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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 9th February 1858.

No. 35. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Wooroovacondah, 23rd January 1858, No. 6.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter received from the Joint Magistrate of Bellary, applying for an additional extra Police force, in consequence of gang robberies on the high-roads being on the increase. There has been a partial failure of crops in the Southern Division, and prices are high, and rising, and the people poor, and always ready in such circumstances to have recourse to robberies.

2. I beg to state for the information of Government that there are at present three distinct sanctions for extra Police. First, there is the annual temporary Ghaut establishment sanctioned in 1845, for the space of 6 months every year, to be employed on the frontier when the river Toombudra is fordable from January to June:

Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th August 1845, No. 598.

Secondly, under date the 22nd * July last, the Government sanctioned the entertainment of 500 Peons for the protection of the Northern frontier of the District during the present disorders of the country; and, Thirdly, there is the permission of Government of 1st † September to employ temporarily 50 extra Peons in the Southern Talooks forming the Sub Division, if necessary.

* Extract Minutes Consultation, 22nd July 1857, No. 865.

† Extract Minutes Consultation 1st September 1857, No. 1125.

3. The annual sanction for the extra Peons during six months is for 12 Duffadars and 200 Peons to be employed on 100 Ghauts on the river. Batta only is allowed, at the rate of 1½ Anna to the Duffadars and 1 Anna to the Peons each per diem, and they are employed in watching the Ghauts. Up to 1855, the whole number of these Peons were employed on the several Ghauts. But since the Nizam's country on the other side of the Toombudra has come under the management of the British Commissioners, it was not found requisite to employ all this number. And in the subsequent years of 1856 and 1857, only 3 Duffadars and 42 Peons were entertained by me. But under the present state of the country, I think it probable that there will be occasion to employ the full number to watch the Ghauts and give early information to the Police Authorities.

4. Of the establishment of 500 Peons sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 22nd July last, I am at present employing on the Northern frontier only 24 Duffadars, and 240 Peons as per margin, on a daily batta of 2 Annas for the Peon, and 3 for the Duffadars. This body forms a more organized body of Peons, ready to act where required but still at great distances apart. The Heads of Police have discretionary authority however to employ a further number should they think it expedient, and it may probably be found necessary to do this. I would therefore retain this sanction for the special purpose for which it was given: the protection of the Northern frontier of this District.

	Duffadars.	Peons.
Bellary.	3	30
Kumply.	3	30
Hurponhally.	2	20
Koodlighe.	3	30
Hovinhadgaly.	3	30
Adonie.	3	30
Punchapollem.	3	30
Yadakee.	2	20
Tandputry.	2	20
	24	240

5. Of the 50 Peons sanctioned under date the 1st September, 40 are already employed by the Joint Magistrate, the other 10 were reserved for the Madugserah Talook also on the south.

6. The Joint Magistrate now requests sanction to employ 100 Peons, a number which however he considers "much too small." The southern part of the District which is mostly under the Joint Magistrate is very large, and if, as it is feared gang robberies will greatly increase, I cannot but acquiesce in the opinion of the Joint Magistrate, and I would beg permission to employ 2 extra Serchesms (or Jemadars) 15 extra Duffadars and 150 Peons, in lieu of the 50 already sanctioned for extra service in the Southern Talooks. I would also put the Police of Madugserah, which is conveniently situated for the Joint Magistrate in the south, under his charge, and I would request Mr. Arbuthnott to form about 15 to 20 separate Police parties of the ordinary and extra Peons, to traverse the District, in parties of 1 Duffadar and 10 Peons, wherever their services may be most required, and more especially under his own immediate orders.

7. There are many of the Mysore Rissalah horse now in Bellary District under the orders of the Major General Commanding the Ceded Districts, and at the request of General Macleod, I have suggested where they may be most usefully located, and some will I believe be sent to

the Sub Division, and their presence will probably be of some use in the Police, but they will not supercede the use of Peons.

8. Mr. Arbuthnott mentions that the high roads, are becoming unsafe for travellers at night. This probably has special allusion to an attack lately made on himself while travelling at night in his coach, accompanied by his driver, a Peon and a torch-bearer. A gang, which he believes to have been about 12, attacked his coach by throwing a great number of stones at it. He happily had fire arms with him and succeeded in getting a shot at one robber he saw by the hedge, but owing to the darkness of the night and unsteadiness of the torch-bearer, the ball just missed the rascal, and the whole body then went off. I have once known, but it is many years ago, of a European being attacked on the borders of this District by a gang of robbers. To attack the Joint Magistrate is a piece of daring I did not give the thieves of Bellary credit for.

9. The sanction now applied for is,

2 extra Surchesms at 14 Rupees.....	28
15 Duffadars at 6 Rupees.....	90
150 Peons at 4 Rupees.....	600
Total per mensem.....	718

for Police duties on the southern part of the Bellary District.

10. The salary applied for is the usual pay of the Police force. The sanction of 1st September 1857 to be cancelled. Pending the sanction I have authorized the Joint Magistrate to employ what force he may find necessary in accordance with the general sanction of Government under date the 2nd December 1857, No. 1569.

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Magistrate.

From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Joint Magistrate of Bellary; to C. PELLY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary, dated Pengondah, 13th January 1858, No. 2.

SIR,

With reference to my letter under date 10th Ultimo, I have the honor to bring to your notice that the number of additional Peons sanctioned for the Sub Divisionis totally inadequate; gang robberies are I regret to say on the increase and the high roads are becoming unsafe for travellers at night. I therefore request that immediate sanction be obtained for entertaining the number I formerly proposed viz., 100 Hungamy Peons. Even this number I consider much too small to be completely effective, but the number at present entertained (40) is too small to have any effect at all.

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Joint Magistrate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Magistrate.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 190; dated 8th February 1858.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing communication, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the entertainment by the Magistrate of Bellary, until further orders, of 2 Serchesms, 15 Duffadars and 150 Peons at a monthly cost of Rupees (718) seven hundred and eighteen, in lieu of the extra Police sanctioned under date 1st September 1857.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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