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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12*th April* 1859.

No. 49. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department, dated 22nd Narch 1859, No. 380.

Communicating correspondence relating to the proposal for transferring the 2 Artillery Serjeants attached to the Malabar Corps, to the Military Establishment; and for appointing in lieu of them a Quarter Master Serjeant from the Infantry, in view to the provision of Quarters sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation of 16th August 1853, being confined to the accommodation of the Apothecary and Serjeant Major, and for no other Non-Commissioned Officers. (Vide Judicial Consultation, 22nd March 1859, Nos. 44-45.)

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 838; dated 9th April 1859.

Ordered that para. 5 of the above Extract be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information and guidance. The Government observe that the Budget of 1859-60 contains an entry of Rupees 2,440 for converting certain native buildings into suitable quarters for the Non-Commissioned Officers of the Malabar Police Corps at Malliapoorum, and that this amount is in addition to Rupees 1,427 previously sanctioned for the purchase of land, making in all Rupees 3,867. As accommodation is by the above Extract required to be provided only for the Apothecary and Serjeant, the Chief Engineer will submit a revised estimate for sanction.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 380.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22nd March 1859.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 19th February 1859, No. 12.

SIR,

I beg to refer for the orders of Government copy of a letter from Lieutenant Blomfield, Commanding the Malabar Police Corps. There are attached to the Corps at present, according to the sanctioned establishment, 1 Serjeant Major, and 2 European Serjeants, these latter are Artillery men and have been principally engaged in the management of the Mountain Train. Lieutenant Blomfield now suggests that they should be transferred to the Military Establishment with the Train, and that a Quarter Master Serjeant from the Infantry be appointed in their stead. The change would be to the advantage of the Malabar Police Corps, but Government may hesitate to make any further addition to the establishment sanctioned for the Mountain Train by Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 22nd December 1858, No. 1796.

From Lieutenant C. G. BLOMFIELD, Commandant Malabar Police Corps; to P. GRANT, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated Malliaprom, 3rd January 1859, No. 3.

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Consultation as per margin, I have the honor to state, that it appears to me advisable that the 2 Artillery Serjeants attached to the Police Corps should be transferred to the Military establishment with the Train, as their services will be found far more useful in the Artillery Department, in which they have been trained, than in that of the Infantry, in which their previous education is thrown away.

No. 1164 dated 24th August 1858, and Judicial Department, No. 1796 dated 22nd December 1858.

The sanctioned establishment of the Police Corps, independent of the Mountain Train, is 1 Serjeant Major, and 2 European Serjeants. Instead of these 2 Serjeants all of whom hitherto posted to the Police Corps have been Artillery men, and of little use except with the Train, I would solicit that the sanction of Government be obtained to the appointment of a Quarter Master Serjeant, from the Infantry, to the Corps, who might have charge of the Stores, and be able to discharge the duties of the Serjeant Major, when he visits the out-posts or proceeds on duty &c., elsewhere. No additional out-lay would be incurred by Government in the Civil Department, as the salaries of the 2 Serjeants saved, would amply cover his pay. The cost of 1 Serjeant's Quarters, already sanctioned, need also not be incurred.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Acting Magistrate.

Order.—The Magistrate of Malabar refers, for the orders of Government, a proposal made by the Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps for transferring the two Artillery Serjeants, doing duty under him, to the Military Establishment in charge of the Mountain Train, and, in lieu of them, to appoint a Quarter Master Serjeant for the Corps, selected from the Infantry.

2. The Commandant states that the two Serjeants in question, who were taken from the Artillery, are of little use, in consequence of the withdrawal of the Mountain Train, and adds that the reduction of their number, which will ensue on the adoption of his proposal, will render it unnecessary to provide accommodation for one out of the 3 European Serjeants for whom quarters were sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 1122, dated 16th August 1858.

3. On reference to the previous correspondence that has passed in regard to posting European Non-Commissioned Officers to the Malabar Police Corps, it is remarked that (Extract Minutes Consultation, 5th January 1856, No. 13,) application was made to His Excellency the

Commander-in-Chief for 2 Non-Commissioned Officers for *temporary* employment with the Malabar Police Corps, to aid in training and getting it up, and that, subsequently (Extract Minutes Consultation, 22nd May 1855, No. 378,) the Government granted authority for a Non-Commissioned Officer being *permanently* attached to the Malabar Police Corps for the instruction of the men in the use of the Mountain Train, thus making, (Extract Minutes Consultation, 30th May 1855,) the number of European Non-Commissioned Officers to be attached to the Corps amount to three, besides the Serjeant Major. Eventually, however, only two European Serjeants seem to have been employed, and both of them from the Artillery.

