

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	388	Press
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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th March 1859.

No. 7. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th March 1859, No. 36.

SIR,

Europeans in Jail this 15th day of March 1859	20
Committed by the Judges of the Supreme Court.....	8
Do. by the Magistrates	3
Do. do. by the Merchant Shipping Act..	9
Total	40

1. As your are aware, a large number of Europeans are at all times in confinement in the Penitentiary; some are Convicts under sentence passed on them at the Supreme Court or by the Magistrates, others and by far the

largest and most fluctuating number, many of whom are intelligent men who have received some degree of education, are imprisoned for breach of one or more of the provisions of the Merchant Seamen Act only. All hands are however subjected to hard labor daily, and therefore, all are employed for some hours, but there still remains some time, which in the absence of sources of mental improvement, is passed in idleness, and for this I think it desirable that a remedy should be applied.

* 25 Bibles.
25 Books of Common Prayer.

2. At present the prison is supplied with Books* of a strictly religious nature only, and these the prisoners seldom take up, except when visited by the Chaplain.

3. It has been suggested to me that the introduction of a few works of a moral instructive and engaging nature, such as

- 1st. Dickins' Household words.
- 2nd. Chambers' Edinburgh Journal.
- 3rd. The Leisure hours.
- 4th. The Sunday at home &c., &c., &c.,

might be productive of great benefit to some of the inmates in a mental and reformatory point of view, and as I coincide in that opinion, I take the liberty to beg you to solicit His Lordship in Council to permit, either the visiting Chaplain, or myself, to purchase a few works of the kind above mentioned.

No. 8.

ORDER THEREON, No. 388; dated 23rd March 1859.

The proposal of the Commissioner of Police is approved, and he will procure the necessary books.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 392.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 23rd March 1859.
Read the following letter from Captain G. M. BRUCE, Commandant Andaman Sebundy Corps;
to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 17th March 1859, No. 20.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract from the "Minutes of Consultation," Judicial Department,
under date the 12th March 1859, number and subject as per margin,

No. 330.
Requests to be informed
when the Corps will be
ready for service in the An-
damans.

I most respectfully beg to submit for the information of the Right Hon-
orable the Governor in Council the following statement of the pro-
gress made in the organization of the Andaman Sebundy Corps.

2. The men have been drilled for four hours daily, have been supplied with their "Arms
and Accoutrements," and have acquired a very satisfactory knowledge of their duties, but I can-
not, as yet, report the Corps fit for service, as I am still unprovided with the Native Commission-
ed and Non-Commissioned Officers applied for in my letters of the 16th December 1858, and
25th January 1859. When they join, I shall be able to supply in a more precise manner, than
I can at present, the information called for in the Minute of Consultation, now under acknow-
ledgment.

3. As it is possible that some of the men may desert when on the point of embarkation, or
that casualties may occur shortly after the arrival of the Corps in the Andamans, I beg you will
be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the entertainment of some supernum-
eraries to meet any such emergency; I would also beg to call your attention to the recruiting of
the Corps, when on service, and for which, I believe no provision has been made.

4. An Artificer will be required to make any necessary repairs to the Arms, and Puckallies
for the use of the Corps, but to avoid any unnecessary expenditure of the public money, they
need not be entertained until the Corps is about to embark, it will, however, be necessary to pro-
cure the permission of Government for the entertainment of those individuals, as they have not
been included in the Establishment sanctioned by Minutes of Consultation, Judicial Department,
No. 1159, dated the 23rd August 1858.

Order.—In the above letter the Commandant of the Andaman Sibbundies, in reference to
Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 330 of the 12th Instant, requesting him to inform Govern-
ment when the Corps will be fit for service in the Andamans, states that until he has been sup-
plied with the Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers to be attached to the Corps,
he can make no definite reply to the query put him.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 233 of the 19th Ultimo, Government communi-
cated to the Commandant that the Adjutant General of the Army had reported that Volunteers
were called for in G. O. C. C. of the 28th January last, to fill the vacant grades in the Corps.
A reference will now be made through the Military Department to ascertain whether any appli-
cations have been received under the G. O. C. C. cited above, and if so, that immediate arrange-
ments may be made for removing the applicants to the Sibbundies.

3. With reference to the propositions in paras. 3 and 4 of Mr. Bruce's letter, Government
authorise the enlistment of the usual per-centage of supernumeraries to fill up casualties, as they
occur, of the kind specified by him, and also the entertainment of Puckallies, when required.
G. O. C. No. 117, 1858. According to the scale laid down for the Pegu Battalion, one Puckallie
on Rupees (15) fifteen, or two Bheasties on Rupees 12 each, will be sufficient for the Andaman
Corps.

4. Application will be made in the Military Department for the appointment of an Ord-
nance Artificer to the Corps.

5. Arrangements for recruiting the Corps, will be settled after its transhipment to its des-
tination.

6. Resolved that the orders passed on the foregoing communication be reported for the
information of the Supreme Government.

(True Extract and Copy.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Commandant of the Andaman Sibbundies.

" Military Department.

" Accountant General.

" Civil Auditor.

Exd. E. Carledge.

Fort Selenge,
23^d March 1859.

Bridgeport, N. H.
Nov. 21st 1859

Robert C. Field, Jr.

Dec: 27. 1877

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Wm. C. C. C.

Mildred L. Mumford

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Referred to the Inspector

Memoranda - Day
Sept. 16 - going to land

15 June 1859

By to Long 28 March
Federal 1839 4415

Colonel J. G. Smith
Commission of State
to
C. P. Joseph Cogge
and chief of the
State of New York

dated 13th
March 1839.

18429 No. 16.

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Obtain the permission
of the 2nd Division in order
to purchase a few barrels
for the material improvement
of the Company's property
in the State of New York.

With the Order