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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th January 1858.

Read the following papers.

No. 57. Extracts Minutes Consultation, Military Department.

Communicating for information copy of a letter from the Adjutant General, submitting the Commander-in-Chief's observations on the suggestion of the Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam, that a Sibuddy Corps be raised for his District. (Here enter 17th December 1857, No. 4608.)

No. 58.

Communicating copy of a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army enclosing copies of correspondence from the Officer Commanding Northern Division, reporting the movements of Troops in the Sumbulpore country and stating that the Commander-in-Chief approves of the same. (Here enter 19th December 1857, No. 4632.)

No. 59.

Communicating copy of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, stating that it is quite impossible to spare any Troops from the Northern Division, and pressing upon the consideration of Government the expediency of immediate measures being taken for raising Sebundie Corps for employment in the Sumbulpore country and the Tracts in the Northern Division. (Here enter 23rd December 1857, No. 4703.)

Vide Military Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, No. 92; dated 18th January 1858.

It is observed, that in Extract Minutes Consultation 14th December 1857, No. 1621, the Acting Agent at Ganjam was authorized to increase his Sibbundies to such extent as might be necessary to enable him to send a number of them to Sumbulpore. The Agent at Vizagapatam has also been permitted to strengthen the Golcondah Sibbundies, and the Magistrate of Masulipatam to embody a like force for service in his own and the Rajahmundry District and for relief of the Regular Troops there.

2. Copy of the Adjutant General's letter of 15th December 1857, No. 1592, will be furnished to the Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 8th December 1857, No. 1594.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 4608.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 17th December 1857.

Read Extract Mins. of Cons. Judl. Dept.

communicating for further consideration a report on the late attack on Juggahpettah by Rohillas, and the resistance offered by the Sepoy Guard—with suggestions for the future protection of the Town &c.

Here enter 8th December 1857, No. 1594.

Referred for the consideration of the Commander-in-Chief.

4th December 1857.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, 15th December 1857, No. 1572; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

M. C. 1594 8th December 1857.

* Report on the late attack on Juggahpettah by Rohillas.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit the following observations on the subject referred under date 14th instant.

2. His Excellency most strongly supports the recommendation contained in para. 8 of Mr. Knox's letter 24th November, that a Sibbundy Corps be raised for his District.—The employment of Troops of the Line in the localities referred to is destructive of health, efficiency and discipline and a Corps of Sibbundies should, in the Commander-in-Chief's opinion, be formed for the purpose.

3. With reference to the suggestion contained in para. 10 of Mr. Knox's letter that an Officer and 45 Sepoys may be retained at Juggahpettah, the Commander-in-Chief observes that in the Northern Division the Troops are so pressed that there is barely one Relief.

4. On the latter part of paras. 7 and 8 of Mr. Chase's letter, Sir P. Grant quite agrees that a larger force than a Havildar's guard is required to protect Juggahpettah; but considers that such Force should be composed of Police or Sibbundies.—In the Commander-in-Chief's opinion the Condapilly Detachment was most properly withdrawn as it was being destroyed by the unhealthiness of the place and the calls of this district should, as above observed, be met by the formation of a Sibbundy Corps (as proposed by Mr. Knox) a description of Troops which have been thoroughly successful elsewhere and would, it may be presumed, be so here likewise.

5. To Mr. Chase's proposition that Bezoarah should be occupied by a Detachment of the Veteran Battalion it is replied that the Veteran are already employed beyond their strength, and the employment of Sappers on such duty would be very objectionable.—The Company of Sappers referred to as stationed at Bezoarah was employed on the Public Works there.

6. The Commander-in-Chief concurs in the observations contained in para. 10 of Mr. Chase's letter.

Communicated to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract and Copy.)

W. B. Smith

Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department. *With 3 spare Copies.*

Recd 24th Dec

Exd. R. Spears.

