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Read again letter from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated 5th April 1859, No. 776.—Recorded in Extract Minutes Consultation, 9th Idem, No. 493.

Read the following letters,

No. 46. From T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 17th April 1859, No. 145.

With reference to the Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 9th April 1859, No. 493, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a letter from Captain Ansley in charge of the Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps, dated 22nd Instant, reporting the measures taken by him to secure the arms issued to them from being injured by the inexperience and carelessness of his men, and for keeping them in repair.

From Captain T. C. ANSLEY, Acting Commandant, Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps; to T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector and Magistrate of Masulipatam, dated Juggiahpett, 22nd April 1859, No. 219.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 493, forwarded for my information and report, I have the honor to inform you that for the better security of the arms, &c., of the Sibbundy Corps under my command, a daily inspection of the arms, accoutrements and ammunition in charge of the men is made by the Jemadars in charge of Companies, and their condition reported to me, the men have been given to understand that they will have to pay themselves, for any loss or damage occasioned by their own carelessness but there has hitherto been but little; these repairs were executed by a Native Armourer who by chance came to Juggiahpett from a village* some 12 miles off, since which though I have frequently endeavoured to obtain his services through the head of Police, I have not been successful. Many repairs of a trifling nature, are now required, occasioned accidentally, and I beg to state again that the services of an Armourer attached to the Sibbundy Corps at this out-of-the-way station, are much needed.

* Codada.

(True Copy.)

(Signed). T. J. KNOX,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 47. From A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 30th April 1859, No. 140.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, of the 9th Instant, calling on me to state what measures have been taken to secure the arms issued to the men of the Sibbundy Corps, lately raised in this District, from injury, and to keep them in repair.

2. The measures adopted have been—First, carefully to instruct the Recruit in the use of his arms, and causing each movement to be at first slowly performed by him—Secondly, impressing on the men that one of the first duties of a Soldier is to take every care of his arms, and punishing any neglect of that duty—Thirdly, making each Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of squads, and who is answerable for the same, shew the Recruit how to clean his Fuzil, warning him, at the same time, that he must at no time meddle with the screws or lock of the weapon.

3. It is generally the custom to forward any arm that has been seriously damaged to the nearest Arsenal. Trivial repairs can generally be made by Smiths in the town, the Sibbundy himself paying the cost, if the injury be caused by carelessness.

4. The arms and accoutrements of the Sibbundies are secured, when not in use, in the place of arms in the old Fort at Rajahmundry, hitherto used for the arms of the Detachment of Native Infantry, till lately stationed at that place.

No. 48. From P. GRANT, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 4th May 1859, No. 34.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 493, dated 9th Ultimo, regarding the security and repair of arms issued to Officers Commanding Local Irregular Corps, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter* from the Officer Commanding Malabar Police Corps, on the subject.

* Dated 3rd May 1859.

From Lieut. C. G. BLOOMFIELD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated Charleston, Malliapooram, 3rd May 1859, No. 56.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 493, dated 9th April 1859, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that the arms and accoutrements of the Malabar Police Corps at Head Quarters are kept in their Barracks, under lock and key, exactly the same as in a Regiment of Native Infantry of the Line, in charge of a Havildar's guard. At the out-posts, a room is usually given up from the Cutcherry for the same purpose, and the arms are also in charge of the sentry of the guard furnished for the protection of the Treasury.

2. The arms of the Police Corps are repaired by its own Artificers, and are the subject of constant scrutiny and attention.

3. The out-posts are frequently visited and inspected at uncertain times by the Officers of the Corps (Europeans and Natives) for this purpose.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Magistrate.

No. 49. From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpore, 5th May 1859, No. 117.

With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 493, under date the 9th Instant, I have the honor to forward copies of letters received from my Assistants Captains Smith and Campbell, Commanding Local Irregular Corps of Ganjam and Purlakemedy Sebundies, stating the measures they have taken to secure the arms issued to their men.

From Captain C. SMITH, Assistant Agent, Commanding Ganjam Sebundy Corps; to G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George, dated Russellcondah, 1st May 1859, No. 22.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 493, under date 9th April 1859, I have the honor to state that the men under my command have evinced no carelessness in the care of their arms.

Each stand of arms in use are lodged in the Barracks from whence they are never taken except when required for duty. Muskets not in use belonging to sick and men on furlough are placed in the store room and carefully attended to by the Lascars; whenever slight repairs are required, the Armourer Maistry paid from the Saderward allowed by Government, looks carefully to this duty.

