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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th March 1858.

Read again letter from the Magistrate of Rajahmundry, dated 23rd January No. 32, and recorded in Consultation of 9th February 1858.

No. 48. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Maumedadah, 15th February 1858, No. 47.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 3rd Instant, calling on me to state, with reference to my proposition to be allowed to raise a Sibbundi Corps for service in this district only, of what classes or castes I would compose the Corps, and what rates of pay I would propose.

2. The rates of pay I would suggest are those now in force in the Golcondah Sibbundi Corps, and which are as follows:

	Rs.
Sirdar.....	40
Jemadars.....	15
Havildar Major.....	10
Havildars.....	8
Naigues.....	7
Privates and Buglers.....	5

I would have 200 Privates in four Companies of 50 men each, with a Jemadar to each Company, and the usual proportion of Non-commissioned officers. One Sirdar would probably be sufficient, who should be a man of some influence among the hill tribes.

3. A considerable majority would be of the lower castes of Hindoos. I would recruit them principally from the talooks bordering the hills, where a number of eligible recruits, many of them accustomed to the use of fire-arms, who now gain but a precarious subsistence in various ways, are, if I mistake not, to be found. Some of the hill-men might be willing to enlist in the Corps, and thus be assured of a certain provision. Care would be taken to secure the services of any eligible recruits of this class who might offer.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, No. 307; dated 6th March 1858.

1. In the first of the letters which are read at the head of these proceedings, the Magistrate of Rajahmundry urgently recommends the formation of a Sibbundi Corps for service in his own District, and, in the second he mentions, in reply to a reference made to him on the subject, the rates of pay to be allowed the Officers and men and the castes from which and the places from whence the levies are to be made.

2. Mr. Purvis proposes that the Corps, to be modelled as far as possible after the Golcondah Sibbundies, should consist of 200 Privates, divided into 4 Companies, of a Jemadar with the usual proportion of Non-Commissioned Officers for each Company, and of a Sirdar who should be a man of some influence among the hill tribes. The salaries of these men are to be the same as those given the Golcondah Sibbundies, viz.

	Rupees	per mensem.
Sirdar... ..	40	do
Jemadar... ..	15	do
Havildar Major... ..	10	do
Havildars... ..	8	do
Naigues... ..	7	do
Privates and Buglers... ..	5	do

It is intended to make Rajahmundry the Headquarters, and the Corps is to furnish efficient guards for all the frontier Talook Treasuries, and ultimately for that of Cocanada also. By the formation of this Corps the Magistrate states that some reduction might be made in the number

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of Peons now employed on the fixed establishment, particularly in the frontier Talooks, and that there will be no difficulty in incorporating it hereafter in the improved Police force.

3. This body of men, Mr. Purvis urges, will be sufficient to keep the whole of the hill tracts quiet and obviate the necessity of having a detachment of Regular Troops at Rajahmundry. The ordinary Police Peons, he states, are sadly inefficient when any thing like a stand is required of them and that experience has shewn that those temporarily employed are generally not much to be depended upon, although the best men obtainable are so entertained. The want of an efficient force to control the hill men who are still in arms, Mr. Purvis adds, is much felt.

4. Under the circumstances represented by the Magistrate, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes him to enlist a body of Sibbundies for service in the Rajahmundry District, to the extent specified above, under such arrangements as will, as far as possible, admit of their being eventually incorporated in the reformed District Police. Lieut. Bloomfield of the Golcondah Sebundies, who is at present with a party of that Corps in the District of Rajahmundry, will be requested to aid in the organization of this Corps, and the Magistrate will submit, for the approval of Government, the name of any Officer he may wish to recommend to assist in its formation and eventually to be put in charge of it. The levies should be made, as proposed by Mr. Purvis, principally from the Talooks bordering the hills, and as far as practicable from among the hill men themselves.

5. The Magistrate of Masulipatam will be instructed to limit the strength of the Sibbundy Corps to be raised by him under the orders of Government, dated 7th January 1858, No. 28, to the wants of his own District.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

J. W. Deplle
No 325
From the Magistrate of Rajahmundry
Dated 15th February 1858
To orders

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W. H.

Judicial Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

held at Ranchi 1858

Read again letter from the
Magistrate of Rayachumundry dated
23rd January ¹⁸⁵⁸ and recorded in Cons.
of 9th February 1858.

Read also the following
letter from the same officer
(Here enter 15th Feb 1858 do 4).

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the subject, the rates of pay to
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and the castes from which and
the places from whence the

levies are to be made.

3. Mr Purvis proposes that the Corps, to be modeled as far as possible after the Golconda Subbundies, - should consist of 200 privates, divided into 4 companies, of a Lemadar with the usual proportion of non commissioned officers for each company, and of a Lirdar who should be a man of some influence among the Hill tribes. The order of these men are to be the same as those given the Golconda Subbundies, viz:

Lirdar, —————	Rs 40 per mensem
Lemadars —————	" 15 - do
Hamildar Major ———	" 10 - do
Hamildars —————	" 8 - do
Waziris —————	" 7 - do
Privates & Bungalars —	" 5 - do

It is intended to make Rajahmundry the Head Quarters, and the Corps is to furnish efficient guards for all the frontier Talouas, and ultimately for

that of Gocanada also. By the formation of this Corps the Major states that some reduction might be made in the number of Beons now employed on the fixed establishment, particularly in the Frontier Talouas, and then there will be no difficulty in incorporating it hereafter in the improved Police Force.

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-field of the Holconwah Siddhanta
who is at present with a party
-dies ~~and~~ present at Rajahmundry
of that Corps in the District of
Rajahmundry, he will be requested

to aid and advise in the
organization of this corps,

and eventually to be
put in charge of it.

I have not had time to
 write to you very often
 and so I am sorry to
 hear that you are
 a little ill. I hope
 you will be better soon.

and the Magistrate will submit,
for the approval of Govt., the
name of any officer he may
wish to recommend to take
^{his}
~~charge of it~~ ^{in it}, its formation
~~etc. the details of which are~~
~~to be given him.~~ The limits should
be made, as proposed by Mr. Puri,
principally from the Talooks
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the Hill men themselves.

6. The Magistrate of Reason-
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dated 7th January 1858 No 28, &
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