Read letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army, 16th December 1857, No. 578; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

His Excellency considers, that if Troops must be kept there, a Corps of Sebundies should be raised for the purpose.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Waltair, 7th December 1857, No. 488; to the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

relieve the 5th Regiment N. I., which will then proceed to Cuttack.

I have directed the Officer Commanding Cuttack, to keep me informed of every thing, that occurs in the Sumbulpoor District, and all information shall be forwarded as soon as received.

No. 6. Telegraphic Message Cuttack 7th December, From Mr. Magrath to C. Reade Esq.
 "40th Regiment, marched out all right this morning, what Regiment comes here from Mr. Magrath to General Tulloch Cuttack 7th December."

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. TULLOCH, Major Genl.
Commanding Northern Division.

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29 June
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No. 4. Message to Mr. Roade said 3 Ramghurs Killed 3 wounded 40 Sepoys wounded and six followers, but from No. 7 this would appear to be a mistake, 1 of the 40th only wounded.

From Officer Commanding Cuttack, 3rd December 1857, No. 296; to the Dy. Assistant Quarter Master General Northern Division.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from G. F. Cockburn Esq. Commissioner of Cuttack and to report for the information of the Major General Commanding the Division, that at the requisition of Captain Leigh Assistant Commissioner Sumbulpore, I have directed the 3 remaining companies of the 40th Regiment to proceed to Sumbulpore on the 5th Instant, and beg to state, that myself and staff, will accompany them and trust that this arrangement, will meet with the Major General's approval.

From the Commissioner of Cuttack, 3rd December 1857, No. 308; to the Officer Commanding 40th Regiment N. I. Cuttack.

I have the honor to state, that Captain Leigh Senior Assistant Commissioner of Sumbulpore, has applied for further assistance as the Insurgents are collecting in different directions and excesses being committed and the general state of the country appears to me, so very unsatisfactory, that I am of opinion, no time should be lost, in sending up a reinforcement of two (2) Companies complete, which I request, that you will do, as soon as possible.

2. I have directed Sub-Assistant Surgeon Baboo Samachum Sircar, to report himself to you with a view to his being placed, in Medical charge of the detachment.

3. Perwannahs for supplies will be issued immediately, and I think, that the detachment may leave Kukher on the morning of the 6th Instant, and find them ready at each stage thereafter—It appears to me desirable that, a reinforcement of two (2) Companies, should be sent up from Berhampore or Russellcondah, in place of those now leaving, and to be available by way of relief, if necessary.

From the Officer Commanding, Left Wing 40th Regt. N. I. Sumbulpore, 21st November 1857, No. 78; to the Adjutant 40th Regt. N. I.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Commanding Officer, that last night about eight o'clock the bugles of the Detachment Ramghur Battalion, sounded the alarm, which was taken up by our men who immediately fell in and stood to their Arms, I immediately increased the Guard of the Treasury, and had the two Guns got in readiness—Lieutenant Hadow Artillery was unable to leave his bed on account of sickness, soon afterwards 2 Sowars arrived and reported to me, that the Sentry of the Ramghur Picket posted near a Nullah, which ran close to their lines, challenged a party of armed men, amounting in number, it is said to about thirty, on the opposite side of the Nullah, who called out to the Sentry, to be silent—He however immediately turned out the Picket, and the alarm was sounded, on which the armed party men instantly fled a patrol of the Ramghur Sepoys, who patrolled in a different direction, along the Nullah, reported, that though they had not seen any of the enemy, yet they had heard a noise (resembling the usual cry of the enemy, when assembling, across the Nullah, that this noise had ceased after the alarm bugle was sounded after standing to their arms for some time, I broke off the men and caused to sleep with their arms, by their side, I posted a few extra sentries.

All passed off peaceably during the night, no further intelligence has as yet been received, concerning the direction the enemy have gone, I have received no intelligence from Captain Leigh, Senior Assistant Commissioner since his departure.

