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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 21st September 1858.

No. 16. From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th September 1858, No. 131.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Extract from Minutes of Consultation of date, 4th Instant, No. 345, Marine Department, I have the honor to report that I will take immediate measures to enrol the full Establishment for the Marine Police Force, which the Government has been pleased to sanction, and that, in due course, I will report progress, when I hope it will be in my power to acquaint you that the difficulty which now exists, as to the obtaining the services of Boatmen, has been wholly or in part overcome.

2. Feeling aware how anxious His Lordship in Council is, that the working of the new Establishment should be rendered at starting as efficient as possible, I have given the subject my most serious and anxious consideration, and in the course doing so, my mind has been led to the conviction, since I last addressed to you, that the presence of an Officer of Rank superior to that of an Inspector on the small pay contemplated, is absolutely necessary to the fulfilment of the object for which the Force is being organized; namely, the prevention of robbery by Boatmen and others, during transit between the shore and the shipping in the roadstead. Some such superior Officer should be always at hand to command, direct, and keep in a perfect state of discipline

MARINE POLICE FORCE.

- 1 Inspector.
- 1 Jamadar.
- 1 Daffadar Major.
- 8 Daffadars.
- 8 Naigues.
- 1 Writer.
- 5 Conicopolies.
- 100 Peons.

BOAT AND CATAMARAN CREWS.

- 4 Tindals.
- 44 Boatmen.
- 9 Catamaran Men.
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- 182 Total.

the large body of Native Policemen, (vide margin,) whom it is proposed to entertain. His duty would be to attend the Magistrates' Court as Prosecutor in Marine cases brought before it, to Superintendent the distribution and return of Boat Passes, to receive and render an account of Boat Fees, and generally to perform the functions of a Superintendent under the direction of the Commissioner of Police. These functions I repeat must in my opinion be delegated to an individual distinct from, and superior to the Inspector, whose appointment has been sanctioned, if the Marine Police is to fulfil the purpose for which it has been instituted to the satisfaction of the Government and the Community in general. I would further observe that the duties above sketched out and which should in my opinion be devolved upon an Officer designated "Superintendent," could

not be properly discharged by the Inspector, unless at the risk of largely neglecting the out of door duties of his own post in the department, which will require his constant presence, either on shore or afloat in the exercise of a needful supervision of the Native Policemen, whose regular, active, and faithful performance of the work allotted to them cannot be looked for, except they are under the complete surveillance of their Inspector, during working hours. It may also be added that, the intervention of an official of the class of Superintendent would have a beneficial effect on the Inspector himself in the way of stimulating him in the discharge of his own functions.

3. Reviewing all these circumstances I would respectfully, but most urgently request you to solicit the consent of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to the addition of a Superintendent for the service of the Marine Police, [on a salary, say of Rupees 250 per mensem,] to the Establishment already sanctioned.

4. It is impossible now to state the exact sum which will be raised monthly by the charge of 3 Annas on each load of Cargo, which the Boats may carry, but there is reason to believe, that on an average it will exceed 2,000 Rupees per mensem, and that it will always be fully sufficient to cover the entire cost of the Force. When, however, I speak of an average monthly Revenue, I must explain that I do not of course anticipate the realization of any considerable sum during the monsoon months. The new experiment will come into play at an unfavorable season,

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but the returns during the remainder of the year, will doubtless prove sufficient to cover any deficiency that may appear in the last quarter of it. I feel very sanguine that Government need entertain no apprehension of being called on to contribute materially to the maintenance of the Force; hence the urgency with which I have brought the point of Superintendency under your notice.

* *Vide Para: 2.*

*Amount sanctioned by Government
on account of the Marine Police
Force, under date 4th September, Rs. 1,523
Add the pay of 8 Naigues at 10
Rupees each, omitted to be includ-
ed..... " 80*

† Total 1,603

5. In conclusion, I beg permission to bring to notice the omission of 8 Naigues in the List of Police Officers given in my letter of date the 25th Ultimo, and in consequence thereof take the liberty to forward for sanction a corrected Statement,* in which the 8 Officers of that grade are included. As the pay of each Naigue is Rupees 10 per month, the cost of the Marine Police will amount to Rupees 1,603,† per mensem, instead of Rupees 1,523, exclusive of the Superintendent.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 374; dated 20th September 1858.

Under the circumstances represented to the foregoing communication the Government authorize the entertainment, by the Commissioner of Police, of a Superintendent of Marine Police on a salary of Rupees 250 per mensem, and the employment of 8 Naigues at Rupees 10 each per mensem. The total cost of the Marine Police Force will thus be raised to Rupees (1,853) one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three per mensem. This Establishment is sanctioned in anticipation that the expence will, when the arrangement is in full operation, be covered by the Fees to be levied on the Boats, and on the understanding that, if it be not so met, it will be reduced.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 20 September 1858.*

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from the Commissioner of Police
(Dated 10th Sept 1858 No 131).*

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J.P.

Copy to Comr of Police }
Secy. General } Despatch 24th
a Civil Auditor }

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