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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th February 1859.

Read the following letters.

No. 11. From W. KNOX, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th January 1859, No. 2.

SIR,

In submitting the accompanying copy of a letter, and its enclosure, from Captain Ansley, Acting Commandant of the Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps, for the favorable consideration of Government, I beg to support Captain Ansley's application that Serjeant Brown's Civil salary for the reasons stated in the foregoing letter, be increased to Rupees 60 per mensem, which is the amount drawn by the Serjeant Majors of the Malabar Police Corps, and Goomsoor Sibbundies. Should the Government however, not accede to our request, I trust that they will, at least, allow Serjeant Brown, to draw from the Military Department, the difference between his present Civil salary of 40 Rupees, and the allowances of a Serjeant Major of a Native Infantry Regiment.

From Captain T. C. ANSLEY, Acting Commandant, Masulipatam Sibbundee Corps; to W. KNOX, Esq., Collector of Masulipatam, dated January 5th, 1859, No. 7.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that the Military Paymaster at this station objects to pay to Serjeant Brown, Drill Instructor of the Sibbundee Corps, his Military pay from the time that he commenced drawing his Civil salary with the Sibbundee Corps, (viz., Rupees 40 a month Civil salary) and I beg to attach the copy of Military Auditor General's objection. On reference to the Madras Civil Auditor's Manual, pages 48 and 49, it appears that the Serjeant Major of the Malabar Police Corps, as also the Serjeant Major of the Goomsoor Sibbundeas are each in receipt of sixty Rupees monthly Civil salary; Serjeant Brown has travelled all the way from Kamptee, where he held the appointment of Acting Serjeant Major to the 26th Regiment M. N. I., and was in receipt of Rupees 50-13-2 monthly, so that he is now actually a loser by the exchange, and performs the combined duties of Serjeant Major and Quarter Master Serjeant. In my letter No. 1, 27th April 1858, to your address, in recommending a Serjeant Major on Rupees 40 a month, I was under the impression that he would also receive his Military pay.

I request that you will do me the favour to submit my application to Government with your recommendation, that Serjeant Brown's Civil salary should be increased to Rupees 60 monthly from the time of his joining the Sibbundee Corps.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Assistant Collector.

From Captain J. W. RIDEOUT, Acting Assistant Military Auditor General; to the Acting Deputy Paymaster, Masulipatam, dated 22nd December 1858, No. 327.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant, No. 156, with its accompaniments; I have the honor by desire of the Military Auditor General to acquaint you that Serjeant J. Brown appointed in G. O. C. C. 7th August last, Drill Instructor of the Masulipatam Sibbundies, is not entitled to Military pay in addition to Civil salary Rupees 40 sanctioned in Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department 1st June 1858, No. 710, as decided by Government in Minutes of Consultation 7th April 1857, No. 413, in the case of Non-Commissioned Officers attached to Malabar Police Corps.

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No. 12. From W. KNOX, Esq., Magistrate of Masulipatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Goodewadah, 21st January 1859, No. 28.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit herewith, copy of a letter from Captain T. C. Ansley, Acting Commandant of the Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps under date the 16th Instant, No. 19, with an enclosure, reporting that the Serjeant Major James Brown, has rendered himself not only unfit, but unworthy of the appointment he holds in the Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps, and request the orders of the Government to his being removed from the appointment, and another Serjeant appointed for the Sibbundy Corps.

2. In soliciting sanction for the appointment of another Serjeant, I beg to suggest that he be selected from the Infantry.

From Captain T. C. ANSLEY, Acting Commandant, Masulipatam Sebundee Corps; to W. KNOX, Esq., Collector of Masulipatam, dated Camp Ibrampatam, 16th January 1859, No. 19.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that I have been compelled to leave Serjeant J. Brown of the Sebundee Corps under my command, in the station Hospital of Bezoarah, as he is laboring under an attack of delirium tremens, and being incapable of taking care of himself, I have left two men of the Sebundy Corps in charge of him.

I called upon Doctor Nash to see the Serjeant, and enclose a copy of his letter to me, by which you will perceive that the Serjeant has rendered himself not only unfit but unworthy of the appointment he holds in the Masulipatam Sebundy Corps. I request that you will do me the favor to submit this to Government with a view to having him removed from the appointment.

