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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 22nd March 1859.

No. 44. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 19th February 1859, No. 12.

SIR,

I beg to refer for the orders of Government copy of a letter from Lieutenant Blomfield, Commanding the Malabar Police Corps. There are attached to the Corps at present, according to the sanctioned establishment, 1 Serjeant Major, and 2 European Serjeants, these latter are Artillery men and have been principally engaged in the management of the Mountain Train. Lieutenant Blomfield now suggests that they should be transferred to the Military Establishment with the Train, and that a Quarter Master Serjeant from the Infantry be appointed in their stead. The change would be to the advantage of the Malabar Police Corps, but Government may hesitate to make any further addition to the establishment sanctioned for the Mountain Train by Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 22nd December 1858, No. 1796.

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated Malliaprom, 3rd January 1859, No. 3.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Consultation as per margin, I have the honor to state, that it appears to me advisable that the 2 Artillery Serjeants attached to the Police Corps should be transferred to the Military establishment with the Train, as their services will be found far more useful in the Artillery Department, in which they have been trained, than in that of the Infantry, in which their previous education is thrown away.

The sanctioned establishment of the Police Corps, independent of the Mountain Train, is 1 Serjeant Major, and 2 European Serjeants. Instead of these 2 Serjeants all of whom hitherto posted to the Police Corps have been Artillery men, and of little use except with the Train, I would solicit that the sanction of Government be obtained to the appointment of a Quarter Master Serjeant, from the Infantry, to the Corps, who might have charge of the Stores, and be able to discharge the duties of the Serjeant Major, when he visits the out-posts or proceeds on duty &c., elsewhere. No additional out-lay would be incurred by Government in the Civil Department, as the salaries of the 2 Serjeants saved, would amply cover his pay. The cost of 1 Serjeant's Quarters, already sanctioned, need also not be incurred.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, No. 380; dated 22nd March 1859.

The Magistrate of Malabar refers, for the orders of Government, a proposal made by the Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps for transferring the two Artillery Serjeants, doing duty under him, to the Military Establishment in charge of the Mountain Train, and, in lieu of them, to appoint a Quarter Master Serjeant for the Corps, selected from the Infantry.

2. The Commandant states that the two Serjeants in question, who were taken from the Artillery, are of little use, in consequence of the withdrawal of the Mountain Train, and adds that the reduction of their number, which will ensue on the adoption of his proposal, will render it unnecessary to provide accommodation for one out of the 3 European Serjeants for whom quarters were sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 1122, dated 16th August 1858.

3. On reference to the previous correspondence that has passed in regard to posting European Non-Commissioned Officers to the Malabar Police Corps, it is remarked that (Extract Minutes Consultation, 5th January 1856, No. 13,) application was made to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for 2 Non-Commissioned Officers for temporary employment with the Malabar Police Corps, to aid in training and getting it up, and that, subsequently (Extract Minutes Consultation, 22nd May 1855, No. 378,) the Government granted authority for a Non-Commissioned Officer being permanently attached to the Malabar Police Corps for the instruction of

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the men in the use of the Mountain Train, thus making. (Extract Minutes Consultation, 30th May 1855,) the number of European Non-Commissioned Officers to be attached to the Corps amount to three, besides the Serjeant Major. Eventually, however, only two European Serjeants seem to have been employed, and both of them from the Artillery.

4. As the Mountain Train has now been permanently detached from the Police Corps, and the two Serjeants would seem to have been almost exclusively employed with the Train, there seems no reason for continuing them with the Corps, and they may therefore, at once, be replaced under orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. As for the proposal of Lieutenant Blomfield, that a European Quarter Master Serjeant may be employed in lieu of them on a salary equal to their joint pay $30 \times 2 = 60$ Rupees, it is to be observed that Government have already (Extract Minutes Consultation, 20th May 1856, No. 516,) declined to accede to a suggestion of Major Italy for the appointment of a Quarter Master, on the ground that the number of European Officers attached to the Corps was sufficient to meet its requirements. The European Serjeants, meant to be posted to the Corps—distinct from the Mountain Train—were originally only to be attached to it temporarily, to assist in drilling and disciplining the men in which, the only From Major Italy, 21st July 1855. one of them who was entertained appears to have taken but little part, and which has now been accomplished. The Malabar Police Corps of only 150 men has, besides a Commandant and Adjutant, a European Serjeant Major, on Rupees 60 per mensem—none of the other Sibbundi Corps have more European Non-Commissioned Officers—whereas the Vizagapatam Sibbundies with 300 men have only a Serjeant on Rupees 30, and the Rajahmundry Sibbundies, 200 strong, have no European Non-Commissioned Officer at all. On the whole, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees no occasion to attach any European Non-Commissioned Officer to the Malabar Police Corps beyond the present Serjeant Major.

5. This will be communicated to the Department Public Works, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 16th August 1858, in view to the accommodation therein sanctioned being confined to the provision of quarters for the Apothecary and Serjeant Major and for no other non-Commissioned Officers.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. F. Cartledge.

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Memo.

As requested in the Memo, from the Chief Secretary to Government dated the 4th Instant, No. 104, the Military Auditor General has the honor to submit a Statement, obtained from the Civil Auditor, shewing the present Establishment and rates of pay of the Malabar Police Corps - with the names of the European Non Commissioned Officers attached to it. The Corps from which they were taken, and dates of appointment.

Some particulars which the Civil Auditor states his records do not supply have been filled up in his Statement from those of this Department.

J. H. Lintol
Military Auditor General.

Fort St. George
11th March 1859.

To, The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Comd. of

Judicial Department
No 380.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 22nd March 1859.

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(Entered 19th Sept 1859 N^o 12)

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To the Mar. of Malabar

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