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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th January 1864.

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Framing orders on a reference made by the Supreme Government on the employment of Public Cattle by Civil Officers. } (Here enter 19th December 1863, No. 4,051.)

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1864, No. 17.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Conservator of Forests for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Conservator of Forests with Proceedings Military Department, No. 4,051.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah and Agent to the Governor General, Rangoon, 27th October 1863, *No.* 4089 ; *to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, Fort William.*

I have the honor, by direction of the Chief Commissioner, to forward manuscript of letter No. 95, of the 16th instant, from the Deputy Commissioner of Tonghoo, to the Commissioner of Pegu, on the subject of Elephant Carriage.

2. Until recently, it has been the practice for Officers in Civil employ in this Province, and also Officer of the Police, to obtain Elephant Carriage from the Commissariat on payment, when their duties carried them into parts of the District where other means of conveyance were impracticable either from the nature of the ground or the inclemency of the weather, and in fact, from the jungly nature of the country and the heavy monsoon rains, the demand for Elephant Carriage is imperative, to enable Officers to perform their duties efficiently, at some seasons of the year.

3. It appears however, from Captain Lloyd's letter, that by recent orders from Madras, Commissariat Elephants are prohibited being lent even for hire.

4. Under these circumstances, it becomes a question whether a supply of Elephant Carriage should be kept up at convenient Stations for the use of the Civil Officers and Police, or whether it would not be a more economical arrangement for the Commissariat Elephants to be made available as formerly for hire whenever they are wanted, and are not actually required for Military work.

5. It is presumed that Elephants are kept up chiefly for Military service in case of war, or other casual emergency, and not for the ordinary requirements of Cantonments, for which duties Bullocks offer a more convenient resource. If however it should be otherwise, and Commissariat Elephants cannot be placed at the disposal of Civil Officers, it will become a question what other arrangements can be made. But before entering into that part of the subject, the Chief Commissioner respectfully requests His Honor the President in Council may be made acquainted with the state of the case, with a view to enquiry being made, of the Madras Government, whether, under the peculiar circumstances of the country and climate, some relaxation may be made, with refercuce to the supply of Commissariat Elephants, to the Civil and Police Officers in British Burmah.

From the Deputy Commissioner, Tonghoo, 16*th October* 1863, *No.* 95 ; *to the Commissioner of Pegu, Rangoon.*

I have the honor to report that I left Tonghoo Town yesterday with a view to visit the frontier, chiefly to examine the road there, and to see a number of Emigrants from Burmah Proper. I indented for Elephants, the roads being impassible for Ponies or Carts, my indent was duly complied with, but to-day I received a letter from the Commissary General requesting me to return the Elephants temporarily placed at my disposal. This Officer forwarded, at the same time, an Extract from Division Orders, copy attached, from this Extract it appears that for the future Elephants are not to be placed at the disposal of the Civil Department. In a country like this, particularly in the District under my charge, I leave it for you to judge whether I can efficiently carry out my duties without Elephant Carriage, my visits into the interior of the Districts and among the Karens on the mountains will be put a stop to, even during the dry weather, as there are no roads in the District, except one or two leading to a few of the villages, within a circle of twenty miles of Tonghoo.

2. If the Commissariat Department are not to supply the Civil Department with Elephants on payment, as formerly, I trust, with a view to my being able to visit the District under my charge, that the purchase of at least three Elephants will be sanctioned to carry the Government Tent, Office Records, &c., from place to place.

Garrison Order by Colonel Fischer, C. B, Commanding Tonghoo, Tuesday, October 13th, 1863.

I. In obedience to orders received from higher Authority, the Assistant Commissary General is prohibited from complying with requisitions from the Civil, Police, Telegraph, and Engineer Authorities for the loan of Elephants.

All Elephants now out on loan will forthwith be re-called.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MARTYR, Major,
Station Staff Officer.

No. 1559.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for consideration.

By order,
(Signed) J. T. WHEELER,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,
6th November 1863.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

21st November 1863.

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 5th December 1863, *No.* 9180; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to reply to the reference made by the Government of India, on the employment of Public cattle by the Civil Officers in Pegu, communicated by Government on the 21st ultimo.

2. Applications of this nature are not unfrequent, and if compliance was every where admitted, the services of the Cattle, when required, could not be commanded, neither could their care be properly guaranteed. Scattered about the country, and deprived of that periodical inspection which is essential to their health and condition, the Public service could not be properly provided for.

3. His Excellency would draw attention to paragraph 9 of my letter, and to the Order of Government on it, the last being dated 14th June 1860, No. 2185, paragraph 4. I am also to refer to paragraph 5 of G. O. G., No. 66 of 1854.

4. The Establishment of Public cattle has been fixed, at what was considered by Sir P. Grant, a minimum, *vide* my letter in Order of Government, No. 3310, dated 15th September 1860: and if a Military occasion should arise demanding the services of the Cattle which were absent on other duty, but with the sanction of proper Authority; the evil of loaning them would be practically tested.

5. It may seem but reasonable that animals, not in active use, should be hired to any parties requiring them; but if that be admitted, there would be no end of it.

6. His Excellency therefore adheres to the paragraph of the G. O. I have quoted. In every case the applicant should state the number of animals he wishes to have on hire from Government, that it is on the Public service he needs them; the distance they are to be taken and the time within which they will be returned to their Station; and that he is unable to provide himself with suitable Cattle by any other means.

ORDER, No. 4051, *19th December* 1863.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as expressed in the Quarter Master General's letter above recorded, relative to the occasions and terms on which Public cattle should be made available to Civil Departments, the sanction of the Commander-in-Chief or of Government (required by the concluding clause of paragraph 5 of the Order marginally noted) being, however, (to save delay) dispensed with, as regards the Pegu Division, the Officer Commanding which, is hereby vested with final authority to dispose of requisitions for the employment of the Cattle for other than Commissariat purposes.

G. O. G. 24th March 1854, *No.* 66.

2. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Government of India.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept. | Here enter 19th December 1863, No. 4052.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.
" Commissary General.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
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