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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 15th February 1859.

No. 17. Read the following Extract Minutes Consultation in the Military Department, dated 5th February 1859. No. 519.

Pending a reference to the Commander-in-Chief, requesting the Town Major to afford such assistance from the Native Corps at the Presidency, for the instruction of the recruits of the Andaman Sebbundy Corps, as the exigencies of the duties of the Garrison will admit of. (Vide Military Consultation, 8th February 1859, Nos. 107 and 108.)

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 186; dated 10th February 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commandant of the Andaman Sebbundy Corps, with reference to his letters of the 16th December 1858, and 25th January 1859.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 519.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 5th February 1859.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, under date the 18th December 1858, No. 1765.

From the Commandant Andaman Sibbundy Corps, dated — December 1858; to the Acting Secretary to Government.

With reference to Minutes of Consultation No. 1701, under date the 2nd December 1858, from the Judicial Department, I respectfully beg to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying scale of pay, for the Andaman Sibbundy Corps, and should His Lordship be pleased to sanction the rates therein laid down, I feel confident, that a sufficient number of efficient men will easily be procured.

2. The Minute of Consultation above alluded to, has settled the description of Arms and Accoutrements, which are to be supplied to the new Corps, but I believe, that the uniform to be worn by the men has not as yet, been taken into consideration. I would therefore venture to suggest, that the full dress should consist of a single breasted Tunic of dark blue cloth, with scarlet facings; that white Tunics (or Blouses) be used at drills and parades during the dry season, and Khakee Clothing be worn by men on advanced Guards over Convicts working in the jungle. The head dress of the men to consist of a blue Kilmarnock Cap with a red Tassel.

3. The enumeration (contained in Minutes Consultation No. 1159, 23rd August 1858,) of the several ranks who are to form the Corps, does not include Buglers, but surrounded as we shall be, by numbers of desperate and dangerous characters, I respectfully beg to call your attention to the necessity of placing at my disposal, some means of turning out the men during the night, or of speedily assembling them if required.

4. I further beg to state, that no provision has been made for the Books and Stationery required for the Corps.

Statement of the pay proposed for the Andaman Sibbundy Corps.

	Amount.			Remarks.
	Rs.	A.	P.	
Sirdar...	42	0	0	Foreign service batta, and rations in addition to the proposed scale of pay.
Jemadar...	24	0	0	
Havildars...	14	0	0	
Naigues...	12	0	0	
Sepoys...	7	0	0	

Order.—In the above communication, Mr. Bruce submits a scale of the pay and allowances he would recommend to be granted to the Company of Sibbundies he is about to raise for service in the Andamans, and describes the uniform to be worn. He also points out, that no provision has been made for Buglers, or for Books and Stationery.

2. The Government consider, that in place of giving to the several ranks the rates of pay proposed in Mr. Bruce's statement, with Foreign service batta and rations in addition, it would be preferable to adopt the rates given to the Pegu Police Battalion. The pay will therefore be as under:

	Rs.
Sirdar not in the Pegu Battalion, but pay may be fixed at.....	60
Jemadar corresponding with Duffadar...	40
Havildar...	20
Naigue...	15
Sepoy...	12

No rations will be allowed to the Native ranks, except when the men may be unable to supply themselves, when they will draw rations from the Commissariat at a charge of 1½ Anna per diem, nor any batta except when marching, when the Jemadar and Sirdar will receive 4 Annas, and all other ranks 2 Annas per diem, provided their kits are not carried by Government. In all other respects, as to hutting, pensions, leave of absence, &c., the Andaman Sibbundies will also be put

on the same footing as the Pegu Police Corps. The former, as already intimated, will further have land allotted to them, if disposed to settle and cultivate in the Island.

3. Two Buglers will be allowed on a monthly pay of Rupees 15 for each.

4. The full dress uniform may, as proposed, be of dark blue cloth made up not like a Tunic, but as the Native Ungreekah, and set off with red piping. The head dress should be a red Pug-gree of an uniform pattern. The undress clothing should be of Khakee only. White Tunics would be expensive, and do not seem necessary.

5. The Commandant will find and keep his own Books, and an allowance of Rupees 30 a month, will be passed to him for that purpose, and for Stationery.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Judicial Department under date 22nd December 1858, No. 1794.

From the Commandant Andaman Sibbundy Corps, dated 16th December 1858, No. 8; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 1701, from the Judicial Department, under date 2nd December 1858, in which I am directed to proceed as expeditiously as possible, with the organization of the Sibbundies for service in the Andamans, I have the honor to request, you will be good enough to procure the transfer, as Volunteers, from the Native Regiments at the Presidency or elsewhere, to the Corps under my command, of (12) twelve trained men, to occupy the Commissioned and Non-Commissioned grades in the new Corps, on the following, or on any other terms, which may be deemed advisable.

5 Privates	to be promoted to Naigues.
5 Naigues	do to Havildars.
1 Havildar	do to Jemadar.
1 Jemadar	do to Sirdar.

2. I beg to observe, that the pay and allowances of each rank, will correspond with those sanctioned for Native Troops of the line on first promotion, from an inferior to a superior grade.

3. I further request, that I may be temporarily allowed the services of (4) four smart Sepoys to commence without delay, the instructions of the Recruits already entertained; the men thus lent, reverting to their own Corps, as soon as the Native Commissioned, and Non-Commissioned grades of the Sibbundies shall have been filled up.

Order.—Resolved that the letter recorded above be referred, through the Military Department, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in view to its being ascertained whether any Volunteers can be obtained for the Andaman Sibbundies. The rates of pay &c., to be allowed are specified in Extract Minutes Consultation 18th December No. 1765.

2. Application will also be made to His Excellency, for the services temporarily, of 4 Drill Instructors.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, under date the 26th January 1859, No. 103.

From the Commandant Andaman Sibbundy Corps, dated 25th January 1859; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 8. *Applies for Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Staff and Drill Instructors, for the Andaman Sibbundy Corps.*

I beg to call your attention to the application contained in my letter, under date the 16th December 1858, No. and subject as per margin.

2nd. I have now at drill, upwards of ninety (90) men, and it is impossible, owing to the strength of each squad, that the 2nd in Command or myself, can do justice either to the men or to ourselves; the class of individuals to whom we have to impart Military instruction is almost entirely ignorant, even of the most elementary portions of drill, and would, in a regular Corps, be divided into squads, consisting of not more than eight or ten men, this being the greatest number which a Drill Instructor can efficiently superintend.

3rd. Under these circumstances, I respectfully request, that I may be supplied, as soon as possible, with the Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Staff, applied for in the communication above referred to, or that in the interim, I may be allowed the services of a few trained Sepoys, to assist in the instruction of the Recruits.

Order.—The subject to which the above letter refers, will be again placed before His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, through the Military Department, with the request, that early steps will be taken, to supply the Commandant of the Andaman Sibbundies with the complement of men he requires.

(True Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with a request that the application may receive early attention.

Pending reference, the Town Major will be requested to afford such assistance from the Native Corps at the Presidency, for the instruction of the Recruits, as the exigencies of the duties of the Garrison will admit of.

(True Extract and Copies.)

[Signature]
Acting Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

„ Town Major.

„ Judicial Department.

Exd. J. Davis.

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