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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 164 **Press** ~~Mis.~~

325. 326.

Dated 23 - 1 - 1861.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 325. Read the following Telegraph Message from the Magistrate of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 21st January 1861.

The Cavalry are in orders to leave this for Bangalore on the 28th. The Commissariat Officer has just informed me he has failed to procure one bandy. No contractors will now come forward. May I impress otherwise. I see no prospect of securing three hundred carts. An early reply will oblige. The Commissariat Officer was willing to pay double the usual hire.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1861, No. 164.

1. It appears to the Governor in Council that there has been culpable neglect on the part of the Commissariat Officer, in deferring till so late a time to inform the Magistrate of his difficulty in getting carriage.

2. If, as stated in the Telegram, no contractors will come forward, the Government are of opinion that there must be other reasons for this than those apparent on the surface. The march to Bangalore is short, and the road fair, and it is known that the rate paid will be high if necessary. Mr. McDonell should make it his business to investigate the real causes of the backwardness experienced, and report them for the information of Government.

3. The march of the Regiment is necessary; and if carts cannot be otherwise obtained, impressment must be resorted to. But the Government rely on Mr. McDonell to avoid it if possible; and to take all the means in his power, if compelled to employ it, to check the abuses which usually accompany it.

4. The Government also direct that impressment shall only be employed, at all events, to make up the number of carts absolutely necessary for the march of the Regiment. Three hundred carts for a Regiment of Cavalry is utterly inordinate; it amounts to nearly one cart for every fighting man. The Magistrate will call on the Commanding Officer for a list of the number actually necessary to enable the Regiment to march. In this list the number for public stores, &c., and for the men must be cut down as much as possible; and mess supplies and Officers cannot be provided with carriage by pressing, beyond what is actually necessary for the march. All other commodities may be left behind, and conveyed hereafter as carriage may be voluntarily procurable.

5. The Magistrate will report to Government his proceedings under this order, as soon as the Regiment has marched.

Ordered that the following Telegram be despatched to the Magistrate of Trichinopoly:—

"You may press if other means fail, but only to the number of carts absolutely required "for the march of the Regiment—more by Tappaul."

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

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MONTHLY OFFICE No. 859.

H. M.'S TELEGRAPHS IN INDIA.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

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Over 16 words the charge increases at the rate of one anna for every additional word.
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Cabled Messages are sent at the ordinary price, but can only be received in numbers written in full, or in common English words.

The Rates are Doubled for distances over 400 miles and under 800 miles.
" " Tripled for distances over 800 and less than 1,200.
" " Quadrupled for distances over 1,200 and less than 1,600; and so on, an additional rate is charged for each distance of 400 miles, or part of 400 miles.
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To Madras
To Secy: to Govt.

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Impressment of Cartage
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Revenue 1861 Department
Pro: of Govt. for January

No. 164.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
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From Magistrate of Trichinopoly Dy 13th
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