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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th March 1859.

No. 14. Read the following letter from Captain G. M. BRUCE, Commandant Andaman Sebundy Corps; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 17th March 1859, No. 20.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract from the "Minutes of Consultation," Judicial Department, under date the 12th March 1859, number and subject as per margin, I most respectfully beg to submit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the following statement of the progress made in the organization of the Andaman Sebundy Corps.

No. 330. Requests to be informed when the Corps will be ready for service in the Andamans.

2. The men have been drilled for four hours daily, have been supplied with their "Arms and Accoutrements," and have acquired a very satisfactory knowledge of their duties, but I cannot, as yet, report the Corps fit for service, as I am still unprovided with the Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers applied for in my letters of the 16th December 1858, and 25th January 1859. When they join, I shall be able to supply in a more precise manner, than I can at present, the information called for in the Minute of Consultation, now under acknowledgment.

3. As it is possible that some of the men may desert when on the point of embarkation, or that casualties may occur shortly after the arrival of the Corps in the Andamans, I beg you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the entertainment of some supernumeraries to meet any such emergency; I would also beg to call your attention to the recruiting of the Corps, when on service, and for which, I believe no provision has been made.

4. An Artificer will be required to make any necessary repairs to the Arms, and Puckallies for the use of the Corps, but to avoid any unnecessary expenditure of the public money, they need not be entertained until the Corps is about to embark, it will, however, be necessary to procure the permission of Government for the entertainment of those individuals, as they have not been included in the Establishment sanctioned by Minutes of Consultation, Judicial Department, No. 1159, dated the 23rd August 1858.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 392; dated 23rd March 1859.

In the above letter the Commandant of the Andaman Sibbundies, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 330 of the 12th Instant, requesting him to inform Government when the Corps will be fit for service in the Andamans, states that until he has been supplied with the Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers to be attached to the Corps, he can make no definite reply to the query put him.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 233 of the 19th Ultimo, Government communicated to the Commandant that the Adjutant General of the Army had reported that Volunteers were called for in G. O. C. C. of the 28th January last, to fill the vacant grades in the Corps. A reference will now be made through the Military Department to ascertain whether any applications have been received under the G. O. C. C. cited above, and if so, that immediate arrangements may be made for removing the applicants to the Sibbundies.

3. With reference to the propositions in paras. 3 and 4 of Mr. Bruce's letter, Government authorise the enlistment of the usual per-centage of supernumeraries to fill up casualties, as they occur, of the kind specified by him, and also the entertainment of Puckallies, when required. G. O. G. No. 117 1858. According to the scale laid down for the Pegu Battalion, one Puckallie on Rupees (15) fifteen, or two Bheasties on Rupees 12 each, will be sufficient for the Andaman Corps.

4. Application will be made in the Military Department for the appointment of an Ordnance Artificer to the Corps.

5. Arrangements for recruiting the Corps, will be settled after its transhipment to its destination.

6. Resolved that the orders passed on the foregoing communication be reported for the information of the Supreme Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23th March 1859.

No. 16. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd March 1859, No. 393.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to report, for the information of the Government of India, the progress that has been made with the Andaman Sibbundies and the further measures that have been sanctioned for completing the establishment of the Corps.

2. Referring to para. 2, of a letter from this Department, No. 230, dated 18th Ultimo, I have to state that a European Serjeant Major has been appointed to the Corps, and that Volunteers have been called for to occupy the Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned grades, attached to the Corps. Pending the appointment of the Native Officers, however, the Com, mandant of the Corps in rejoinder to a reference calling on him to intimate when his men will be fit for service in the Andamans, states that he cannot give a definite answer.

3. Meanwhile with the aid of Drill Instructors, temporarily detached for the duty from the Presidency garrison, the Corps, now accoutred and armed, have been drilled four hours daily, and are reported to have acquired a satisfactory knowledge of their duties.

4. To provide for casualties, and desertions prior to embarkation, the Commandant has obtained the permission of Government to enlist the usual per-centage of supernumeraries. He has also been authorised to entertain a Puckally on Rupees 15, or two Bheasties on Rs. 12 each, in accordance with the scale laid down for the Pegu Police Battalion. It has been proposed to attach an Artificer to the Corps, and application has been made to the Military Department for one from the Corps of Ordnance Artificers.

5. I have been directed to request that the orders of the Government of India may be obtained in regard to the arrangements to be made for recruiting the Corps, when on service.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

No. 392

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 23d March 1859.

Read letter from the Commandant of the Andaman Sibbendies ——— Entered No. 20 of 17 March 59.

In the above letter the Commandant of the Andaman Sibbendies, in reference to Exc: Mins: Cons:, No. 330 of the 12th Instant, requesting him to inform Govt. when the Corps will be fit for service in the Andamans, states that until he has been supplied with the Native Commissioned & non-Commissioned Officers to be attached to the Corps, he can make no definite reply to the query put him.

3. In Exc: Mins: Cons: No. 233 of the 19th Ults. Govt. communicated to the Commandant that the Adjutant

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The Commandant of the Andaman Sibbendies
" Mily. Dept.
" Accountant General & Civil Auditor

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Fort St George
23d March 1857.

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The Secy: to the Govt of

India

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Reporting the progress that has been made with the Andaman Libbundies, and the further measures that have been sanctioned for completing the establishment of the Corps, and requesting that orders may be obtained in regard to the arrangements to be made for pensioning the Corps, whenever on service

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