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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 36. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated Calicut, 5th October 1857, No. 139.

SIR,

No. 257, dated 2nd October 1857. In forwarding the accompanying letter from Lieutenant Blomfield, Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps, I beg strongly to support his recommendation.

2. Cloth trousers are to be supplied to the men, and Lieutenant Blomfield wishes to be permitted to draw the money which such issue of clothing would cost the State, and in lieu, to supply the men with a useful over-coat, in regard to which a curious oversight has occurred, the men being unprovided with any warm wrapper, so much needed in the inclement climate.

3. The cloth trousers are very rarely put on by the men, and are not at all popular with them, being of a strong stuff and hard material, to which their limbs are unaccustomed.

4. They wear the undress of the accompanying material, which is a most serviceable, strong article, and much preferred by the men, and I think Lieutenant Blomfield may safely be entrusted with issuing to the men, the full value of the trouser allowance, (after deducting the cost of the over-coat) in this more desirable material:

5. I therefore beg that the sum to which the supply of trousers would amount, may be sanctioned in lieu of the article itself, and that the Commandant may be permitted to apply it as above recommended.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON, *Acting Magistrate.*

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Mallapooram, 2nd October 1857, No. 257.

SIR,

1 suit sanctioned, biennially.

Clothing received.

1854.

Tunic and Cap.

1855.

Trousers.

1856.

Tunic and Cap.

The Malabar Police Corps being in accordance with the directions of Government, as per Minutes Consultation, No. 433, dated 15th June 1855, entitled to receive cloth trousers for the year 1857; I have the honor herewith to submit an Indent for that purpose.

I would however venture at the same time, in compliance with a general wish expressed by the Corps, to suggest, that compensation be graciously allowed by Government to be issued, in lieu of trousers in this instance, under the following circumstances:

1st. The cloth trousers for the year 1855, are still in excellent order, and may be made with care to last two years more.

2nd. No boat cloak, or any similar article of dress, as a protection against the heavy rains and damp climate of Malabar, has been sanctioned by Government for the Police Corps, some such protection appears however to be essentially requisite.

I would therefore respectfully request, that in order to obviate causing additional expense to Government, by indenting for this article; the Commandant be allowed to draw compensation for the Corps in lieu of trousers for this year (1857): with this he will be enabled to provide each man with a good cumby cloak with cape, made in the form of a poncho (costing about 2 Rupees) and also one pair or more of undress trousers, of the cloth of which a sample is enclosed, corresponding with the uniform, costing 7 annas per yard, made at Tellicherry, and which appears, after a lengthened trial, to be well adapted for the use of irregular troops in India, being light, strong, and serviceable.

The Commandant of the Corps will of course be responsible that the full quantity of cloth, etc., be issued to the men, to the amount of the compensation granted, as also that no additional expense be incurred either by Government or the men, on this account.

(Signed) C. G. BLOMFIELD, Lieutenant,
Commandant Malabar Police Corps

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON, *Acting Magistrate.*

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th October 1857.

No. 37.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1362; dated 17th October 1857.

Under the circumstances represented, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement submitted in the foregoing letter, whereby it is proposed to issue to the men of the Malabar Police Corps this year, a good cumby boat cloak with cape instead of the broad cloth trousers authorized under date 15th June 1855, the difference in the price of these articles being given them in cloth for trousers of the material they now wear in undress. It is observed that the Cavalry grey trousers are rarely worn, and that those supplied in 1855 are still in excellent order, and calculated to last two years longer.

2. Reference will be made to the Superintendent and Agent of the Army Clothing for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the cloth, &c., as per Indent submitted by the Officer Commanding the Malabar Police Corps, supposing the men were supplied with trousers; and Lieut. Bloomfield will be careful not to exceed that amount.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Medical Department.

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Consultation

20th October, 1857.

Read the following letter from the
Magistrate of Malabar,
dated 5th October 1857 No 139)

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consul

No. 37.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1362

Under the circumstances represented, the Right Honorable the arrangement submitted in the foregoing letter to the men of the Malabar Police Corps this year, a good quality broad cloth trousers authorized under date 15th June 1855, articles being given them in cloth for trousers of the same quality observed that the Cavalry grey trousers are rarely worn in excellent order, and calculated to last two years longer.

2. Reference will be made to the Superintendent of Police for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the cloth, &c., as required by the Malabar Police Corps, supposing the measure proposed by Bloomfield will be careful not to exceed that amount.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

No. 1362

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 17th October, 1857.

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(Recd letter 5th October 1857 No 139)*

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3. Reference will be made
to the Supt^t and Agent of the
Army clothing for the purpose
of ascertaining the value of the
cloths &c as per Incident submitted
by the Officer Commanding ^{the M. P. Corps} ^{regt.}
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will be careful not to exceed the
amount.

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" Civil auditor

" Asst. General

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