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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

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FROM

M. Hammick Esq., J.C.S.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

To

THE

Chief Secretary

to Government.

Fort. St. George.

SIR,

Enclosures

nil

I have the honor to submit a proposal from the Superintendent of Police, Malabar, to establish a staff of signallers among the Special Force at Malapparam, and in connection with it to refer Government to a similar proposal sanctioned in G.O., 10 May 1887. No 1006 Judicial for the establishment of trained Signallers in the reserves of the Northern Districts of the Presidency.

2. I have recently inspected the force and consulted the Superintendent on this and other matters and consider that, if possible, his proposal should be sanctioned.

3. In the last outbreak signalling would have been useful, and in the future it is most probable

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that in case of any disturbance the force would find the ability to signal messages from detachment to detachment of great advantage. The configuration of the country makes communication very difficult immediately the main roads are left and the numerous hills which exist there would render signalling by flag or by lanterns easy.

4. The expense of starting a class for signalling would be very little. It would be probably covered by the following items.

Purchase of apparatus [list given on page 3, G.O. 10 May '87, N^o 1006, Jd.] - Rs 250

Pay of signaller for instruction for four months - 28

Rs 278.

Remuneration for passed signallers -

1 Head Constable - Rs 2

8 Constables, Rs per head - 8

Rs 10.

The immediate capital ^{change} would therefore be Rs 278 and the annual cost Rs 120.

This sum could be found from savings in the Budget of 1895-96.

5. The existence of a small body of specially trained signallers in the Special force

force would be very useful, and for this I advocate Mr. Fawcett's proposal. But besides this, I think it is of the greatest importance to encourage every means of giving occupation and interest to the men of the Malaparam Special force. The men of this force are practically soldiers, that is to say, they are trained to drill together in one body; they have none of duties that every day fall to the lot of the ordinary constables, and they are under regular military discipline. At the same time they have few of the interests of the Sepoy. They are not under the constant supervision of military officers, and have not the constant occupation that to the lot of a Sepoy. The force is too small to enable the men to maintain a cricket club, or any kind of athletic association, and isolated as they are at Malaparam away from their homes they have very dull time of it. They are pig, compelled to live in lines and 8 Kayars and Moplahs they object to their wives and families to live in a place where they all have to be close to each other. The result of this is that it is very difficult to be in a subordinate and disorganised

among the men. The only way of keeping
the men in good spirit and temper is to find
them as much occupation as possible. At
present they get a good deal of drill and
guard work and the Assistant Super-
intendent by encouraging them in
shooting and by getting the English
soldiers to meet the force occasionally
at cricket does all he can to make
the men happy. I welcome any suggestion
to give them further intelligent occupation
and for this reason strongly support
Mr. Fawcett's proposals.

b. If the Government cannot see its
way at present to granting the men the
full supply of signalling instruments
I would ask that at all events sanction
may be granted for the entertainment
of a signaller for four months and
the purchase of flags. This will enable
the men to learn the ordinary daylight
signalling.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

Mammick

2nd Deputy Genl of Police.

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