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No. 155. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th March 1861.

To Acting Magistrate of Karnúl.
To Superintendent of Police, do. both dated 4th February 1861.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying correspondence, on the subject of reducing the Karnúl Horse, at once, to the original standard of 192 Troopers.

2. In 1857, it was deemed expedient to add 100 Troopers to this body of Irregular Horse, who with the Non-Commissioned Officers, in all 116 men, raised the Force to about 300 men; at which strength it now stands. The crisis is past. The Constabulary is in full organization in the District. And the Acting Magistrate and Superintendent of Police are equally satisfied with myself, that, so far as the safety of the District is concerned, the additional* Levy of 1857 can safely be reduced forthwith.

**N. B.—I had already ordered vacancies not to be filled up; and 10 appointments have lapsed. Any further casualties, before final disbandment, will be dealt with in the same manner.*

3. I will not trouble the Government on this occasion by going into the rights and privileges of the original body of the Karnúl Horse. Suffice it to say that none of these rights and privileges were guaranteed to the exceptional Levies of 1857 under consideration. These are therefore available for unconditional reduction, and no time should be lost in disbanding them, as a financial measure. I request the Orders of Government to carry it out forthwith.

4. The Acting Magistrate remarks:

"The manner however in which these men were raised, and the peculiarity of their position "demands liberal treatment from the Government, while all claim to hereditary rights, and the "other privileges possessed by the original members of the Horse can be fairly withheld."

In this I fully concur. Liberal terms should be granted. The season is unfavorable; large bodies of Troops have been recently disbanded; and I would not readily add to any discontent that might exist in the country, nor to the number of those whose means of subsistence is temporarily straightened, at this time.

5. The terms which Mr. Minchin suggests are these: that

1st.—A gratuity equal to one month's pay for each year's service, be granted. The period of service of most of the men dates from 1st June 1857. There are 100 men to be disbanded, and the pay of each Trooper is 25 Rupees per mensem.

2ndly.—The Horses of those Troopers who wish to deliver them up, be purchased by Government at the full rate of the original purchase money. This is ascertained by the *Risalá* Records to be on an average of 224 Rupees per Horse. There were 101 Horses to be purchased on the date of the Acting Magistrate's letter.

3rdly.—That such Accoutrements as the disbanded men wish to give up, be paid for at a fair valuation. This, the Acting Magistrate considers, would be about 15 Rupees to each man.

4thly.—That the cost of Arms (Pistol, value Rupees 10-8, and Spear Rupees 2-8, Total Rupees 13), which have been issued by Government and paid for by the men, be returned to them, when the Arms are delivered into Store.

6. Mr. Minchin estimates the cost of the above arrangement at about Rupees 26,000, equal to 10 months' pay of the disbanded men. The annual saving in the expense of the Corps will be about Rupees 30,000.

7. I request sanction for the disbursement of Rupees 26,000 in carrying out the reduction.

8. Horses that may be given up to us, will be sold at auction, and will probably realize a fair price. This will be passed to account as a offset against the above sum. I request the Order of Government to dispose of the Horses without delay.

*8	*Daffadars.*
8	*Naib do.*
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16	*Total.*

N. B.—Two have already been absorbed.

9. The Officers of this additional Levy* were taken from the original Force—and therefore hold the rights and privileges attaching to such original enlistment. They cannot consequently be disbanded under the same conditions as those who have no such privileges. The Magistrate proposes that they should return to the rank held by each man previous to June 1857, continuing to draw the pay of their present grade in the additional Levy, until they are absorbed by vacancies occurring in the original body. I beg that this may be permitted, till the matter can be more fully investigated.

10. The Departmental arrangement and proposed distribution of the Karnúl Irregular Horse—which occupy the first paragraphs of Mr. Minchin's letter will receive my anxious attention, in communication with the Magistrates and Superintendent of the Ceded Districts to which they will extend.

P. S.—Lieutenant Robinson has not answered specially my letter to him; but I am aware that he was in communication and agreed with the Acting Magistrate in his proposals.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Magistrate of Karnúl, dated Conúr, 4th February 1861.

