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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th August 1858.

No. 55. Read the following letter from C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 27th July 1858, No. 1157.

SIR,

Home Dept. With reference to the annexed extract (paragraphs 10 and 11) of a letter from Dr. J. P. Walker, the Superintendent of the Convict Settlement at Port Blair, and to paragraph 8 of my reply of this date, also annexed, I am directed to request that with the permission of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, measures may be taken to raise a Company of Sebundies for service in the Andaman Islands.

2. The Company should consist of 100 men with the usual number of Jemadars, Havildars, and Naiks, but no Subadars, and the usual Establishment, and should be commanded by an Uncovenanted European Officer with a second in command of the same class. The pay of all ranks should be the same as that of the Sebundy Corps in Ganjam.

3. The men should be encouraged to take their families with them to Port Blair, and told that they will be carried there free of cost, that they will be huttred there at the expense of the Government, and that hereafter land will be allotted to such as desire to settle and cultivate in the Island.

Extract from a letter from the Superintendent of Port Blair, No. 119, dated the 16th June 1858.

Para. 10. In reply to para. 19 of your Despatch, No. 743, dated 7th Ultimo, directing me to report whether any addition to the strength of the Settlement Guard is necessary, either now or when the number of the Convicts shall be considerably increased, I beg to represent that apprehending the number of Convicts will shortly be greatly increased, I think that the present Guard of 50 men of the Indian Navy, under a Lieutenant and a Midshipman should be doubled, or increased by a Company of Native Infantry, composed of Sikhs and Goorkhas or of Madrasees, under the Command of a Lieutenant and an Ensign. Putting aside political expediency, the latter mode of increase appears to me the more useful. Convicts working on the main-land must either be protected from the murderous assaults of the Aborigines of the Island, or furnished with the means of protecting themselves. It appears desirable to avoid the latter arrangement, if possible. The Naval Guard of its present strength although adequate for the protection of the officers of the establishment, the public buildings and the Stores at the Head Quarters of the Settlement, and also to furnish a personal Guard to the Superintendent, when away on duty, is inadequate to furnish an advanced Guard for Convicts working in the jungle, and even if strengthened, would be unsuited to withstand the exposure alike to the weather and the fever, producing jungle exhalations. For such service Native Soldiery, would I think, be more suitable.

11. Supposing Native Soldiery to be employed, it would be very desirable that they should be accompanied by their families and have an interest in the Settlement by having an assignment of land made to them, perhaps it would be impossible to induce a Company of Soldiers of the line, even Madrasees, to bring their families to settle here, but should the suggestion of raising a Local Company as the nucleus of a Corps of Soldier settlers be favourably entertained, I perceive no great difficulty in carrying out the measure within twelve months, but in the interval, arrangements for strengthening the Guard require to be made.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Extract from a letter from C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, to Dr. J. P. WALKER, Superintendent, Settlement Port Blair, No. 1155, dated the 27th July 1858.

Paragraph 8.—With reference to the 10th paragraph of your letter, I am desired to state that orders for doubling the guard have already been given and partly carried out. A communication will be made to the Government of Fort Saint George with a view to the enlistment of a

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Company of Madras Sibbundies, under a Commissioned Officer for service in the Andamans, and endeavors will be made to enlist men who will not object to take their families with them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, No. 1159; dated 23rd August 1858.

In the above letter, the Government of India request that measures may be taken for raising, in the Madras Presidency, a Company of Sibbundies for service in the Andaman Islands. The Company is to consist of 100 men with the usual number of Jemadars, Havildars and Naiks, but no Subadars and the usual establishment, and is to be commanded by an Uncovenanted European Officer with a second in command of the same class. The pay of all ranks is to be the same as that of the Sibbundy Corps in Ganjam.

	Per mens.
Serjeant Major.....	Rs. 60
Sirdar.....	40
Jemadar.....	16
Duffadar.....	10
Naib-Duffadar.....	7
Naigues.....	5 1/2
Peons.....	4 1/2
Vakeel.....	12 1/2

2. It is observed, that the pay of the several ranks in the Ganjam Sibbundies, is that noted in the margin. The Goomsoor Sibbundies are commanded by the Military Assistant to the Agent, who draws a consolidated salary of Rupees 558-5-4 per mensem. The Purla Kemidy Sibbundies are under the command of the Military Assistant, who has charge of that Estate and draws in addition to his Military pay and allowances a staff salary of Rupees 300 per mensem, which is paid from the funds of the Zemindary. These Military Assistants have Judicial and other duties besides the charge of the Sibbundies.

3. The Andaman Sibbundies are to be commanded, as intimated by the Government of India, by an Uncovenanted European Officer with a second in command of the same class. It appears to the Governor in Council that, having regard to the nature of the service, the pay of the Commandant should not be less than the staff salary assigned to the Military Assistant in charge of the Kemidy Sibbundies or Rupees 300 per mensem; and that the pay of the second in command should be half that sum or Rupees 150 monthly.

4. The Governor in Council resolves, as the first step towards the formation of the Corps, to apply to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for two steady and intelligent Non-Commissioned Officers as Commandant and second in command on the above salary of Rupees 300 and 150 respectively.

5. This measure will also be reported to the Government of India, in reference to Mr. Secretary Beadon's letter of 27th Ultimo.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 57. To C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort St. George, 23rd August 1858, No. 1160.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th July Ultimo, requesting the formation of a Company of Sibbundies for service in the Andaman Islands; and to forward, for the information of the Government of India, copy of the orders issued by this Government in regard thereto.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

No 1159

Extract from the minutes of consultation
dated 23rd August 1858-

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from the Secretary to the Govt. of India

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 Meadon's letter of 27th ultimus.

6. Ordered that the follow-
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Copy to the Agent General of the Army } To the Secy to the Govt. of India
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no 1160

To C. Beadon Esq
The Secretary to the Government of India
Home Dept

Sir,

I am directed by the Govern-
ment in Council to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of 27th July
ultimo, requesting the formation
of a company of subordinates for
service in the Andaman
Islands; and to forward, for
the information of the Govt.
of India, copy of the following
orders issued by this
Govt. in regard thereto.

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To the Secy,
23rd August, 1858.

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