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No. 14. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 30th September 1863, No. 3,146.

Communicating for the orders of the Government of India, papers on the subject of the number of guard reliefs deemed requisite for the efficiency of Native Troops. (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 30th September 1863, Nos. 612—615.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1863, No. 653.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Bangalore, 31st August 1863, No. 300; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

The Officer Commanding in the Straits has reported to this Department, that he communicated with the Government at Labuan, with reference to the instructions issued by the Commander-in-Chief, consequent on the opinion expressed by the Government of India,* on the subject of the number of Guard reliefs deemed requisite for the efficiency of Native Troops.

**Letter, No. 146, dated 4th February 1863, recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 800, of 11th March last.*

2. In reply, the Secretary to the Labuan Government states that none of the Civil Guards furnished by the Troops can be reduced, or taken over by the Local Police; and, he adds, that "the circumstances which in India have led to the promulgation of the Order in question, are "not applicable to this Colony."

3. The Order here referred to, is that by the Government of India, alluded to above, in paragraph 1, and which lays down inferentially, that, to admit of perfect efficiency, Native Troops are to have four nights out of five in bed. If this be desirable in India, Sir Hope Grant considers it is certainly no less so at Labuan.

4. The Commander-in-Chief is not aware how far the Government of Labuan is correct in its assumption, that the instructions of the Government of India on this point do not apply to the Indian Troops employed in that Colony; and His Excellency has therefore directed that the above particulars be communicated for the information and orders of Government.

5. The correspondence forwarded by Colonel DeSausmarez, while it shews that the number of Guards now furnished by the Detachment at Labuan, give the men barely two nights out of three in bed, at the same time brings to notice that the Local Government will not allow of any increase in the strength of the Detachment, in the absence of instructions from His Grace the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Memorandum from the Deputy Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 14th September 1863, No. 2127; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 4th instant, the Deputy Adjutant General has the honor to annex in the margin, the strength of the Detachment at Labuan at present, as reported in a letter from the Officer Commanding in the Straits, dated 6th August 1863.

Requesting to submit for the information of Government, a Return shewing the daily Guards and Sentries furnished by the Native Troops at Labuan, distinguishing those employed on duties connected with the Detachment from those employed on general duty, and the aggregate strength of the Detachment.

Captain.	*Subaltern.*	*Native Officers.*	*Havildars.*	*Drummers, Fifers and Buglers.*	*Naigues.*	*Privates.*	*Bheasties.*	*2nd Tindal and Lascar.*
1	1	2	7	2	7	100	3	1

2. Colonel DeSausmarez in the same letter states that the number of sick, ranges from 10 to 15.

3. The following are the daily Guards and Sentries furnished by the above Detachment;—

		Naigues.	Privates.	Sentries. Day.	Sentries. Night.
Guards on Civil duty.	Jail Guard.....	1	12	3	4
	Government Office Guard, Commissariat Stores, ...	1	6	1	2
		1	9	3	3
Guards on Mily. duty.	Barrack Guard.....	0	1	0	0
	Orderly to Officer Commanding.....	—	—	—	—
	Total.....	3	28	0	0
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Besides the above, the Governor has a Guard of six Privates while present at the Colony.

ORDER, No. 3146, *30th September* 1863.

Forwarded for the consideration and orders of the Government of India.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 30th Sept. 1863, No. 3147.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Financial Department.
" Controller of Military Finance.
" Commissary General.