From the Officer Commanding Left Wing, 40th Regt. N. I., Sumbulpore, 20th November 1857, No. 74; to the Adjutant 40th Regt. N. I.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Commanding Officer, that on the evening of the 18th instant two men arrived in Sumbulpore, who had escaped from a body of Rebels, by whom they had been taken prisoners. These men were the Syces of two Sowars, who the Senior Assistant Commissioner had sent out to meet Doctors Moore and Hanson. The two Sowars were captured together with the Syces, from information received from Doctors Moore and Hanson by the Senior Assistant Commissioner dated Rampore 15th November 1857 and in which they stated, that the Ranikole Rajah had informed them, that the road between Charmaal and Sumbulpore was not safe, the Senior Assistant Commissioner was induced to send out thirty (30) of the Sebundee Corps to escort Doctors Moore and Hanson in—on the Evening of the 18th Instant, the two Syces arrived in Sumbulpore having escaped from the Rebels. They brought the following news.

"That on the evening of the 16th instant Doctors Moore and Hanson were stopped by a party of Rebels (amounting in number to 4 or 500 men) between Charmaal and Lugomarah, the Doctors effected their escape, after being fired upon, they Syces saw two Palkees and a forage Cap in one, and a Solah Topce in the other, no further intelligence has been received concerning the two Doctors. In consequence of the above detailed circumstances the Senior Assistant Commissioner has thought it necessary to

proceed with a force in the above mentioned direction."

A Detachment strength as per margin, left Sumbulpore this morning under the Command of Ensign Nepean and proceeded towards Rampore.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Head Quarters, Wallair, 3rd December 1857, No. 482; to the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army.

From	To	No. and date.	In forwarding copies of letters as per margin,
Offr. Comg., Cuttack	Dy. Asst. Adj. Genl. N. Dn.	292 of 27th Nov.	I have the honor to submit for the consideration
Commissioner, do.	Offr. Comg., Cuttack,	280 of 26th Nov.	of His Excellency the
Offr. Comg., do.	Commissioner, do.	291 of 27th Nov.	Commander-in-Chief,
Commissioner, do.	Offr. Comg., do.	285 of 28th Nov.	

whether in case it is found necessary, to establish out-posts about Sumbulpore and send out parties to beat up the quarters of the Rebels, it would not be advisable to Garrison Sumbulpore, with a complete Corps, I am of opinion, that Mr. Knox will not like to send any of his Sebundies, from the District at the present time.

From the Officer Commanding Cuttack, 27th November 1857, No. 292; to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Northern Division, Wallair.

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter received last evening from G. F. Cockburn Esquire Commissioner of Cuttack and of my reply thereto.

2. I trust that the Major General will not consider that I have been backward in my endeavours to keep up the number of Officers with the Detachment, I only heard on the afternoon of the 24th that Lieutenant Hart was about to return and on the morning of the 26th, Lieutenant Vallance started to replace him, Captain Woodbridge was very nearly as expeditious in starting, after I was aware of the return of Captain Hawkins.

3. The sudden return of the above two Officers on emergent sick Certificate, has unavoidably left the Detachment, for a time, in the state described by Mr. Cockburn.

4. I have ordered Captain Bird to join from Calcutta with all practicable dispatch and also Lieutenant Palmer from Secunderabad.

From the Commissioner of Cuttack, 26th November 1857, No. 280; to Major Bates Commanding Cuttack.

I have the honor to address you on the subject of the paucity of Officers now present with the Troops at Sumbulpore sent up from this.

2. There are six Companies there of the Regiment under your Command, with only two Officers attached to them, one of these being as I understand, the youngest Lieutenant in the Corps and the other an Ensign, neither having been long in the country nor passed in the vernacular.

3. There is also a small party of Artillery with two Guns under a young Lieutenant of that branch of the service.

4. You are aware that there is an insurrection in the Sumbulpore District headed by Surroonder Saice and Oodant Saice two prisoners who escaped from the Hazarabagh Jail during the mutiny at that place—These men have influential relatives and friends and appear not to lack sympathizers in and around the District of Sumbulpore.

