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No. 23. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 15th December 1856, No. 123.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of the Government, the accompanying copy of a representation of Major Haly, Commanding Malabar Police Corps, soliciting on behalf of the European Soldiers doing duty with that Corps, and of the Sergeant Major of the Corps, a continuance of Military Pay in addition to Civil allowance.

Dated 12th December 1856.

From Major G. T. HALY, Commandant Malabar Police Corps, Mallapooram; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated 12th December 1856, No. 456.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that you will kindly lend me your assistance in bringing to the notice of Government, the following representation with regard to the European Soldiers doing duty as Sergeants with the Malabar Police Corps.

In the Minutes of Consultation authorizing the formation of the Corps, forwarded to me for guidance and instruction, under the general head of "Extra cost to the State" were specified "Civil Salaries" to the Commandant, the Adjutant, the Sergeant Major, and two European Sergeants; the latter of whom were to receive 30 Rupees per Mensem each. These amounts being calculated as "Extra cost to the State," were of course considered as they were termed "Civil Salaries," independent of Military pay; on a reference to the Deputy Paymaster, Malabar and Canara, on the subject, I was informed† that although in the case of Staff Sergeants posted to the Corps, the amount of Civil Salary would be considered a consolidated allowance, yet that there would be no objection to the disbursement of Military Pay to a European Soldier "temporarily attached as Drill Instructor to the Corps," Corporal‡ Ryan of H. M's 25th Regiment, and Corporal Williams, Horse Brigade Artillery, both being in this position, have in consequence of this sanction continued until now in the receipt of the Military Pay of their rank, in addition to their Civil allowances as Sergeants in the Corps, without objection from the Pay Department. This has however been suddenly stopped by order of the Military Auditor General; and the object of this representation is to solicit the sanction of Government to its re-continuance for the following reasons.

Judicial Department, No. 352, under date the 16th May 1854.

†Letter, No. 178, dated 7th June 1855.

‡Volunteered to H. M's. 74th Highlanders as a Private for the purpose of joining the Police Corps, thereby losing his position in the service as a Non-Commissioned Officer.

A consolidated Salary of Rupees 30 per month is not *sufficient to reimburse*‖ any promising and intelligent European Soldier for the loss of prospective promotion in his own Regiment, of the chance of superior Pension, and of the advantages of quarters, ration money, good conduct pay, &c., he formerly enjoyed. A Soldier acting as Serjeant in the Police Corps can only provide himself with quarters by building a house for himself and family, or inducing a Native to do so for him by the promise of an excessive rent which would in itself absorb one-third of his pay. To a Non-commissioned Officer (Sergeant) or Corporal, Horse Brigade, after 10 years' service, the receipt of the appointment is a positive pecuniary loss, and it cannot therefore be expected that trustworthy, intelligent, steady, and active men, such as are absolutely required for the effective performance of the duties of the Corps, and its training in Artillery, Rifle, and Revolver Practice, can be obtained or will remain with it on insufficient allowances; such men being certain of promotion in their own Regiments, would naturally look with discontent upon an appointment, in which there are no prospective advantages, and which unlike those§ of "Department Public Works" and ordinary Civil appointments, deprive them of Military pay, superior pension, and provision for their families, to which a Soldier always looks forward to in the decline of life.

‖ This has been most earnestly but respectfully represented by those now attached to the Corps.

Pay of Corporal (Williams) after 10 years' service, Horse Brigade Artillery, Rupees 31-12-1.

§Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers so employed receive their Military Pay, as well as Civil Allowances, as likewise do those attached to the Commissariat.

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

In regard to the salary, 60 Rupees granted to the Sergeant Major of the Corps, this may be considered a sufficient remuneration, yet I am no less of opinion that he likewise is entitled to his "Military pay" both in accordance with the Rules of the Service, with reference to Soldiers on "Civil employ," as well as regards the duties that he has to perform which are not only manifold, but involving much trust, and responsibility, he the Sergeant Major is held responsible under the Adjutant for the ammunitions, whole of the Stores, Buildings, Office Work, &c., in fact performing the duties of Quarter Master Sergeant as well as Sergeant Major. I have the honor therefore most respectfully to request that you will bring this matter under the gracious consideration of His Lordship in Council, in order that the efficiency of the Corps may not suffer by the deterioration of its most important advantage, trained and searching European supervision.

Vide Para. 2nd of letter, No. 182, dated 22nd April 1856, to the address of T. Clarke Esq.,

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

Acting Collector.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, No. 79; dated 19th January 1857.

Referred for the report of the Military Auditor General who will also state what Non-Commissioned European Officers are attached to the Malabar Police Corps, their names, Regiments from which taken, their Military pay and allowances, and additional charge involved, if Major Haly's application in their favor be acceded to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. A. Wilson.

promise of an excessive rent which would Bodily absorb one third of his pay. So a Non-commissioned officer (Sergeant) or Corporal, Horse Brigade, after 10 years service the receipt of the appointment is a positive pecuniary loss and it cannot therefore be expected that trustworthy, intelligent, steady, & active men, such as are absolutely required for the effective performance of the duties of the Corps, & its training in Artillery, Rifle & Revolver Practice, can be obtained or will remain with it on insufficient allowances, such men being certain of promotion in their own Regt. would naturally look with discontent upon an appointment in which there are no prospective advantages, & which unlike those of "Department Public works" and ordinary Civil appointments, deprive them of Military pay, superior pension, & provision for their families to which a soldier always looks forward to, in the decline of life.

In regard to the salary 60 Rs. granted to the Sergeant Major of the Corps, this may be considered a sufficient remuneration, yet I am no less of opinion that he likewise is entitled to his "Military pay" both in accordance with the Rules of the Service with reference to Soldiers on "Civil employ" as well as regards the duties that he has to perform which are not only manifold, but involving much trust,

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Mallapooram
17 December 1856

I have &c.
Sig^d G. I. Healy. Major
Commandant Pt. P. Corps

True Copy.
(Signed) H. Robinson
Acting Collector

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No. 79.

Reported for the report of the Mil^y Aud^r Genl who will also state what non-commissioned European officers are attached to the Invalid Police Corps - their names - Regiments from which taken - their military pay & allowances & additional charges in order that Major Healy's application in their favor may be acceded to

For 6 St George
19 January 1857

Mil Dept
Encl^d & dispd 19th
Encl^d P. Rec^d 21st Jany 1857

J. Lyon
Chief Secretary

Ordered that a Copy of the Report of the Board of Revenue dated 20th January 1857 be forwarded to the Military Auditor General for his information and report whether the Non-commissioned European Officers attached to the Invalid Police Corps should be allowed the Pay & Allowances granted to the Non-commissioned Officers of the Line serving in the Presidency Corps, & to state what additional charges will be incurred if the Pay & Allowances of the Non-commissioned Officers of the Invalid Police Corps be increased to the Pay & Allowances of the Non-commissioned Officers of the Line serving in the Presidency Corps.

W. H. Harris
Sec^y to the Govt

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for the information of Government the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Collector of Chingleput dated 17th December 1856 with its Enclosure, on the subject of the Pay & Allowances of the Non-commissioned European Officers attached to the Invalid Police Corps.

Madras
20th January 1857

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Lyon
Secretary

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