The Constabulary has been fully established, with your vigorous assistance, within your District for some months: and the time has fully come, on economical as well as other considerations, for dispensing with the services of all extraordinary Forces levied under the pressure of the year 1857.

2. I beg therefore that you will give me, at your earliest convenience, your views on the subject of at once reducing the Karnúl Horse to the Peace Establishment, by disbanding the men (116) added to that body in 1857.

3. I have requested Lieutenant Robinson to place his views in this matter before you, before submitting them to me.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to Lieutenant ROBINSON, Superintendent of Police, Karnúl, dated Conúr, 4th February 1861.

I propose bringing before Government a proposition for at once reducing the Karnúl Horse to the Peace Establishment as it stood in 1856: and I forward to you a copy of a letter addressed to the Magistrate, with request that you will consult him and forward to me your views of the means to be adopted for this end.

The men raised in 1857 were not enlisted under any pledge or guarantee, and your proposal must be made with a view to economy. The disbanded men might at once be absorbed into the Constabulary.

From JAMES INNES MINCHIN, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Karnúl, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, dated 22nd February 1861, No. 20.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant, requesting my views on the subject of at once reducing the Karnúl Horse to the original Establishment, by disbanding the 116 men levied in 1857.

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2. After a careful consideration of the subject, I am of opinion that as far as the security of the District is concerned, the number of the Horse can be safely reduced to the originalstandard of 192 Troopers.

3. The present distribution of the Force is shown in the accompanying Statement *A*, by which it is seen that 116 Troopers are now employed on Police duties throughout this District, 34 in Bellary, and 19 in Cuddapah, besides the usual complement of Native and Non-Commissioned Officers which need not be taken into account. This leaves a Reserve of 116 Troopers at Head Quarters; not more than sufficient to supply the large reliefs called for under the present distribution of the Force.

4. After consulting with Lieutenant Robinson on the subject, we have arrived at the conclusion that 76 Troopers will be sufficient, fully to supplement the Constabulary as a protective Police force for this District. Their proposed distribution is shown in Statement *B*, which has been prepared on mature consideration of the wants of the District.

5. The town of Cumbum would not, in our opinion, be safe with less than half a Troop of Horse stationed on the East of the Nalla Malla Hills, to be ready to act in case of any incursion of Freebooters from the Nizam's territory, until a Military force could be pushed up from Karnúl by the new Manterál Pass. Although it is to be hoped that such incursions will not speedily recur, it is necessary to be prepared for them, as there is no Military force available to the East of the Nalla Malla Hills nearer than Masulipatam or Madras.

6. We have allotted 20 Troopers to patrol the Nandikanama Ghat, for which necessary duty no provision was made in estimating the strength of the Constabulary, and for which duty the Horse are eminently qualified. Four Troopers have also been allotted for patrolling a small Ghat at Tamrazpilly, on the road from Nandial to Karnúl.

7. We have allotted 8 Troopers to be posted at Atmakoor, and Chegalmurry, the stations at the extreme North and South, to the West of the Nalla Malla Hills, and favourably situated for the general protection of the plain country from marauders, who may find their way through the Hills from either direction.

8. Finally 12 Troopers have been allotted to supplement the Police in the very extensive Talook of Pattikonda, where their assistance in patrolling the high roads is much required.

9. It will be seen that this proposed distribution will effect a reduction of 40 Troopers on the number now employed on Police duties in this District.

10. It is evident that even after this economising of the Force in our own District, if the number of Troopers now employed in Bellary and Cuddapah be not largely reduced, the whole Force cannot be decreased to the required extent, as the number that would then be left at Head Quarters would not suffice for the necessary reliefs.

11. I am of opinion, that after reducing the Horse to the original standard, more than half a Troop, or 24 Sowars cannot be permanently allotted for employment in Bellary and Cuddapah; such a detachment will leave 92 Troopers at Head Quarters, which, after allowing for men absent on the necessary reliefs, will leave a force of one Troop of 48 Sowars generally available for special duty at Head Quarters, than which a less number would greatly deteriorate the discipline, and military efficiency of the body.

