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No. 22. Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Magistrate of Rajahmundry; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 1st July 1859, No. 244.

The Head Quarters of the Rajahmundry Sibbundies being established at Rajahmundry, and the Barracks and other buildings hitherto made use of by the Detachment of Regular Troops, which had till lately always been stationed at that place, being made over to them, it becomes necessary that the men of the Sibbundies should hut themselves in the vicinity. The spot on which the huts of the Regular Detachment were built is eligible, but the huts themselves were in so dilapidated a condition as to be nearly useless, and entirely new huts are necessary.

2. It is very desirable that the new huts, situated as they are near the town, should be tiled, and placed beyond the risk of being destroyed by fire, to which, especially near a large town, thatched huts are so liable. The Sibbundies have hitherto received no hutting money, as is granted to Troops of the Line, and the pay of the men is so small that, anxious as they are to have their Lines tiled, they cannot afford to build such without some assistance. The average price of a thatched house may be taken at Rupees 4-8, such a one tiled could not be built under 11 Rupees 8 Annas, the difference of cost thus being 7 Rupees, a large sum for a Sibbundy drawing but 5 Rupees a month, particularly when he may already be under other stoppages for Regimental necessaries.

3. Under these circumstances, I have the honor respectfully but urgently to solicit the sanction of Government to a grant of 5 Rupees for each hut on condition that tiled huts are constructed. The total amount for 235 huts would be 1,175 Rupees. The Officer in command has urged me to request that the full difference of cost between the two kinds of building may be granted, but considering how much the Sibbundy himself will benefit by having a tiled dwelling, I think he may fairly be called on to pay a part of the increased cost.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1859, No. 984.

Under the circumstances mentioned by the Magistrate, Government consent to the men of the Rajahmundry Sibbundy Corps being allowed the sum of (5) five Rupees towards the erection of each hut, provided the new huts are tiled and built to the satisfaction of the Magistrate.

2. The men should be required to keep the huts in good repair, and they are not to sell them out of the Corps. In the event of the Sibbundies being removed from the station of Rajahmundry, the Government will have the option of taking the huts at a valuation, and are to have credit for the allowance now made.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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