All the Muskets at Head Quarters are in good order. The locks are carefully taken off once a month, cleaned, oiled, and returned to their proper places.

At inspections, should any injury to the arms be detected (which has very seldom been the case) it is instantly reported and the men in charge generally pay for its repair, unless they clearly prove to my satisfaction that the damage was not occasioned by their carelessness.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Agent to the Governor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 27th August to 2nd September 1859.

From Captain H. T. CAMPBELL, Assistant Agent; to G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George, dated Kimedy, 30th April 1859, No. 39.

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 493, April 9th, 1859, I have the honor to state that the arms of the Kimedy Sebundies are kept in properly made arm racks, in their own Barracks, and are never taken out or lodged except in the presence of a Non-Commissioned Officer, and the arms of men sick or on leave are cleaned once a week by men detailed for the duty. The men are not permitted to take off the locks without my permission and I examine the arms regularly twice a month at parades for the purpose; since the Sebundies were raised, I have been obliged to keep a Black-smith on regular pay to superintend the repair of the arms, and he is the only man in Kimedy sufficiently skilled to fix on the sight of the Fuzil, which frequently comes off after firing ball.

The pay of the Black-smith 7 Rupees and Bellows-boy 2-8 a month, I request you will obtain sanction for, to be included in Pay List of the Sebundies.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 50. From C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd August 1859, No. 392.

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 9th April last, No. 453, and an Official Memorandum of the 26th July, No. 324, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from Captain Owen in Command of the Golcondah Sebundy Corps, which will place Government in possession of the information they seek, in regard to the measures adopted for securing from injury and keeping in repair the arms of that force.

2. There is a Detachment of these Sebundies now stationed at Palcondah, an out-post formerly occupied by the Troops of the Line, and both men and arms are provided with good accommodation.

3. Besides the Regular Sebundies, there is a small body of extra Police raised under the orders noted marginally* and to whom have been issued Pistols and Swords. These men are frequently moved about to wherever their services may for the time be needed. They have proved themselves most useful and have more than fulfilled the expectations I had raised of their value as an auxiliary to the ordinary Police. Their arms are in good condition and each man is held responsible in this matter, and a periodical inspection is made.

* Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 2nd March 1858, No. 258, Public Department.

4. I have to apologize for the delay in this report. The fault is with my officiating head Writer who can plead no adequate excuse, and I don't think it needful to trouble Government with the particulars; but as he is about to be displaced by a more efficient servant, I have not thought it necessary to take any especial notice of his present negligence.

From Captain W. G. OWEN, Commanding Golcondah Sebundy Corps; to C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam, dated Nursepatam, 3rd May 1859, No. 79.

Adverting to your Memorandum requiring me to state what measures are adopted to secure the arms issued to the Golcondah Sebundies from being injured by the inexperience and carelessness of the men and for keeping them in repair.

I have the honor to state in reply that the arms of Companies are inspected daily by the Native Officers, who make an immediate report if the arms become damaged in any way; then follows an enquiry by myself, or the Adjutant, and during the many years I have had charge of the Golcondah Sebundies, no damage has hitherto occurred, except by unavoidable accident.

The arms, &c., at Head Quarters are also periodically inspected by myself and the Adjutant, as well as by the Staff Serjeant.

2. A report from Officers Commanding guards at the neighbouring out-posts is received weekly, as to the state of the arms, and they are inspected on return of the Detachment which occurs monthly.

3. The arms are lodged in Barracks and never taken therefrom except in presence of a Naigue or Havildar.

4. The arms of the distant Detachments of Palcondah and Gooncepoorum are taken care of in a similar manner by the European Officer of Sebundies at Palcondah.

5. Arms requiring repair are sent to the Arsenal at Vizagapatam for that purpose, its distance from Nursapatam is 55 miles and from Palcondah 66 miles. Carriage for conveyance of the arms to and fro, is provided for by a contingent Bill on Agent to the Governor.

(True Copy.)

(Signed.) C. W. READE,
Agent to the Governor.

No. 51. From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Magistrate of Kurnool; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th August 1859, No 7.

With reference to Official Memorandum No. 324, of the 26th Ultimo, calling for the report as to the measures taken for securing from injury and keeping in repair arms issued to Local Irregular Corps, I have the honor to report that no arms have ever been issued to the Kurnool Irregular Horse. They supply their own arms.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1859, No. 1179.

