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No. 21. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam ;  
to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated  
27th September 1859, No. 286.

I have the honor to submit copies of letters which have passed between the Officer Com-  
manding 5th Regiment N. I. Berhampore, and the Deputy A. A. General of Northern Division  
regarding the payment of the troops in anticipation of Audit, excepting only the batta allow-  
ances.

2nd. Major Wyndham states that his men do not get their pay till about a month after it  
falls due, and are obliged to borrow money in the bazaar at interest in the mean while, and he  
begs me to advance the fixed portion of their pay.

3rd. This was done last month, but I think it my duty to solicit the orders of Government  
on the subject. The grievance is equally applicable to the Talook establishments of the Dis-  
trict which are more than a month in arrears (owing to delay in Audit) and that on exceedingly  
small salaries. (The Talook peons receive mostly 3 Rupees a month.)

4th. The Audited Bills for the Huzoor Establishment begin to make their appearance  
about the 19th, and continue to come in for the next few days.

5th. It is obvious however that except in the case of deputation allowances, batta to Sepoys  
or extra tentage, there can be no object in delaying the payment of salaries in this way, to the  
inconvenience and positive loss of the recipients both Civil and Military, and I request the au-  
thority of Government to disburse all fixed salaries and Military pay on a given date early in the  
month, at the beginning of which they fall due, reserving the payment of allowances of a dif-  
ferent character till the receipt of audited bills.

6th. I may further observe that if any Officer is called upon to remit money from this  
District to England, for the use of his family or otherwise, the bill cannot by any means reach  
Madras before the end of the month following that for which his pay was due, and if the remit-  
tance is sent off by his Agents at Madras in anticipation of the receipt of a bill, he is charged  
with interest for the interval.

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From Major A. WYNDHAM, Commanding 5th Regiment N. I. ; to the Deputy Assistant Ad-  
jutant General, Northern Division, Waltair, dated Berhampore, 5th September 1859,  
No. 126.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General Commanding the Di-  
vision that the Pay of the Regiment under my command has of late been received after the 26th  
of the month, generally on the 28th or 29th and on one occasion, on the first of the second month  
after it became due, viz., pay for April 1859, was received on the 1st June 1859, thereby put-  
ting the men to great inconvenience and loss, as they have to borrow money in the bazaar paying  
a high rate of interest for the same. I have the honor therefore to request you to be good  
enough to solicit the sanction of the Major General, to my drawing the Pay of the Regiment  
without any Batta, on receipt from the Collector, about the middle of each month ; to be adjust-  
ed on the receipt, from the Paymaster, of the usual order for pay.

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From Captain J. MANSON, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General Northern Division ; to the  
Officer Commanding 5th Regiment N. I., dated Waltair, 9th September 1859, No. 259.

I am desired by the Major General Commanding the Division to state that he has no ob-  
jection to the plan proposed by you, in letter No. 126, under reply, if arrangement can be made  
by you with the Collector, but great care should be taken not to overdraw the amount of Abstract.

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ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1859, No. 578.

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That portion of the letter which relates to the payment of the Troops will be referred to the Military Department for consideration.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

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