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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, for the month of February 1860.

Read again letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, dated 24th December 1859, No. 478, and recorded in Proceedings, 26th December 1859, No. 1728.

No. 15. Read also the following letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Magistrate of Krishna District; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th January 1860, No. 14.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th December 1859, No. 1728, calling for an early report on the letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army on the subject of the Sebandies taking the Elúr guards from the regular Troops. I have also received a communication from Mr. Robinson, Chief Commissioner of Police, asking me if I could relieve the guard here by Sibandies.

2. The Sibandies as at present constituted, are not equal to all this duty, but I have told Mr. Robinson that if the Collector of the Godavari District will relieve the guard at Ragapore, Mr. Frazer might march it to this place and relieve the Detachment of Veterans now here sending a small guard to the salt treasury at Chinna Ganjam as is the custom.

	For duty.	*On duty daily.*
Captain	1	0
Serjeant	1	0
Jamadars.	3	1
Havildar Major...	1	0
Havildars....... ...	6	1
Naiks...............	4	0
Buglers.	2	0
Privates............	91	22

3. Captain Cooke is of opinion, and I fully agree with him, that he has not now men enough to send out a guard to Elúr, his present strength at Juggiapett is shown in the margin, and if he had to go out into the district after marauders, he would not be able to leave a sufficient guard over the town, barracks and stores. Add to this that if Mr. Frazer is moved, it will be necessary to furnish the Tirvúr and Chanubanda guards from Juggiapett. Captain Cooke proposes to increase each Company by 25 men and 2 non-Commissioned Officers which would enable him to send a guard as per margin* to Elúr, but this was on the supposition that Elúr would remain in this District. I was at first of opinion that the town should belong to the Krishna, but further enquiry has satisfied me that the plan proposed by the Board of giving the whole Elúr Talúq to the Godavari, is the better arrangement, as it will be nearly impossible to give to each District the villages watered by the river whose name they bear, they are so intermixed villages far south of Ellúr being watered by the Godavari, and this point appears from the Board's proceedings to have been determined by Mr. Pelly. Elúr and Rágapore should therefore in future, be garrisoned by Godavari Sibandi.

* 1 *Native Officer.*	1 *Havildar.*
2 *Naiks.*	25 *Privates.*

4. Government are aware that there are attached to the late Guntúr District a body of Sibandies maintained at a cost of Rupees 403-8, they are partially drilled, but I understand, for I have not seen them as a body, many of them are not physically fitted for active service, they are employed principally in the Palnad and along the frontier, but apparently are left very much to themselves, and have no regular posts. I propose therefore to render this force more efficient to incorporate it with the Masulipatam Sibandis, increasing each Company by 15 men, and these would be available for the new police when wanted, and would in the mean while be gaining a knowledge of the country and people when patrolling about their posts, as the Masulipatam Sibandies now do constantly, this plan would entail no extra charge for pay on Government, as I propose to do away with the Sirdar who now draws 35 Rupees a month, the only expense would be for clothing, and this would be more than counterbalanced by the gain by rooting out all sickly inefficient men, as I would have each man passed by the Zillah Surgeon before keeping him on the strength of the Corps, and by the increased efficiency of the whole body when under the supervision of European Officers.

5. Government will observe that the pay of the men in Guntúr is Rupees 5, Annas 12, in Masulipatam only 5 per mensem. I do not propose to alter this, but to leave fifteen men in each Company on 12 Annas extra as a reward for good conduct, in the first instance, the Guntúr men would retain it but afterwards as vacancies occurred, it would be open to all the men of

each Company, the present pay, 5 Rupees, is very small and some stimulus of the sort is advisable.

60 *Peons at 5¼*...	*Rupees*	315
4 *Lance Naiks at 6*...	„	24
3 *Havildars at 10*...	„	30
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Pay for Armourer		4
		403

6. I annex a Memorandum showing that my proposition will, after paying the increased allowance for an Armourer, leave a balance of 8 Annas in favor of Government.

7. I beg leave to submit a Tabular statement in due form, and trust that my project may meet with the approbation of Government.

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1860, No. 213.

In the Deputy Quarter Master General's letter cited above, it was stated that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is desirous that there should be no detachment of regular Infantry at Elúr, and the matter was referred for report to the Magistrate of the Krishna District. Since that the Government have, in the Revenue Department, Proceedings 20th January No. 103, approved of the modifications proposed by the Board of Revenue in the boundary between the Krishna and the Godavari Districts, by which the whole of the Elúr Taluk is comprehended the Rajamundri District. The question then of providing for the protection of the Town of Elúr without the presence of a Military guard falls under the consideration of the Magistrate of the Godavari District, and Government desire that functionary to submit his views on the matter at an early date in connection with the report called for under date the 30th ultimo, No. 111, relative to maintaining the outpost at Ragapúr.

Proceedings of the Board, 22nd December 1859, No. 5364.

2. The proposal made by the Magistrate of Krishna District for incorporating the armed Police body maintained in the Guntúr District with the Masulipatam Sibandis will be referred to the Inspector General of Police.

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Chief Secretary.

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Inspector General of Police — with original Tabular Statement to be returned.

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