In his letter of the 5th April last, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, adverting to the large amount of arms and accoutrements issued to Sebundy Corps, and the likelihood of an increased demand, considered it necessary for the protection of the public property, that some measures should be taken to provide for training the men in taking care of the arms —for inspecting the arms, in order to prevent neglect on the part of the men—and also to see to the skill and efficiency of the Artificers employed in repairing the arms. On his recommendation, Government, in Extract Minutes Consultation, 9th Idem, No. 493, requested the Officers Commanding Local Irregular Corps, through the Magistrates of the Districts to which they belong, to state what measures had been taken to secure the arms issued to them from being injured by the inexperience and carelessness of their men, and for keeping them in repair.

2. In his letter of the 17th Idem, the Magistrate of Masulipatam forwarded one from the Commandant of the Sebundy Corps, stationed at Juggiahpett,* replying to the reference At that place, a daily inspection of the arms, accoutrements, and ammunition is made by the Jemadars of Companies, and their condition reported to him. Some few repairs that have been required have been at once executed by a village Armourer, whose services could not be obtained again. Captain Ansley states that many accidental injuries to the arms require repair now, and that an Armourer is much needed. It is observed, however, that the sanctioned establishment of the Corps—Extract Minutes Consultation, 31st January 1859, No. 126—includes an

Armourer on	Rs.	10
Bellows boy	„	3
Chuckler	„	5
Allowance for repair of arms	„	8
	Rs.	26

It does not appear what more can be required. This the Commanding Officer will explain.

3. The Magistrate of Rajahmundry reports that the measures adopted in his District have been—carefully to instruct the Recruit in the use of his arms—to impress on him that one of the first duties of the Soldier is to take every care of them—to make the Non-Commissioned Officers in charge of squads shew the Recruit how to clean his Fuzil, and to warn him against meddling with the screws or lock of the weapon. Arms that are seriously injured are usually sent to the nearest Arsenal, while trivial repairs are generally made by Smiths in the town.

4. The arms of the Malabar Police Corps are repaired by its own Artificers, and are the subject of constant scrutiny and attention.

5. The Agent in Ganjam submits communications from his Assistants in Command of the Ganjam and Purlah Kemedi Sebundies. The men of the Ganjam Sebundies have evinced no want of care for their arms. All the Muskets at Head Quarters are in good order, and once a month the locks are cleaned and oiled. At inspections, injuries when detected, which has very seldom been the case, are instantly reported. Slight repairs are executed by the Armourer Maistry, paid from the Saderward. The Commandant of the Kemedi Sebundies reports that he examines the arms of the Corps twice a month, at special parades. The men do not, without permission, take off the locks. Since the Sebundies have been raised, a Blacksmith has been kept on regular pay to superintend the repair of the arms. The sights of the Fusils in use frequently come off after ball firing. The Commandant requests that sanction may be obtained for the pay of the Blacksmith and Bellows boy. The amount, twelve and half Rupees is accordingly sanctioned, chargeable like the other expenses of the Corps to the Purlah Kemedi Estate.

Maistry		17½
Armourer		12
Carpenter		12
Smith		12
Hammerman		8
Bellows boy		5
Chuckler		12
Rupees		78½

NOTE.—Artificers attached to the Corps.

NOTE.—Sanctioned for repair of arms, &c. Rs. 62-8 monthly. There are 400 Peons in this Corps.

Blacksmith	10
Bellows boy	2½
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6. The Magistrate at Vizagapatam reports that good accommodation has been provided for the arms of the Sebundies stationed at Palcondah, and that the arms—Swords and Pistols—of a body of armed Police in his District are in good order, and are inspected periodically. He forwards also copy of a letter from the Commandant of the Golcondah Sebundies, in which it is stated that the arms are inspected daily by the Native Officers. During the many years Captain Owen has had charge of the Corps, no damages to the arms have occurred, except those occasioned by unavoidable accident. Arms requiring repair are sent to the Arsenal at Vizagapatam, distant from Nursipatam 55 miles, and from Palcondah 66 miles.

7. The Magistrate of Kurnool states that the arms of the Kurnool Irregular Horse are not public property. The Sowars supply themselves with arms.

8. It does not appear to Government that any orders are called for on the above reports which show that due attention is paid to the arms of the several Sebundy Corps. These proceedings will be communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance, in reference to his letter of the 5th April last, also to the Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police—and in advertence to

* Distant 80 miles from Masulipatam.

NOTE.—There are 200 men in this Corps, and 4 Jemadars on Rupees 15 each.

paragraph 5, to the Revenue Department, and to the Offices of Account and Audit. The Commissioner will inspect the arms of the Corps on the occasion of his visiting the Districts to which they are attached.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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