12. In estimating for the Constabulary force of this District, the assistance to be rendered by the Horse has been taken into consideration, while this has probably not been the case in Bellary and Cuddapah, for which the Police have been established on a more liberal scale. If however more than half a Troop of Horse are really required for Police duties in those Districts, it would be more economical to raise a few Mounted Police for special service there, than to keep up the Karnúl Horse at an amount sufficient to meet their possible requirements, as in the latter case a larger body will be necessary to allow for their relief.

13. I consider therefore that it is now possible, and therefore advisable, to reduce the Karnúl Horse to the original standard, below which reductions cannot be carried out without a large expenditure; except by a breach of faith towards the original members of the Force, whose guaranteed rights I have brought to your notice in a special Memorandum on the subject.

14. In that Memorandum I showed that the original members of the Karnúl Horse possessed hereditary rights sanctioned, and with certain conditions guaranteed to them, by the Government, which I do not consider extend to the additional Levy raised in the exceptional crisis of 1857.

15. There is nothing on the Records to show the exact terms on which the additional 116 Troopers were raised. Sanction for their levy was granted by a Telegraphic message, and application for them must have been made in the same manner, of which however no trace exists in the Records of my Office. From enquiry, it appears that the men believed themselves to have been enrolled on the same conditions as the original members of the Force; but though Captain Russell may not have explicitly informed them that their employment would only be temporary, his silence on this head, in the absence of any promise on the part of Government, could in no way give to the new men the privileges deliberately granted to their predecessors (to the original body of Irregulars).

16. The manner however in which these men were raised, and the peculiarity of their position demands liberal treatment from the Government, while all claim to hereditary rights, and the other privileges possessed by the original members of the Horse can be fairly withheld.

17. I consider that in all cases of casualty amongst the additional Levy, the heir of the deceased can have no claim for continued employment, and that the *Assámy* should be at once abolished, the horse, arms, &c., belonging to the deceased being simply made over to his family.

18. With regard however to the rights of these men as long as they are able and willing to continue in employment, I do not think they can be summarily dispensed with. They were put to much expense in supplying their horses, arms, and accoutrements, which would be useless to them after their reduction. I would propose therefore that the Government should purchase their horses at the price paid for them originally by each Sowar, and which is entered in the Records of the Force. Their accoutrements and arms should also be purchased at a fair valuation, except where the man may wish to retain his arms, which from a point of honor, many of them will be desirous of doing. On the above conditions, I think that Government may fairly dispense with their services, granting them the ordinary gratuity of one month's pay for every year of service.

19. I have received from Lieutenant Robinson, a statement of the existing numbers of the additional Levy. Ten casualties have occurred which have not been filled up, leaving 106 Sowars for reduction. Of those men five are at present without horses, and there are therefore 101 horses which will have to be purchased by Government. The average cost of these horses to the men, as shown by the records of the Rissálla, was Rupees 224. Each man possesses also a Pistol, supplied from the Government Stores at a price of Rupees 10-8, and a Spear costing Rupees 2-8, which will have to be purchased at a total cost of Rupees 13 per man. The cost of their remaining Accoutrements is Rupees 31-8, but considering that the men have been paid for their use for a period of nearly four years, I consider that Rupees 15 will be a fair sum to pay to each man as an equivalent on this account.

20. The total cost therefore to Government, of purchasing the horses, arms, and accoutrements of the men to be reduced will amount to a little less than 26,000 Rupees, from which, besides the arms returned to store, the price obtainable for the horses may be deducted. These were purchased by the men at a time when horses were far dearer than they are now, and if they are disposed of by auction, which will be the most economical plan, I do not think that an average of more than one hundred Rupees can be expected. A trifle can also be realised by the sale of the old accoutrements.

