

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Juvenile DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 29th April 1859.

No. 14. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq. Magistrate of Canada, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Macquarie, 16th April 1859, No. 22.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation under date 1st April, and to submit my views as to the description of Frontier Police required for the District.

1. The force is asked to be Government, as I believe, intended especially for the protection of the frontier, and the destruction of those houses which the nature of the country and a sense of security in the people of a foreign frontier, render it would be difficult to put down or even to punish. My observations are made on the understanding that the body of men I propose to employ are to be employed as the war, rather than on ordinary Police duties, and that they are as part of the Frontier Police to be employed under the proposed Act now before the Legislative Council, as the material of which I think they should be composed has little pretension to fit men for the service.

2. The force should consist of about 100 men armed with short Rifles having great range and thereby being able to destroy the description used by the Corps, and armed by all the best troops.

3. They should be raised among the Great population between Otago and our own divisions frontier, as all these people are more or less acquainted with the use of fire arms, and would be likely to be more in a mountainous and wooded country, such as that in which they will be employed.

4. The climate of Otago would not affect them probably, and at any rate they would be able to resist from it, than any other class of men.

5. They are trained in the employment of the formidable fire arms I would place in their hands, and possess some of our own, and by their style of life, and love of the wild sports and nature of the country, would render them a much better match for small parties of men than those more domestic can be.

6. The arms which they already use, and we will have to use, so as to have a formidable weapon of offence, and as their hands can be turned to the best account on any emergency.

7. As it will be necessary to provide themselves with shelter from the weather, and they will be in a position to do the same, and prepare a temporary defence, if not numbers.

8. They should be commanded by a European Officer, who would direct them, teach them the use and true use of their weapons, and arrange and supervise a system of posts and parties.

9. The length of frontier to be guarded I estimate at about seventy miles. If posts are established about 10 miles apart, requiring perhaps of a Fusilier, Napper and 10 men, and the 100 men of the force, then Otago is well provided as may be found more convenient for maintaining the frontier, or employing any of them that may be required. I think an efficient frontier guard would be established.

10. About one third of the force would always be under instruction at Head Quarters, and the remainder would be detached detachments, which as their duty would be assigned to such or such a post, and as they may be required to move.

11. I think that I should be offering the post of Non-Commissioned Officers to such as persons as may possess a large number of approved talents, and I think this post would be more or less filled with men who are better than any others, and would be better than to put them down to put up with a few more.

12. I am of course not in a position to judge of the correct proportions of Non-Commissioned Officers, Fusiliers, and Nappers, and I am not fond of reference to the constitution of the entire Police Corps, which may consist of such number as a police, so that if the number of the force, and the number of the proposed Frontier Police, will depend much on the constitution of the Police Corps, I am not in a position to suggest that a fixed

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dar and a Naigue should be appointed to every ten men. The number, designation and pay of Native Officers, I feel still less able to determine, and would respectfully leave that part of the organization to people who know what amount and description of discipline should be maintained, and the number and character of the instruments required to maintain it.

14. The Officer in command might be intrusted with the powers of an Assistant Magistrate most usefully, and would be of great assistance to the Joint Magistrate, whose Head Quarters are so distant from the Soudah Talook.

15. The men should I think receive 6 Rupees per mensem, and the Havildars and Naigues proportionate pay, and as I am expected perhaps to submit at any rate a rough estimate of the cost of the force, I append the following list, though I feel that I know but little about the organization of such bodies of men as that now commented on.

Commanding Officer. Staff allowance.....	Ra. 200
European Staff Sergeant.....	" 30
Subadar	" 25
2 Jemadars at 15	" 30
10 Havildars at 10	" 100
10 Naigues at 8	" 80
100 Privates at 6	" 600
	Rupees .. 1,035

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ORDER THEREON, No. 571, dated 27th April 1859.

Communicated to the Chief Commissioner of Madras Police for his consideration.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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