5. At present the insurgents seem to be a rabble easily dispersed, but who as easily re-assemble, unless speedily put down, the insurrection is not unlikely to spread; while it is possible that rebels from more distant parts may join, in causing embarrassment to the Government.

6. Until the ringleaders and their principal followers are hunted down there will be I apprehend no restoration of peace at Sumbulpore.

7. It seems to me that in order to keep the insurgents in check and prevent them from acts of oppression, on unoffending individuals, to confirm the wavering on the side of order and to give assurance to the loyal, it will be necessary to establish some out-posts in, and around Sumbulpore.

8. To attempt to form out-posts with only 2 young Officers present, is hopeless.

9. On the other hand in the event of a Detachment moving out against the insurgents, only one Officer could accompany them. I presume as it would be advisable, I conceive for the other to remain behind for the protection of the Town and Station.

10. Should one of the Officers fall or be unable to perform his duties from sickness, I fail to see how Military operations could be carried on at all.

11. This state of affairs can be good neither as respect the restoration of tranquility in Sumbulpore nor in regard to the discipline of Troops.

12. I am aware that 2 Officers have come away sick. This circumstance leads me to apprehend that one or both of those remaining may be similarly incapacitated for duty to the further injury of the public service.

13. I have just learned that 2 Officers of greater experience than the others have recently proceeded to join the Detachment at Sumbulpore and are now marching up: but even when they do arrive the troops cannot in my opinion, be considered fit for the active service, likely to be required of them owing to the want of Officers.

14. I know your own anxiety to provide for the efficiency of the Regiment under your command, and in which, you take so great and just an interest and pride. It is my duty also to do, what lays in my power, towards maintaining the peace of the country and believing the Troops at Sumbulpore, to be not efficiently officered, and that in consequence the prospect of restoration of tranquility, is seriously impaired it is right, that I should state my opinion, leaving you to adopt such steps in the matter as may seem to you most suitable.

From the Officer Commanding Cuttack, 27th November 1857, No. 291; to the Commissioner of Cuttack.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 280 dated the 20th November 1857 remarking on the paucity of Officers with the Detachment of the 40th Regiment M. N. I. at Sumbulpore.

2. You are aware that the moment I heard of Captain Hawkins' return to Regimental Head Quarters on Sick Certificate, I ordered off Captain Woodbridge and that immediately I heard of Lieutenant Hart's return under similar circumstances, I ordered off Lieut. Vallance tho' he was Acting Quarter Master of the Regiment, I also mentioned to you on your return from Balasore the day before yesterday, that I had ordered Lieutenant Swiney of the 23rd Regiment M. N. I. to do duty with the Detachment at Sumbulpore, a measure of which you approved, and which I trust will, under the circumstances, meet also with the approval of my Military superiors.

3. No effort has been wanting on my part to keep the Detachment as efficient in Officers as circumstances would permit.

4. One Company has been left there only as a temporary measure but circumstances which have lately occurred, will doubtless render its permanent stay necessary.

5. The plan which you mentioned of detaching parties about the District, I have only now become acquainted with, and it will of course require more Officers than if the Detachment remained in a collected form at Sumbulpore. I have therefore ordered the only available Officer I have at Head Quarters, (Captain Klocker) to proceed forthwith to join the Detachment.

6. I do not know how many parties it is contemplated to detach, but there is no doubt, but that each one, should be sufficiently strong, not only to defend its post, against any Force likely to be brought against it, but to act on the offensive in its own immediate neighbourhood if necessary, and if as you were mentioning in conversation yesterday. 150 or 200 Sebundies could be obtained from Captain Macheill or Mr. Knox, they would be from their habits and experience, of the greatest use in this kind of warfare.

7. I have directed Captain Bird and Lieutenant Palmer, to join as quickly as possible, and have forwarded a copy of this correspondence, to the Major General Commanding the Division.

