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No. 1. Read the following letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chitterpoor, 22nd February 1858, No. 69.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit a letter from Captain Smith in which he solicits two favors for the Ganjam Sebundies. He requests in the first case that his men may be put on the same footing as those of the Orissa Agency, who draw batta as soon as they ascend the Ghauts without reference to the boundaries of the District. The expense of marching above the Ghauts is very much greater, and men require more comforts than in the plain. This has often been brought to notice, but as there seemed at one time an intention to amalgamate the two bodies, I waited to see what would then be done, now a detachment of 20 have been sent up with Lieutenant McNeil to strengthen his escort, he having gone into the hills to execute a Khond who murdered one of his peons. His Sebundies will draw batta when the Ganjam men do not, and this must give rise to discontent. I trust therefore the Government will be graciously pleased to allow the issue of batta to Sebundies of both the Goomsur and Kimedy Corps when serving above the Ghauts.

2nd. I would also solicit the favor of Government granting to the Sirdars of Sebundies the same batta as allowed to Jemadars, viz., Annas 4 per diem, as this appears to have been omitted by oversight in Extract Minutes Consultation.*

* 23rd December 1857, No. 1666.

3rd. With respect to the second proposition I should be very glad to see it carried out. Captain Smith is anxious to induce the men to bring their families to Russelcondah and settle there and thus do away with the constant asking for leave, this can only be done by making small advances for building huts, &c. It would also prevent the men falling under the influence of money-lenders, &c. The only objection is the tendency a practice of the kind has to increase the frequency and amount of fines, but this would be checked by the circumstance of all such being reported monthly to the Agent with whom the men have frequent intercourse and to whom they do not scruple to complain if need be. I think therefore the proposal is a good one and hope it will be approved of by Government.

From C. SMITH, Esq., Assistant Agent; to W. KNOX, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, in Ganjam, dated Russelcondah, 4th December 1857, No. 112.

SIR,

I have the honor to offer the following suggestions, which have occurred to me, and should they meet with your approval, request they may be submitted to the Government of Fort Saint George for their consideration.

1st. I find from official correspondence with the Agent Hill Tracts of Orissa, that, the Sebundies under my command, are not on the same footing as regards batta; the Orissa Agency Sebundies receive batta, at all times, when detached on duty above the Ghauts, as per margin* and as the Ganjam Sebundies are frequently called upon to perform similar duties, it appears to me to be unjust, that there should be any distinction drawn between the two Departments, who are, and have been for many years past, located together.

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*Sirdar None.				
Jemadar	0	2	8	Per diem.
Duffadar	0	2	0	
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Naigue	0	1	4	
Private	0	1	0	

2nd. The Agent of Orissa, has also verbally informed me, that the fines inflicted and recovered from the men under his command are expended in repairs of Arms and Accoutrements, purchase of other articles required for the efficiency of his Sebundies, but I find that no allowance is granted him for Saderward. I would beg to request that *both Saderward* at present allowed *and fines* be retained by me as a Fund to be appropriated solely for the use, efficiency and

comfort of my men, accounts to be kept, books open for inspection whenever required. This request I am induced to make, having no funds available for making advances and providing for the comforts of the men as occasion calls for, such as, marriages, deaths, &c., &c., &c. I conceive some pecuniary assistance should be granted to such men, as may be considered worthy of the indulgence: I hope there will be no objections raised to grant the favor I now solicit.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Acting Agent.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 388; dated 24th March 1858.

The Government authorize the issue of batta to the Goomsoor and Kimedy Sebundies when serving above the Ghauts. The same batta will also be allowed to the Sirdars as to the Jemadars.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared to permit the application of fines in the manner proposed by Captain Smith.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Edd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department
No 403

From

The Acting Agent to the
Governor in Ganjam
Dated 22nd February 1858

For Orders

The batta should be given
during the time
of appointment only
when employed
on duty. But ~~the Complaint~~
~~about the~~ we doubt it
is objectionable in principle

W. K.

No. 69

From J. Rose Esquire
Acting Agent to the Govt.
in Guyana

To J. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Govern.
Port of Spain

Sir,

I have the honor to submit a letter from Capt.n Smith in which he solicits two Jurors for the Guyana Settlements. He requests in the first Case that his men may be put on the same footing as those of the Orinoco Agency. who draw rations as soon as they ascend the Shauto without reference to the boundaries of the district. The Expense of Marketing above the Shauto is very much greater, and men require more comforts than in the Plain. This has often been brought to notice, but as

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I would also solicit the favor of Government granting to the Sirdars of Subsidies the same batta as allowed to Jemadars, Ryl Arabs & Cherdesmen as this appears to have been omitted by oversight in Extract Minutes.

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Inclosed Lre. of Lieut. Governor
The Protocol Nº 2 of 30th ult. &
Public Minute Nº 1 of 4th Inst. of
Exo. Government.

Have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt
Wm. Winniett
Actg. Colonial Secretary

Guyana District
Govt. Agent's Office
Mahaicony
22nd February 1858

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have received from the Governor and Council of Demerara a Protocol of their proceedings on the 4th Instant, and a Minute of the Executive Council of the same date, which I have the honour to transmit herewith, and to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Governor of this Colony.

I have &c.
(Signed) Wm. Winniett
Actg. Colonial Secretary

The Agent Immigration
Colonial Secretary
Georgetown

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From
The Acting Agent
to the Governor in
Georgetown
To The Chief
Secretary to Government
Forts &c. George
Dated 22nd February
Rec'd 3 March

No. 69
Enclosures
No 103.

Forwarding a proposition from Captain Smith respecting the allowance of Balla for the disposal of the Fines & Penalties