residency, I have the honor to inform the Collector Commanding the Province to inform you that he has submitted the matter to the Commissary General with the view of some arrangement being devised to relieve you from your present embarrassment.

I have &c

(Signed) Charles Dwight Capt
A.g. Brigade Major
& Assistant Resident

(True Copies)

Dwight

Joint Magistrate

Rec.d 21st May 1861
Ans.d 29th May 1861

No. 498.

From The Superintendent
Cann.e Malabar Canara

To The Commissary General
Madras.

Dated Cannanore 30th July 1861.

Sir -

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1118 of the 23d. Instant relative to the regular despatch of the Monthly Price Lists, and calling for that for March last, as early as possible.

2.- I addressed you on the subject on the 4th March last.-

3.- Captain Dwight has also furnished me with a copy of the correspondence which has passed on the subject between the Collector of Malabar and himself, the aides de camp & the Inspector General of Hospitals & also on this letter by you of the 5th Instant.

4.- That Officer has done all he can to obtain the necessary Lists, but he has failed in procuring

× attached

them authority at the means of supplying them himself.

5. That, as a last resource, application be instituted to Lords Police. Should avail this apply; should, if unsatisfactory, I shall submit the matter for the consideration of the Government.

6. In the mean time, however, I request, that I am enabled to furnish you with the Price List for Board last.

I have the honorable
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt.
Lt. Lubens Bryn
Comg. Mechanics Camp.

6. These Price Lists to be of any practical use as Checks on Military Expenditure should, it appears to me, be prepared by the Civil, and not by the Military Authorities. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
C. B. Viles Lieut.t Col.
Controller of Supply Stores

Price Lists, &c. &c. called for from Canada by Lieut.t Col. Viles

Sir, No 2115.
The Officer Commanding
Royal Artillery
Halifax N.S.

2 Sept.r 61.

Deputy Commissary Gen.l
Ordnance
Halifax N.S.

Sir, 2 Sept.r 1861.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, a Return of Ordnance Stores received from Canada during the month of August 1861.

I have &c.

Further letter from Ordnance
No 2115
Sept.r 5.

Ret.d Sept.r 5. "Augt 1861 Ord.

From the Bd of Revy 16 Jan 62
No 212

273-6
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To The Secretary
War Department
Washington DC
14 Enclosures
(To be returned)

Post Office
14th November 1861

Respectfully, with Commissary General's
letter for consideration in the Treasure Department

Thurndall
Secretary to Bd of Rev

No 199 & 200

Dec 4 1861 Revenue
Dept
Pro: of Ordnance Supplies.

From,
No 2690
The Contr of Mily Fins
To
The Secy to Govt
MD

Dated 12th
Recd 14
Dec 5

November 1861.
A. No 2187. 20th Inst.

Enclosures 14.

Returns the documents from the Comy General relative to the preparation of price lists. Recommends that the Revenue Department be requested to prepare the same.

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No 2187 - 20 Nov 61
William Linder

No. 2187

Referred to the Board
of Revenue for report.

Fort St George
20th November 1861

J D S

14 Copies to
Board of Revenue Dispt 21st