

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

3rd Nov 1857

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Order No 11120/31st Dec 1857

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 3d November 1857.

No. 24. Read the following.

Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 14th July, No. 10 of 1857.

Letter dated 15th July (No. 32) 1856.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Judicial Department under date the 1st October 1857, No. 1265.

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5. To be communicated to the Collector of Sea Customs, through the Revenue Department, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 14th May 1856, No. 509.

23. We consider that the Collector neglected his duty in not fully investigating the case himself on the receipt of the Board's orders before sending it to the Police Office, and we concur with you that in the course which has been pursued, the interests of the public have not been adequately protected, nor justice done even to the accused. Your views have of course been communicated to Mr. Underwood.

24. We approve of your orders, enjoining that in future cases of the kind, the Company's Solicitor shall be consulted and the direction of the prosecution left in his hands.

(42 to 44) Correspondence relative to the augmentation of the Sibbundy Corps in Ganjam.

25. The expediency of increasing the local Corps of Sibbundies to such an extent as would admit of its undertaking the Police duties of the district and of furnishing escorts, whenever required, by the Meriah Agent, in order to avoid the employment of regular troops upon those duties having been urged upon the Government by the Commander-in-Chief—you called upon the Acting Agent in Ganjam to submit a report as to the extent to which it would be necessary to increase the local Corps in order to effect the object in view.

6. Copies of these paras. will be furnished to the Acting Agent at Ganjam, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 18th April 1856, and to the Revenue Department.

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Secondly.—An additional Company of 100 men for the out-posts, established on the Boad Frontier.

Thirdly.—The appointment to the Corps of a second Commissioned Officer and of one Non-Commissioned Officer.

27. The Acting Agent also made a distinct proposition for the organization of a Company of Sibbundies for the performance of the Police duties of the Kimeddy Zemindary, to be placed under the command of an European Officer on a Staff salary of Rupees 300 per mensem. This measure, he suggested, should be accompanied by another for depriving the Native Chiefs and their subordinates of the duties of Police which were not efficiently discharged by them, and raising the small rent payable by them to the Government.

28. The report of the Acting Agent was submitted by you with a recommendation in favor of the several measures suggested by him to the Government of India. That Government as the question of the abolition of the Meriah Agency was then before it, left for future consideration the proposition for an increase of 150 men for escort duty. The additional Company of 100 men for the out-posts on the Boad Frontier and the appointment of a Non-Commissioned Officer were sanctioned, subject to further orders, on receipt of a complete statement showing the actual strength and cost of the proposed addition. The appointment of a second Commissioned Officer for a body of 250 men was properly considered inadmissible.

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(True Extracts.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1112; dated 31st October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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To the Revenue Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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D. to Govt 3 September

No. 1270

Extract from the
statement of funds in the
Judicial Department.

Dated 1st October 1857
No. 237

Communicating
Extract from a despatch from
the Honorable to the local, relative
to the case of a theft in the
sea-warden's collection
office, and to the consequent
denial of the augmentation
of the Subbundy troops in
Banyan.

No. 112. 31st October
With an order of

No. 1112

Ordered to be communi-
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Not to be
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Refers to the Report. Supp. 2. 10.

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