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No. 42. 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 Camp Berhampore, 28th December 1857, No. 439.

SIR,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract Minutes of Consultation noted in the margin* and to forward the report therein called for.

* 14th December 1857, No. 1621.

2. On the receipt of the instructions dated 12th December received 23rd do., I lost no time in directing Captain Smith to relieve the Treasury† guard at Chitterpoor by a Detachment of his Sebundies and to Captain Campbell to relieve the out-post at Varanasy and wrote to the General Commanding N. D. informing him of the same and stating that I was not strong enough in Sebundies to take the heavy duties at Chicacole, and that I did not think it advisable to remove the whole of the Kimedy Detachment, though I thought a Company might be sufficient.

† 1 Native Officer and 30 men, 23rd M. N. I.

3. On Saturday last I received the Extract Minutes Consultation under reply, in which authority is given to recruit the Sebundies, and I beg leave to state that I propose with the concurrence of the General to raise 100 men as a precautionary measure. Of the Goomsur Sebundies 38 are at Sumbulpore, Mr. Cockburn applied for their services where the Boad paiks were moved up to Sumbulpore, but by a misunderstanding they pushed on to Sumbulpore where their old comrade the Boad Tahsildar then was, and Mr. Cockburn begged of me to send 30 more to Boad, which I did. I have now before me a demi-official from Mr. Cockburn to Captain Smith in which he says he has written to him officially "do what you can and send me men and raise more." The Lieutenant Governor writes to him urging him to send up Sebundies at once to Sumbulpore.

4. Under these circumstances I have determined to request Colonel Cuppage to relieve the Detachment at the Treasury at Chitterpoor as usual, and have to-day written to Captain Bird, 40th Madras N. I., now at Russelconda recruiting for the Sumbulpore levy, offering him 40 of the Goomsur Sebundies as a temporary measure and proposing to Mr. McNeill to make over 110, this would be a valuable contribution and I am only sorry I cannot send more than I have above proposed.

5. I am sorry to say as far as I can learn, no volunteers will go from our Sebundies, the Sirdar's pay is 10 Rupees less than what our's get, and of the Privates the pay is only 1 Rupee a month more, and men will not risk their lives in a feverish country and leave their families for an indefinite time for that sum, particularly as there is no pension for men disabled by sickness. Our men will willingly go if sure of being relieved at the end of a few months, many however will in all probability die either from the effects of the climate or in action, and it is partly to supply their places, I would at once begin to recruit, and partly because I believe it to be very desirable that there should be a body of trained armed men available to protect this frontier on whom more reliance can be placed than on Peons, particularly if they came into contact with any wandering parties from Bengal. From all I can learn I think it most probable that Juggunnath will be visited by crowds of disbanded, if not mutinous Sepoys and though after all the successes with which our Troops have been blessed, I have no fear of any serious attempt at plunder being made, still a want of due precaution might tempt some of the bolder spirits, and the consequent confusion and loss of confidence, were our frontier even threatened, would be far more serious than the small extra expense entailed by a levy of 100 men. If it is determined to keep up the Agency in the Hill Tracts of Orissa, it would seem that we ought to raise 150‡ men permanently, if not, these 100 might be absorbed into the Goomsoor and Kimedy Corps as vacancies occurred when the emergency has passed.

‡ Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, 14th July, No. 10 of 1857.

6. The expense of these need not be very heavy till the Recruits§ are reported fit for duty, they should draw only 3 Rupees a month, they would require 5 Duffadars and 5 Naicks to assist in their drill, and if a smart Non-Commissioned Officer could be spared from 23rd N. I., to assist the Serjeant Major, the Recruits for the Sumbulpore levy and our own could be drilled together and this I have directed to be done as far as possible with our present man.

§ 100 at 3 Rs. 300 0
5 Duffadars at Rs. 10 each 50 0
5 Naicks at Rs. 5½ do 27 8
Total Rs. 377 8

7. I fear it will take some months to reduce Sumbulpore to quietness, and till that is done I do not suppose our Sebundies will be sent back, if therefore Government are still anxious that Line Regiments should be relieved from out-post duty, I beg leave to propose that I be allowed to call out for 6 months certain 50 Pensioners viz. 45 Privates at Rupees 4 per month in addition to their pensions, 4 Havildars at 6 and 1 Serjeant at 15, these men should be armed with flint muskets and bayonets and take the Treasury and Jail guards at Chitterpoor. They might be supplied each with a blue cloth jacket made like a Lascar's and red facings, red turban and sash and pair of trowsers, which could be sent up at a small expense from Madras. There is a respectable man an East Indian named J. Greenfield lately a Bugler in the 26th Regiment, but obliged to retire from asthma which prevented his blowing, who would make a good Serjeant or a man might be sent up from the Veterans at Waltair to drill these Pensioners a little and see that they took good care of their Arms and Accoutrements.

45 Privates at 4 Rs. each	180	
4 Havildars at 6 „ do.	24	
1 Serjeant at 15 „	15	
Total Rs..	219	

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Acting Agent.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 56; dated 12th January 1858.

The Government desire that the Acting Agent in Ganjam will take immediate measures for adding 150 men to his Sibbundies. Adverting to para. 6, reference will be made through the Military Department to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for the services of an intelligent Non-Commissioned Officer to drill the Recruits.

2. The Government likewise approve the proposal for calling out, for six months certain, on the allowances stated, 50 Pensioners, and application will be made to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for some Non-Commissioned Officer to superintend them. The Government learn from the Superintendent of Army Clothing, that he can supply cloth for making up jackets and trowsers of dark green, but not blue cloth, and he will be directed to forward enough cloth to make up fifty of each to the Agent as early as practicable. The Agent will have them made up on the spot. Turbands and sashes, it is presumed, may be also had on the spot. If not, the Agent may procure them from the nearest place where they are obtainable.

3. For any Arms or Ammunition that he may require either for the Sibbundies or Pensioners, Mr. Knox will indent on the nearest Arsenal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

10th January 1858

My dear Pycroft

Cannot supply Blue cloth but I could give three Pensioners Dark green jackets & Trowsers.

Turbans & sashes I presume will be had on the spot

Yours very truly
A B Hope

T Pycroft Esq

No. 66

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* They are to be obtained —

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30th January 1857
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No 4130.
1858.

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Duties to relieve the mili
from such stock duties —
Proposing a levy of
100 Carbuncles to take the
place of those due to
Sumbulpore and also to
call on 50 gentlemen
for the Treasury Guard
at Cuttack —

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Acting Agent to the
Governor in Gangam
Encl. Sec. Chief Secretary
to Government Fort St. George
Dated 28th December 57
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