4. As the Mountain Train has now been permanently detached from the Police Corps, and the two Serjeants would seem to have been almost exclusively employed with the Train, there seems no reason for continuing them with the Corps, and they may therefore, at once, be replaced under orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. As for the proposal of Lieutenant Blomfield, that a European Quarter Master Serjeant may be employed in lieu of them on a salary equal to their joint pay $30 \times 2 = 60$ Rupees, it is to be observed that Government have already (Extract Minutes Consultation, 20th May 1856, No. 516,) declined to accede to a suggestion of Major Haly for the appointment of a Quarter Master, on the ground that the number of European Officers attached to the Corps was sufficient to meet its requirements. The European Serjeants, meant to be posted to the Corps—distinct from the Mountain Train—were originally only to be attached to it temporarily, to assist in drilling and disciplining the men in which, the only one of them who was entertained appears to have taken but little part, and which has now been accomplished. The Malabar Police Corps of only 150 men has, besides a Commandant and Adjutant, a European Serjeant Major, on Rupees 60 per mensem—none of the other Sibbundi Corps have more European Non-Commissoned Officers—whereas the Vizagapatam Sibbundies with 300 men have only a Serjeant on Rupees 30, and the Rajahmundry Sibbundies, 200 strong, have no European Non-Commissioned Officer at all. On the whole, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees no occasion to attach any European Non-Commissioned Officer to the Malabar Police Corps beyond the present Serjeant Major.

From Major Haly, 3rd July 1855.

5. This will be communicated to the Department Public Works, in reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 16th August 1858, in view to the accommodation therein sanctioned being confined to the provision of quarters for the Apothecary and Serjeant Major and for no other non-Commissioned Officers.

(True Extract and Copy.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
" Military Department.
" Public Works Department.

Fred. F. Cartledge.

O.H.D.

No. 8387

Extract from the Minutes of Council
Under date the 9th April 1859

Read the following
Extract from the Minutes
of Council in the
Judicial Department.

(Received 22nd March 1859 No. 380)

Ordered that Copies
of the above Extract be
Communicated to the Chief
Engineer for his information
and guidance. The Govr to
observe that the Budget of
1859/60 contains an Item
of Rupees 2440 for Conveying
certain Native Invalid Pensioners
into their Villages from the
New Commencement Officiers
of the Northern Collectorate

Jud. Depart. Cons. 4th June/59.
C. M. B. No. 1796.

P.W. Cons: 14th September/58 No. 47-48
" 31st Augt — 61-62
" 8th Jany/56 — 1@5
Jud. D. 22nd May/55 — 22-23.
" " 5th June — 14-15
" " 20 May/56 — 74 & 75

P. Works 1859 Depart.
Dto Cons 12th April.

No. 728.

Extract Minutes
in the Judicial
Department.

Dated 22d March
Received 28th 1859

No. 380.

Jud. No. 838. 9th April 1859.

Communicating Correspondence, relating to the proposal for transforming the 2 artillery Serjeants attached to the Invalid Corps, to the Military Establt, & for appointing in lieu of them a Quarter Master Serjeant from the Infantry, in addition to the Provision of Quarters sanctioned in G. M. C. of 16th August 1858, being Continued to the accommodation of the Staff Sergeant Major &

& four no other non-Commissioned Officers.

No. 49.

31st March Recd 7th April

at Mallikpoorum, and that this amount is in addition to Rupees 1,427— previously sanctioned for the purchase of land, making in all Rupees 3867. No accommodation is by the above Extract required to be provided only for the Apothecary, and Serjeant, the Chief Engineer will ~~submit what amount of reduction may be effected in the sanctioned Estimates~~

submit a revised Est.ᵉ for sanction.

Copies to the Chief Engineer Dep.ᵗ N.ᵒ 2
" Mil.ʳ Dep.ᵗ N.ᵒ 1

Public Works 1859 Dep.t.
Dº to Cons 12th April

No 838.

Extract Mins of Cons.
Dtg 4th April 1859.

From Sec.t Dep.t Dtg 15th June 59
C.N 1639.

The Chief Engineer
to submit for sanction a
revised Estimate for the
accommodation to be
provided for the Apothecary
and Serjeant Major at
Malabar.

No 49 & 50.