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No. 27. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th November 1862, No. 821.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, No. 1,686, dated 13th October 1862.

2. With reference to the concluding clause of para. 7,* I beg to refer you to my letter, dated 5th September last, No. 446, recorded in Proceedings of Government, 10th September, No. 1,473. In that communication it was reported with reference to Mr. Bruce's letter of the 8th August, which is the one referred to in the present Order of Government, that the Commander-in-Chief had recommended a continuance of Mr. Bruce's allowances, *as a gratuity* for six months. It was not understood that any further report was required.

* Stating that Serjeant Bruce's letter, recorded in Proceedings of Government, 10th September, No. 1,473, has not yet been reported on by the Adjutant General.

3. Adverting to para. 8 of the Order of Government under reply, I am now directed to forward for submission to Government, an original letter from the Officer Commanding Centre Division, from which it appears that it was with the cognizance of the Military authorities in the Centre Division, that Serjeant Bruce continued to perform the duties connected with the small detail† (altogether nine men) of the late Andaman Sibundy Corps, remaining to be disposed of after the 22nd October 1861.

† 1 Jemadar.
4 Havildars.
4 Naigues.
Erroneously given as five Havildars in the letter to Government.

4. With regard to the remark in the 8th para. of the same Order of Government, I am to state that the letter therein referred to, dated 11th January 1862, was *correctly* addressed by this Department to "the Officer Commanding late Andaman Sebundy Corps." Information was required regarding the service of one of the men; and it was *properly* called for from the party in whose possession the records of the Corps were.

5. The letter from this Department, dated 6th November 1861, No. 805, informed you that the authority of Government in the Military Department would be applied for, for the transfer of the Native ranks given in margin above, to Regiments of the line. The decision of Government on this point was passed on the 6th January 1862, No. 18, and the men reported fit‡ were disposed of in G. O. C. C. 10th idem. The others were pensioned in G. O. C. C. 14th December 1861.

‡ 1 Jemadar.
1 Havildar.
4 Naigues.

6. In the letter already quoted in the last paragraph, it was stated that the Commander-in-Chief concluded that the orders of Government would be passed regarding the disposal of the late Commandant of the Corps. These orders were not passed until the 30th May 1862, No. 1,958,§ and Serjeant Bruce was appointed Serjeant Major of the 38th Regiment in G. O. C. C. 9th June 1862, *vide* letter to Government 10th idem, No. 518.

§ Military Department.

7. Until this decision had been passed Serjeant Bruce was not under the Commander-in-Chief's orders. Whether the trifling duties he continued to perform in connection with an unemployed detail of nine men, (afterwards reduced to six men) of a disbanded Civil Corps were of such a nature as to entitle Serjeant Bruce, who was otherwise *without employ*, to lay claim to the *Command allowance* of that Corps, is a question for the decision of Government.

8. The Order of Government, 21st March 1862, No. 483, alluded to in paragraph 3 of Serjeant Bruce's letter of the 8th August, was not communicated to this Department.

From Major General W. A. McCLEVERTY, Commanding Centre Division; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated 25th October 1862, No. 163.

Agreeably to the instructions contained in your letter, No. and subject as per margin, dated 22nd instant, I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that I was cognizant of the fact of Serjeant Bruce continuing to perform duties connected with the men of the Andaman Sebundy Corps until they were finally disposed of.

No. 3,965
Forwarding for permsl Order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 13th October 1862, No. 1,686, and requesting to know if he was cognizant of Serjeant Major Bruce's Proceedings subsequent to the 22nd October 1861, as represented in his letter, No. 66, dated 8th August 1861, copy of which is also forwarded.

2. On the 23rd October 1861 a Nominal Roll of the men discharged from the Andaman Sebundy Corps, according to the instructions contained in your letter, No. 3,820 of the 16th September 1861, was sent to you from the Brigade Office with letter No. 631; in this letter a Roll of the men undisposed of, 1 Serjeant Major, 1 Jemadar, 5* Havildars, 4 Naigues and 1† Private, was also forwarded and instructions as to their disposal solicited.

Memo.
* Only 4 Havildars.
† Declared unfit and pensioned.
C. C.
Dy. Adjt. Genl.

3. With my letter No. 179, dated 28th October 1861, I had also the honor to forward another Roll of the men who had been disposed of, and also one of the men who were still on the strength of the Corps. In this letter, I also submitted a claim for discharge gratuity made by the men. As no instructions were received regarding the men who still remained on the strength of the Corps till the 15th January 1862, Serjeant Major Bruce remained in charge of them and performed all duties connected with them up to that date. As all the records were in his possession and no orders have been received for him to hand them over.

4. The enclosures received with your letter under reply are herewith returned.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1863, No. 19.

In pursuance of the instructions contained in the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,232 of 2nd October 1861, all Native ranks of the Andaman Sibbundies under 15 years' service were paid up and discharged on the 22nd idem. There then remained only the following ranks, eleven men in all.

1 Serjeant Major.
1 Jemadar.
4 Havildars.
4 Naigues.
1 Private.

The Private was pensioned on a date not specified. The Serjeant Major was transferred to the 52nd N. I, on the 28th November; three Havildars to the Pension List on the 14th December; and the others to various Regiments of the line on the 10th January 1862.

2. Up to the date of their transfer all these men continued to draw pay, as members of the Sibbundy Corps through the Commandant. The records of the Corps also remained with Mr. Bruce, and references were made to him officially so late as the 11th January in connection with the services of his men. It is clear therefore that he was not, as the Government supposed, relieved from all duty when the Corps was disbanded on the 22nd October. The duties performed by him were certainly trivial, perhaps unnecessary, but such as they were, they were carried on with the cognizance and sanction of the Officer Commanding the Centre Division, to whom the details connected with the disbandment of the Corps had been specially entrusted. Mr. Bruce's pay up to the end of January was also disbursed under the same authority.

3. The Governor in Council considers that a reference should have been made to him before Mr. Bruce was allowed to draw pay subsequent to the 22nd October, but under the special circumstances of the case he desires that the retrenchment may not be pressed against him. His Excellency in Council observes, however, that an application has been made to the Government of

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India for authority to continue to Mr. Bruce his Command allowance for six months. In the event of that request being complied with the amount now allowed will be adjusted against that sum, and the balance only paid over to Serjeant Bruce as a gratuity.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMeetry.

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From
The Adjt. General of the Army

To The Chief Secretary to Govt.

(Wales 10th
Read 13th Novr 1862 No. 821.

No 2276 Encl 1.

Conveys the Commander in Chief's views on the terms of Col. Mc Bruce's proposed Departure No 1686 dated 13th October 1862 regarding Mr. Bruce.

Horse Guards 7th January 1863.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Letter from the Hospital General

(Here Entd to Vol. 82, Pp. 821)

7th January 1813 No. 19

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Lieut R.B. Bruce
has advanced pay up to 30th Jan.
but no work seems to have
been done after the 15th Dec.
when some slight duties in connection
with the Invalid remittances of the
Corps.

To the Military Accountant 1
" Accountant General 2
" Paymaster Presidency 3
" Assistant General 4
" Asst. Paymaster 5
" Civil Clerk Mr. Fenwick 6

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the Govt of India"

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

dated 7 January 1863

Feb. 1628

Allowing Serjeant
Bruce to draw his pay
subsequent to the 22d
October last

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