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21. On the 1st June next, the additional Levy will have been in existence four years, and the men will be entitled to four months' gratuity on the system sanctioned for carrying out reductions throughout the Military Force of the country. The price that may be realised by the sale of the horses will therefore suffice to pay the requisite gratuities to the reduced men, and the sum of Rupees 26,000 may be set down as the total immediate cost of effecting the reduction in terms of perfect equity. I trust that motives of economy may not interfere to cause any less liberal arrangement, which certainly could not be carried out without creating much discontent. The expense to Government will be somewhat less than ten months' pay to the men reduced. And it must be remembered that the disbandment of a Cavalry force, organised on the system of the *Rissálla* cannot be other than an expensive operation.

22. The position of the extra Officers appointed to the additional Levy remains to be considered. These are 16* in number, 8 *Duffadars*, and 8 *Naibs*, all holding *assameés* in the original force. The extra *assameés* held by these men on account of their rank, must be at once abolished; and I would recommend that they should return to the rank held by each man previous to June 1857, continuing however to draw the pay of their present grade, until absorbed by vacancies occurring therein.

* Of which two have been already absorbed.
J. M.

23. In recommending the reduction of the *Rissálla* to the standard originally sanctioned, I have been actuated by the consideration that it has been determined apparently to continue Karnúl as a Military station, for a Regular Regiment of Infantry. I am still of opinion that the services of a Regular Regiment are not required in the place, and that the security of the District would be fully assured by the organised Police and the *Rissálla* continued at its present strength. I believe that the truest economy would be effected by this arrangement, as the expense of a Military Station and a Regular Regiment must be infinitely greater than that of a hundred Irregular Horse. As however it appears to have been determined to keep up the Regular Regiment at Karnúl, it is certain that the additional Horse are not also necessary, and in accordance with your suggestion I have proposed what I think is the only equitable arrangement for their reduction.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1861, No. 368.

Letter to Government of India, 24th March 1857, *No.* 350.
Extract Minutes Consultation, 30 th May 1857, *No.* 640.

The Government sanction the reduction of the Kurnool Irregular Horse to the establishment, as it stood, prior to its augmentation in 1857.

2. The Inspector General of Police assures the Government that none of the rights and privileges appertaining to the original body of the Kurnool Horse, were guaranteed to the additional Levy of 1857—but concurs with the Magistrate of the district in recommending that the Troopers to be disbanded, should be liberally dealt with.

3. His Excellency in Council sanctions the terms proposed —

I. A gratuity at the rate of one month's pay for every year's service in the Ressalah.

II. The original purchase money of every horse delivered up to Government.

III. The price of any accoutrements sold to Government; and,

IV. The cost of the Arms to be refunded to such of the men as may return them into store.

4. Exclusive of the gratuities, the expense of this arrangement is estimated to amount to (Rupees 26,000) twenty-six thousand Rupees, which the Collector is authorized to disburse, in anticipation of audit, if necessary. The horses purchased from the Troopers should be sold as soon as possible, and the proceeds applied in diminution of the expense. They may be sold at Kurnool if there be a probability of realizing fair prices for them. If not, they should be sent down to Madras for sale. The Inspector General will report whether the gratuities may be defrayed from the Police Superannuation Fund.

100 *Horses @ the average rate Rs.* 224	=	22,400
Accoutrements @ Rupees 15 *to each man*	=	1,500
100 *Sets of Arms*.....@ 13	=	1,300
Rupees...		25,200

5. As the Duffadars and Naib Duffadars, at present only 14 in number, belonging to the new Levy, were promoted from the main body, the Government authorize their being retained on the pay of their grades, until the matter can be more fully investigated.

Duffadars.....	*Rupees*	50.
Naib Duffadars.....	,,	35.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Order — 18th March 1861 No. 368.

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Duffadar — Rs. 50.
Naib do — " 35.

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" Magistrate of Kurnool. " 3
" Civil Auditor. " 3
" Accl. Genl. " 3
" Adjutant Genl. " 3
" Mily. Dept. " 3

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Where? We are about to sell Horses at Kurnool - The Horses had better be sold at Bellary at Madras

† They may be sold at Kurnool if there be a probability of getting fair prices for them - but not otherwise - they should be sent to Madras for sale -

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Questioning the reductions of the Peishcush Irregular Horse to the Establishment as it stood prior to the augmentation in 1857 and Authorizing gratuities to be paid to those disbanded.