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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 8. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Dwarapoody, 23rd January 1858, No. 32.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 12th Ultimo, directing the relief as far as possible of the Regular Troops, employed on Detachment, by extra peons, and the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 7th Instant, authorizing the Magistrate of Masulipatam to raise a Sibbundy Corps for employment in the Masulipatam and Rajahmundry Districts.

2. A Detachment of Regular Troops, never less than one Company and generally exceeding that strength, has for many years been stationed at Rajahmundry. Government are aware that Rajahmundry is the station of the Civil and Sub Courts and the Jail, the guard at which is furnished from the Detachment. There is also a Talook Treasury in which it is necessary to retain funds for payment of the salaries of the Judges, Court establishments, Military, Officers of the Public Works Department, and others. It is a town of some size, not very far from the hills, and I do not think ought to be left with less than one Company of Regular Troops, at all events till it is made the Head Quarters of an efficient Sibbundy Corps.

3. Excepting the guard over the Treasury under my charge at Cocanada, the only other Detachment of Regular Troops employed in this District is a Company of the 7th Regiment N. I., at Yernagoodem, the Cusba town of the Taudemullah Talook, and on the high northern road. When the Detachment under Captain Hodson, furnished when the disturbances by the hillmen first commenced, was compelled from sickness to return to the Head Quarters I hoped to be able to do without Troops, but when disturbances re-commenced, I felt it, as reported at the time, absolutely necessary, in order not only to secure the place from attack and prevent the marauders coming down on the line of road, but to form a support to the parties of Police in advance, to obtain the services of the Detachment now at Yernagoodem. I have however informed the Major General in Command of the Division that as soon as the arms &c., entered in the Indent forwarded with my letter of the 22nd Ultimo, and passed by Government on the 6th Instant, reach me, this Detachment may be withdrawn, and that if he would authorize the Officer in Command of the Sappers and Miners at Dowlaishwarum to furnish at my requisition a party of 50 men under an European Officer, should I have occasion to require their services, it might, with reference to the crippled state to which the Major General informs me the Garrison at Masulipatam is reduced, be withdrawn at once.

4. With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 12th Ultimo, I would respectfully but urgently recommend that I be permitted to raise a Sibbundy Corps for service in this District alone. The circumstances of the two Districts* are not similar, and the same kind of men are not required. The Masulipatam Magistrate requires men whose trial will be a hard stand up fight with Rohillas or others, generally in the open country on his Hydrabad frontier. In Rajahmundry on the other hand we want men accustomed to the climate of the hill tracts and used to a jungle life and jungle warfare. The Head Quarters of such a Corps for Masulipatam ought to be Juggiahpetta or thereabouts, a long distance from even the nearest point of the Rajahmundry frontier.

* Masulipatam and Rajahmundry.

5. The present opportunity is favorable as Lieutenant Bloomfield of the Golconda Sibbundies is now employed with a small party of his Corps in this District, and I know no one to whom the orgnization and charge of such a Corps could better be entrusted. I would follow the model of the Golcondah Sibbundies as far as possible. A body of 250 men with the Head Quarters at Rajahmundry would be sufficient to keep the whole of the hill tracts quiet. They could furnish efficient guards for all the frontier Talook Treasuries and would be I am satisfied of the greatest use. With the Head Quarters at Rajahmundry the necessity of having a Detachment of Regular Troops there would be obviated and ultimately the Sibbundies might furnish the guard for the Treasury at Cocanada. The ordinary Police peons, though I have done what I can to improve them, are sadly inefficient when any thing like a stand is required of them, and experience has lately shown that those temporarily employed are generally not much to be depended upon though the best men whose services I could obtain were entertained. It is indeed hardly likely that many really good men can be got to incur the risk of fever to say nothing of other risks, for a few months employment. The want of an efficient force to control the hill-

men who are still, I regret to say, in arms, is much felt. Some reduction might be made in the number of peons now employed on the fixed establishment particularly in the frontier Talooks if the Sibbundy Corps be raised. There would be no difficulty in incorporating hereafter such a body of men in the improved Police force, indeed no Police force will be wholly efficient unless such a body forms a part of it.

(Signed) A. PURVIS,
Magistrate.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 171; dated 3rd February 1858.

The Magistrate of Rajahmundry is requested to explain of what castes or classes of men he would compose his intended Sibbundi Corps, in what places he would recruit them and what rates of pay he would propose to give them.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rxd. F. Cartledge.

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Judicial Department

No. 185.

From the Magistrate of Rajahmundry

Dated 23d January 1835.

For Orders.

I am letting Board's last
Sanad's proposals - it being understood
that the same be raised chiefly from
part of the police force - but only as
fruitly - I see likely to arise from
allowing the formation of these distinct
corps - as with regard to peons -
they will require one or two peons
each - whereas the allowance for
the whole police of each district is

is great. a this with go further respectfully submits only this — the trying of the cases in the Sessions Court

I think as a preparation to the framing of the police report a circular should be drawn up & addressed to each district magistrate requiring him to furnish a return as soon as possible of the number of peons in the district which he will be able after reducing a fair establishment for all other purposes — such as Bullock — Magisterial &c. to transfer for strictly Executive police duty.

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There is further I think a strong corps should prefer working for the organisation of a more useful corps as the best police arrangement. I fear the transfer of two men also be raised also with defence & matter for difficulty when the police is organised H

Rvd. F. Cartledge.

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I should wish peons like Collector - that he does be provided a sufficiently large - necessary - in addition to the ordinary established police peons - the duty of a Mamlatdar in Court peons Inspector Taluk Head of the present Thanah police force - & it I more than will be given to him in the new form

Well

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Encd. F. Cartledge.

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Mr. 5 Feby
Commd 2/2/58.

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The Magistrate of Rajahmundry is requested to explain of what castes a classes of men he would compose his irregular body & what places he would recruit them and what rates of pay he would propose to give them.

SP

Fort St George
3rd February 1858.

Magistrate of Rajahmundry

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