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from 25th June to 1st July 1859.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated 23rd June 1859.

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† Dated Hullial 5th June 1859. 1. With reference to the accompanying letter † from Lieutenant Drever to the Joint Magistrate of North Canara, requesting the immediate supply of Arms, &c., I have requested the Inspector General of Ordnance to forward from the Stores at Bangalore 100 stand of Fusils with the required ammunition, &c., and I beg that the step may be sanctioned by Government.

2. I have ascertained that there are 95 Carbines at Cannanore which, with the sanction of Government, I would request might be likewise despatched to Canara as a temporary arrangement.

3. I propose to instruct Lieut. Drever to enlist the men for the 2 lower classes at Rupees 5½ and 6 per mensem each in the first instance, and to promote tried and useful men to the 1st class (Rupees 7) gradually.

4. He will require 4 or 5 Inspectors and has already, he reports, been in communication with some good men of this class, I will request him to take them on a trial.

5. Until more distinct arrangements can be made, it will be best to allow Lieutenant Drever to draw the pay of his men by Contingent Bill which will be countersigned by me or the Joint Magistrate as the Government may be pleased to decide.

6. With reference to undertaking the Detective duties of the Talooks assigned to him, it were better that he confined himself for the moment to putting an end to the outrages of the bund at large in that District, and disciplining the men. Shortly, I hope to obtain such information on the subject of Village Police as will enable me to suggest measures for the improvement of this branch of the Detective Police service.

From Lieut. W. DREVER; to the Joint Magistrate of Canara, dated Hullial, 5th June 1859.

Para. 1. The want of proper arms and ammunition in the Soopa and Yellapore Talooks is so great that I would beg to recommend your soliciting of Government permission for me at once to indent on the Belgaum Arsenal (with the sanction of the Government of Bombay) for at least 100 Havildars' Percussion Fusils, Belts, Pouches, and Bayonets complete, also for ammunition to the extent of 12,000 Ball Cartridges and 15,000 Caps, also for ¼ barrel Gunpowder 25 lbs. and some blank cartridge paper. Whether the Balaghat Police is or is not to be put on a Constabulary footing, it is imperatively necessary, that the men now entertained by me, already 70 in number, should be properly armed before we can expect any thing like service from them.

2. My original instructions were to recruit 100 men as quickly as possible and to reduce your Shetsundy levy in a corresponding ratio, arming the men I entertained, with the Muskets taken from Shetsundies. Since my arrival in the District I have inspected nearly all the arms in use with your original levy and am perfectly assured that no man capable of understanding the danger he ran, would attempt to fire off one of them.

3. As previously reported, the Shetsundy levies, even armed as they are, are of great use in scouring jungles &c., &c., and in that respect the men I have recruited would be quite useless from their ignorance of localities; this circumstance (added to the fact, that the rebels are now in the Canara District) has precluded my attempting to carry out the above instructions in regard to the reduction of the Shetsundies.

4. The Shetsundies however will never catch the bund nor will any men do so, armed as they are, there seems no prospect of additional Troops being furnished, and if they did come, I consider they could only be usefully employed in acting on the defensive; Regular Troops in my opinion for this kind of work are out of place. We have then only to look to what can be made of the men I have enlisted, and the sooner they begin to handle their arms the better. Till they are armed as far as I can now see, the bund may move any where with perfect impunity. Neither Captain Serres nor Lieutenant Drury have 5 files to send after them even supposing the

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Sepoys could follow them, the men at the outposts are mostly (family) sick and consequently prefer Jugglebett to any other station, the Warree Detachment has left me and I cannot get even a reply from Lieutenant Giertsen as to *their* whereabouts, or his intentions.

No. 44.

ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1859, No. 894.

Government approve of the arrangements of the Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police, and authorize the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines to supply his Indents for arms from the Bangalore or Cannanore Arsenals.

2. The Civil Auditor will pass the pay of the new North Canara Police levies in Contingent Bills under the countersignature of the Joint Magistrate.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The Chief Commr
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Joint Magistrate of
North Canara, re.

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with an Order.

Order No. 894 of 11 July 1839.

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