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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 18th May 1858.

No. 28. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India; dated 15th May 1858, No. 634.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to report to the Government of India, for their approval, the arrangements which this Government have been under the necessity of taking for augmenting the Sibbundi Corps of the N. Circars.

2. Those Corps have hitherto been only three in number, viz., two in the Ganjam and one in the Vizagapatam District. In the first are the Goomsoor Sibbundies

Inclusive of Native Officers. 301 strong under the command of the Military Assistant to the Agent,—

†Inclusive of Native Officers. and the Purlah Kimedy Sibbundies 120 strong† employed in the Estate of Purlah Kimedy (now under the charge of Government in consequence

of the imbecility of its proprietor) paid from the revenue of that Estate, and under the command of the Military Assistant in charge of Purlah Kimedy. In the Vizagapatam District is

‡Inclusive of Native Officers. the Corps of Golcondah Sibbundies 150 strong‡ under a Commandant and Adjutant taken from the line.

3. The accompanying Memorandum, giving a precis of the correspondence which has occurred on the subject, will explain the considerations under which this Government have, during the late few months, been led to strengthen this most useful force in the N. Provinces of the Presidency and the extent to which it is proposed to carry the augmentation. It will be seen that in consequence of the agitated state of the country, of the disturbances in Sumbulpore, and on the frontier of the Rajahmundry and Masulipatam Districts, and on the pressing representation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief of the urgent necessity for relieving as much as possible the Sepoys of the line from detached duties in the N. Circars and from employment in jungly and feverish localities, the Government have directed that the Goomsoor and Golcondah Sibbundies be increased, and that small bodies of Sibbundies be raised in the Masulipatam and Rajahmundry Districts.

4. The total augmentation will amount to about 726 Privates besides Native Commissioned and European and Native Non-Commissioned Officers with European Commissioned Officers for the new Corps in Rajahmundry and Masulipatam.

5. The Corps will be so organized as to admit of their being incorporated with the Police force which will have to be entertained under the reform now at length about to be introduced into the Police of this Presidency.

6. As all arrangements connected with these levies have not yet been settled, the Government are not at present able to submit an exact Return of the expense which will be involved.

An approximate estimate is given in the margin. They believe however that even in a financial point of view it will be nearly if not entirely covered by the saving in batta and other expenses attendant on the movements of the Sepoys of the line as well as by the diminished sickness and mortality among them, while it is certain that in the localities and on the service for which they are intended the Sibbundies will be not only an infinitely cheaper but a far more efficient force than regular troops.

7. I am desired to add that the Government have just received an application from the Civil and Military authorities of the District of Canara strongly urging the formation of an Irregular Corps there for employment in the Province and they have referred to the Magistrate for his opinion as to the strength and constitution of the force and the arrangements under which it should be raised. Such a Corps has proved most useful in Malabar and would be of essential service in Canara. The want of such a body is much felt at present in the disturbances prevailing on its Northern frontier, in localities far better suited to the action of irregular than of regular troops.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F, Cartledge.

	Privates.
Golcondah Sibbundies..	176
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	<u>726</u>

	Rs.
Golcondah augmen- tation	1,200
Goomsoor do. say ..	1,100
Rajahmundry new Corps ..	1,750
Masulipatam ..	1,750
	<u>5,800</u>
Per mensem ..	5,800

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Memorandum

The cost of the addition to the Golconda Corps is given in para 18 of the Memo, viz for 202 men, i.e. 176 privates with Ardars, Ismaelars, Havildars, Naigues and Buglers Rupees 1117 per mensem, besides the pay of the European Serjeant Rs 36 and increased allowance for stationery Rupees 25 = Rupees 1172 per mensem or Rupees 14064 per annum.

The expense of the increase to the Coomsoor Subbunder is not given - para 15 of Memo but only the present cost whilst the men are recruits. This for 100 men with Duffadars and Naigues is Rupees $377\frac{1}{2}$ per mensem. For 150 which is to be the addition it would be $377\frac{1}{2} + \frac{377\frac{1}{2}}{2} = \text{Rs } 556-12-0$ per month.

Eventually

Eventually when the men
are on full pay the expense at 6%
of the Golconda augmentation
/150 to 176/ would be 11 1/2 - 1000
per mensem.

The expense for the
Masulipatam Subbudies ac-
cording to the revised Estimate
just sent in by the Collector
after consultation with Captain
Ansley is Rupees 17 1/4 per mensem for
for 200 men, with European Com-
missioned and non-Commis-
sioned and native officers.

The Cost of the Rajah-
mundry Subbudies is not given.
para 20 of the Memo. but as the
strength will be that of the
Rajahmundry the expense may ^{be}
taken at the same viz Rupees
17 1/4 monthly.

Thus we have
in round numbers for the

Golconda Augmentation	1200
Goornsoo	1100
Rajahmundry	1750
Masulipatam	1750
	Rp 5800 per mensem

~~men send~~ Rupees 5800 per mensem
say in round numbers Rs 7000
per Annum.

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The Secretary to the Govt: of India

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 station ————— Rs 2 2 1/2 p. mens.
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15 May 1858

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To
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