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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 1st June 1858.

No. 48. Read the following letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th April 1858, No. 136.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, copy of a letter from Captain Ansley, who is engaged in recruiting and drilling the Sebundies now numbering 82 men.

2. This letter is the result of a long conference between Captain Ansley, my predecessor, and myself, and it was our opinion that for the reasons stated in Captain Ansley's letter, it was very desirable to secure the services of an Adjutant, or I should style him second in command rather than of 4 Serjeants, at the same time the advantage of a good European Serjeant at Head Quarters to drill the men and take charge of the station when the Commandant is absent has been so clearly proved in the case of Ganjam Sebundies, that I trust Government will grant one for this Corps. The confidence the presence of even a single European will inspire not only among the men, but among the villagers is well worth the expense when the distance of Juggiahpetta from any support is taken into consideration.

3. I have added to the original estimate a Sirdar on Rupees 30, it will be a spur to the men to have a prize of this sort held out to them, and an intelligent dashing Officer of this class may do very great service in obtaining information, and moving through the jungles when a European could not stir without his movements being tracked. I would make the appointment depend not merely on a man's knowledge of drill, but rather on his general intelligence, dash, and knowledge of the country, and the people; to meet the increased expense, I propose to reduce the Bugle Major and thereby save 10 Rupees a month.

4. The establishment for repair of arms, &c., is a necessity so patent, that I need not do more than bring it to notice, the cost is much below the allowance granted in Ganjam, and I would beg leave to propose a small addition say 2 Rupees a Company be added making the whole cost of the 4 Companies as shown at foot, Rupees 1,714. The dress of men will be the same as that of the Kimedys Sebundies viz., dark green cloth jacket, blue turban and dhotee with red cammerbund. I beg leave to propose that they be also furnished each with a good cumblee, and the Native Officers with native blankets as issued to the Kimedys men, they are found a great comfort by the men in cold and damp weather.

5. Batta will I take it for granted be the same as in other Corps when men leave the District. I would lastly suggest, that instructions be sent to build a Barrack for a Detachment of 100 men at Juggiahpetta with huts for the men, suitable quarters for the Serjeant, Powder Magazine, and Hospital, and huts at Razapoor for 50 men. The huts to be kept in repair by the men themselves.

1 Sirdar, on monthly pay of		Rupees...	30
4 Jemadars, do. do.	15	" "	60
1 Havildar Major do. do.	10	" "	10
12 Havildars do. do.	8	" "	96
12 Naigues do. do.	7	" "	84
4 Buglers do. do.	7	" "	28
200 Privates do. do.	5	" "	1,000
			1,308
1 E. Commandant...			200
1 Second in command			100
1 Serjeant Major			40
1 Armourer			10
1 Bellows boy			3
1 Chuckler			5
Allowance (Office) for two Writers, one for Juggiahpetta, one for Razapoor			40
For repairing Arms, &c., at 2 Rupees a Company...			8
			Total... 1,714

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Magistrate.

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From Captain, F. C. ANSLEY, 9th Regiment M. N. I., in temporary charge of Masulipatam Sebundee Corps; to W. KNOX, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated 27th April 1858, No. 1.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Consultation, No. 494, of 16th April 1858, forwarded for my information, I have the honor to submit my views on the proposed constitution of the Sibundy Corps for Masulipatam, I recommend that the strength of the Corps should be as follows:

1 Sirdar, on monthly pay of			Rupees...	30
4 Jemadars do. do.	15	...	"	60
1 Havildar Major do. do.	10	...	"	10
1 Bugle Major do. do.	"	...	"	10
12 Havildars do. do.	8	...	"	96
12 Naigues do. do.	7	...	"	84
4 Buglers do. do.	7	...	"	28
200 Privates do. do.	5	...	"	1,000
1 E. Commandant				1,318
1 E. Adjutant				200
1 Serjeant Major				100
1 Armourer				40
1 Bellows Boy				10
1 Chuckler				3
Allowance (Office) for two Writers, one for Juggiahpett, one for Razapoor...				5
				40
				1,716

As it appears that the Adjutant would be required to be permanently stationed at Razapoor, in Command of a Detachment, whilst the Head Quarters would be at Juggiahpett, his services therefore as an Adjutant could not be made available, I think therefore that a Serjeant Major would be desirable at Head Quarters, for the purpose of assisting in drilling the men, and to take charge of the ammunition, stores, &c.

I do not approve of Captain Owen's plan, viz., to substitute 4 Serjeants for the Jemadars and dispensing with the Adjutant, for I am of opinion that Serjeants, unless immediately under supervision of superior authority, and when left to their own devices, are apt to acquire dissolute habits.

Juggiahpett being 80 miles and Razapoor 70 miles from Masulipatam (the nearest Military station with an Arsenal) I think that an Armourer with assistants are indispensable for the purpose of keeping the arms and accoutrements in repair.

As the men at each post should be kept in a collected state, it would be advisable to erect huts for their accommodation; at Juggiahpett a place of arms, a Magazine and Serjeant's quarters would also be required.

For dress I should recommend rifle green tunics, without braiding, dark blue dooputta and dark blue dhotee with red sashes for Non-Commissioned Officers. The Arms percussion fusils, black belts, &c. You will observe that I have put down the pay of the Buglers at 7 Rupees each, my reasons for this are, that, I do not think it possible to obtain them at so low a rate of pay as 5 Rupees.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Magistrate.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, No. 710; dated 1st June 1858.

The Government authorize the establishment of the Masulipatam Sibbundies on the scale submitted with the above letter, and at a total expense of (Rupees 1,714) seventeen hundred and fourteen Rupees per mensem. The appointment of a Commissioned European Officer as second in Command will however be temporary only. The Government will decide hereafter whether it should be made permanent. The Magistrate will suggest for consideration the name of any one or more Officers whom he would recommend for the post.

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2. The men should be furnished with cumblies and the Native Officers with blankets, and batta will be allowed them at the usual rate on their serving out of their own District.

3. Plans and estimates will be called for in the Department Public Works for the buildings referred to in the last para.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No 808.
From The Magistrate of Masulipatam
Dated 30th April 1858.

For Orders.

It appears since hardly
anyone there on Adyt
for this small force -
I suppose this is the point
for orders?

A second force will be
req^d. whether called on Adyt
or not, will be not -? My

Wd

Sept 10.

The Government authorize the
establishment of the Manipal
libburdis on the scale submitted
with the above letter. and at a
total expense of Rs 1714. Seven teen
hundred & fourteen rupees for
manus. The appointment of a
Commissioned Indian Officer
as second in Command will
however be temporary only. The
Govt will decide hereafter whether
it should be made permanent. The
Muz. will suggest for consideration the
name of any one or more officers whom
he would recommend for the post.

2 The man should be furnished
with Curries and two native
officers with blankets - and better
will be allowed them at the usual
rate on their leaving out of the
our District.

3 Plans and estimates will be
called for in the Dept. of Works for the

Fort George,
1st June, 1858-3

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