The Serjeant's behaviour was brought to my notice by a note from Mr. Merrall of Bezoarah, written at 12 o'clock at night of the 14th Instant, stating that an European Serjeant had come to his house, asking protection against some men who wished to murder him, and that he was afraid to go to me, as he would be way-laid; he was taken back to his tent still under the delusion that some Artillerymen and Lancers wished to kill him; he contrived however, to elude orderlies placed over him by creeping underneath the tent, and rushed wildly across the fields; upon further enquiry, I was informed that his conduct in his tent, had been very strange for two or three previous nights.

After being taken to Hospital he twice endeavoured to effect his escape. It may not be out of place here, to observe that whilst the sick men of Her Majesty's 12th Lancers and 1st Royals were in the Fort at Masulipatam, I found it necessary to order Serjeant Brown never to go into the Fort without my permission, as he was neglecting his duty.

In applying for another Serjeant, I have the honor to request that you will especially mention one from "an European Infantry Corps," for it stands to reason that a Horse Artillery man (as Serjeant Brown is) cannot be so well up to Infantry Drill, as a man from that particular branch of the service.

I would suggest that Serjeant Brown be kept in Hospital at Bezoarah under the eye of the Medical Officer there, until a reply concerning him is received from Government, there is no Hospital or Serjeant's quarters built as yet at Juggiahpett, so that if he should have a relapse, there is no proper place to keep him in.

From Assistant Surgeon J. P. NASH, M. D., in Medical charge, District Engineer's Department, Kristna Division; to Captain T. C. ANSLEY, Commanding Masulipatam Sebundy Corps, dated Bezoarah, 15th January 1859, No. 49.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 15 of this day's date, and in reply beg to state that Serjeant Brown, Drill Instructor in your Corps, was admitted into Bezoarah Hospital to-day, suffering from the ordinary symptoms of delirium tremens, a disease brought on by intemperance.

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Judging from his recent strange conduct, his incoherent speech and inability to take care of himself, I am of opinion that the man has been long addicted to the vice from which he is now suffering, and the continuance of which will most assuredly unfit him for the post he holds in the Sebundy Corps.

I have the honor to solicit instructions as to the disposal of the Serjeant, on his recovery.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Magistrate.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 139; dated 2nd February 1859.

The Magistrate of Masulipatam forwards a letter from Captain Ansley, Commandant of the Masulipatam Sibbundy Corps, and supports that Officer's request that Serjeant Brown, lately appointed Serjeant Major to the Corps, may have his pay increased from 40 Rupees a month to 60 Rupees, that being the rate allowed to the Serjeant Major in the Malabar Police Corps and Goomsoor Sibbundies—or if not, Mr. Knox solicits that he be at least allowed the difference between his present Civil salary of 40 Rupees and the allowances of a Serjeant Major of an Infantry Regiment, Rupees 50-13-2.

2. Captain Ansley explains that in setting down, in his scheme for the organization of the Corps, the salary of the Serjeant Major at 40 Rupees, he was under the impression that the Serjeant would draw his Military pay in addition, but this it seems from a reference made to the Military Auditor General is inadmissible.

3. From a subsequent letter, however, it appears that Serjeant Brown has shown himself unfit for the duty from his intemperate habits. Captain Ansley, therefore, applies for another Serjeant Major to take his place, and particularly requests that he may be taken from an European Infantry Corps.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes that the Malabar Police Corps is altogether an exceptional one. The Goomsoor Sibbundies have a Serjeant Major, but they are 400 strong, besides Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers, and have only one European Commissioned Officer. But the Vizagapatam Sibbundies, who are 300 strong—rank and file—have as European Non-Commissioned Officer, only a Serjeant at Rupees 30 per mensem, and the Rajahmundry Sibbundies, who are of the same strength as the Masulipatam—200 rank and file—have no European Non-Commissioned Officer at all. It appears to the Government under these circumstances that it cannot be necessary to attach a Serjeant Major to the Masulipatam Sibbundies.

5. In communicating these papers to the Military Department, therefore, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested to nominate some steady Soldier from an European Infantry Regiment to be Serjeant to the Masulipatam Sibbundies on Rupees 30 per mensem, and that Serjeant Brown be remanded to his Corps.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
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