From the Commissioner of Cuttack, 28th November 1857, No. 285; to the Officer Commanding Cuttack.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 291, dated 27th instant, in reply to mine on the subject of the paucity of Officers present with the Troops at Sumbulpore, and to state, that in my opinion, you did all that lay in your power to remedy the defect, by having ordered up Captain Woodbridge on learning of Captain Hawkins' coming away sick, and afterwards Lieutenant Vallance on Lieutenant Hart being similarly compelled, to leave Sumbulpore.

2. Further I quite approved of your having directed Lieutenant Swiney 32nd M. N. I., to join and do duty with the Detachment of your Regiment at Sumbulpore.

3. I am not aware of your having left any thing undone and I cheerfully acknowledge that on every occasion, since the commencement of disturbances in Sumbulpore, you have given the most ready and hearty assistance in despatching the Troops applied for, and in every way and in fact no Commanding Officer could have done more.

4. You will oblige me by submitting a copy of this letter to the Major General Commanding the Division along with or in continuation of the previous correspondence.

Communicated to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract & Copies.)

H. Brown

Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department: *With 3 spare Copies.*

Recd. 24th Dec.

Exd. R. Spears.

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The Commissioner of the Northern Division of the Sumbulpore District is requested to order Colonel Osborne to proceed to take command as proposed, and the necessary report will be made to the Government of India.
To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mil. Dept. | Here enter 23rd December 1857, No. 4701.
(True Extract and Copy.)

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 23rd December 1857.
Read letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, 18th December 1857, No. 1590; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.
With advertence to letter from the Secretary to the Government of India dated 5th instant, No. 1968, communicated to the Commander-in-Chief in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 17th idem No. 4611, I have the honor, by order, to state for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that it is quite impossible to spare any Troops from the Northern Division—every available man has already been pushed on to Cuttack and Sumbulpore—His Excellency begs again to press upon the consideration of Government, the expediency of immediate measures being taken for raising Sebundie Corps for employment in the Sumbulpore Country and the Tracts in the Northern Division, which have on every occasion of the regular Troops being employed in them proved so destructive to their health and efficiency.
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Adj. Gen. 19th Dec 1857

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 4703.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 23rd December 1857.

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With advertence to letter from the Secretary to the Government of India dated 5th instant, No. 1968, communicated to the Commander-in-Chief in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 17th idem No. 4611, I have the honor, by order, to state for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that it is quite impossible to spare any Troops from the Northern Division—every available man has already been pushed on to Cuttack and Sumbulpore—His Excellency begs again to press upon the consideration of Government, the expediency of immediate measures being taken for raising Sebundie Corps for employment in the Sumbulpore Country and the Tracts in the Northern Division, which have on every occasion of the regular Troops being employed in them proved so destructive to their health and efficiency.

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(True Extract and Copy.)

W. Brown

Secretary to Government.

- To the Judicial Department. With 3 True Copies.
" Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Military Auditor General.
" Accountant General.

Dec 24 1857

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

By Order of the 19th Jan'y,
Judicial. 1857. Report.

Extract Minutes Consultation
in the Military Sec.
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Northern Division.

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29 Jan'y
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Judicial Department.

No. 92

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 18 January 1858.

Read the following Ex. Minis.
Cons. Military Department.
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3. H. L. 7th Aug/58
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Colcundah Subbunder, and
the Magistrate of Masulipatam
embodiment a like force for
service in his own and the
Rayachoti district for
relief of the regular troops
there.

2. Copy of the Assistant
General's letter of 15th Dec 1857.
No 1572, will be furnished to the
Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam
with reference to the
Miss. Cons. 8th Dec/57 No 1574.

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Copy to Military Dept.

" At Magistrate of Masulipatam
with ltr from Asst. Genl.

} Dated 22nd

3. H. L. 7th Aug/58

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Extract Mins. Cons.

Dated 17 January 1858.

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