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No. 5. Read the following letter from WILLIAM KNOX, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chutterpore 13th November 1857, No. 391.

SIR,

1st. I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of a letter received from Mr. Commissioner Cockburn, in compliance with whose request, I have directed Captain Smith to detach a party of his Sebundies to Boad.

2d. I had intended, when the trials of the Bungurs were all over, to bring to the notice of Government the good conduct and zeal of Denabundoo Mahanty the officer alluded to by Mr. Cockburn; he rose from the ranks of the Ganjam Sebundies to be Head of Police of Poornaghar and was selected by Mr. Samuells for his activity intelligence and honesty to be the Tahsildar of Boad when he introduced our system of Police into those parts. He had before this been frequently noticed by Captain Macdonald, and his exertions mentioned in my letter of 11th January 1855. After his removal to Boad, he was indefatigable in his endeavours to catch the Chokra, and on one occasion he reduced him to such straits that he had to separate from all but 3 or 4 followers, and even to support them, had to sell a Matchlock.

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From G. F. COCKBURN, Esq., Superintendent Tributary Mehal; to the Acting Agent Ganjam, dated Cuttack the 6th November 1857, No. 214.

SIR,

The Tahsildar of Khujjoorpara having proceeded to Sumbulpore with a Detachment of 38 Sebundies and 10 police Burkundauzes and the state of affairs there being so unsatisfactory as to render it not impossible that the services of himself and party may be usefully employed for some time under the Senior Assistant Commissioner, I have the honor to enquire whether you can spare a Detachment of Sebundies from Russelcondah to take the place of those engaged at Sumbulpore and if so, to request that you will have the goodness to order them up at once as it seems hardly safe to leave Khujjoorparah and its dependent tracts imperfectly protected and I am unable to send up any of the Orissa Paik-Companies having had to give one Detachment for

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the Jail and Treasury duties of Sumbulpore while the Detachment at Balasore is being replaced by Burkundauzes to allow of its proceeding towards Ungool for the protection of that Government Estate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. KNOX, Acting Agent.

No. 6. Read the following letter from W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; dated 5th May 1858, No. 585.

SIR,

Para. 1. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to submit, for the favorable consideration and orders of the Government of India, the case of Denabundoo Mahunty.

2. This individual was formerly employed in this Presidency as a Duffadar in the Sibbendy Establishment of the Ganjam District in which he appears to have rendered good service, so much so indeed as to have induced the Agent to the Governor and Magistrate of the District to promote him to the important office of Head of Police of Poornaghur.

3. In an expedition undertaken in 1854-55 by Lieutenant R. M. Macdonald, the Assistant to the Governor's Agent in Ganjam, for the suppression of the outbreak in upper Goomsoor, and in the measures concerted by that officer with Mr. Samuells, then Superintendent of the Tributary Mehals in Cuttack, for the apprehension of the rebel chief Chokrabissoyee and other Marauders who had disturbed the peace of the country, Denabundoo Mahunty, as Head of Police, is reported to have contributed very materially to the success which attended those operations. Lieutenant Macdonald, reporting the result of this expedition on the 5th January 1855, wrote as follows; "I cannot conclude without stating that our success is entirely attributable to the fidelity of the spy who guided us, and to the intelligence and sagacity of Denabundoo Mahunty, Acting Police Ameen of Poornaghur, who was the only person to whom I communicated my plans, who procured for me all the information on which I acted, and without whose judicious advice and local experience, I should probably have failed in effecting any thing."

4. Denabundoo Mahunty was afterwards selected by Mr. Samuells, Superintendent of the Mehals, for his activity, intelligence, and honesty to fill the post of Tahsildar of Boad, where he appears to have introduced the Madras system of police. After his removal to Boad, he is represented to have been indefatigable in his endeavours to apprehend Chokra Bissoyee, and on one occasion to have reduced that chief to such straits as to have obliged him to separate from all but three or four followers, and even to sell a matchlock for their support. Denabundoo Mahunty is stated to have captured or assisted in the capture of 69 Bungurs among whom were some principal men for whose apprehension rewards were offered.

5. In 1855, when Lieut. Macneill, the officer in charge of the Meriah Agency in the hill tracts of Orissa, was attacked in camp during his tour in the Khond Maliahs, a circumstance which

To Govt. of India 8th Decr. 1855, No. 217. was at the time brought to the notice of the Government of India by that officer in the letters of the
To do. 17th " " " 225. dates noted in the margin, Denabundoo Mahunty, it is represented, no sooner heard of the circum-

stance than he went over and gave all the assistance in his power. Again, when Captain Sleight was in difficulties at Sumbulpore, Denabundoo Mahunty, it is stated, hastened up on his own responsibility with all the aid he could collect, and so useful did he make himself on the occasion, that Captain Sleight was induced to detain him for the purpose of procuring information, and obtaining the benefit of his knowledge of the people.

6. Mr. Cockburn, the Gentleman who succeeded to the office of Superintendent of the Tributary Mehals, writing of the individual in question, says, that before the occurrence at Sumbulpore, Denabundoo Mahunty captured ten of the rebels who had come into Boad; and

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that "his own personal exposure and trouble in trying to keep the peace and ferret out offenders is beyond all praise;" "he has lately been invested with the powers of a Deputy Magistrate which he well deserves."

7. Although this active public servant is now no longer in employment within the limits of this Presidency, yet as he has rendered important service in preserving the peace of the Goomsoor Maliahs and of the hill country generally bordering the territories of the two Presidencies, the Governor in Council is desirous that some mark of the approbation of this Government, such as the individual would prize, should be bestowed on him, as well in reward for his past services, as to encourage him to future exertion. It has been suggested to this Government that the grant of a small village in the neighbourhood of Belloogoonta, near Nowgaum, on rent free tenure, and yielding an annual revenue of three hundred Rupees, would be most acceptable to Denabundoo Mahunty. The Agent in Ganjam feels sure that such a grant would only add to his zeal and devoted loyalty, and adds, that, "in times like these, such are beyond price." He suggests that he may be allowed to promise him a village when he is obliged by age or ill health to retire from active service instead of the usual pension.

8. The Governor in Council is of opinion that Denabundoo Mahuntee has fully earned the encomium bestowed on his labors, and that he is well deserving of the reward for good service proposed for him. He would remark that the mode of rewarding service of a political character by grants of land is not unusual in this Presidency, and would bring to recollection that, under the orders of the Government of India, communicated in a letter in the Political Department dated 7th January 1835, Chunda Hoossain Daroga was allowed, for his services in Coorg, a grant of land of the annual value of 300 Rupees, as Jaghire or rent free, during the life of himself and his son. It occurs to the Governor in Council that the case of Denabundoo Mahunty is even more deserving of public notice than that of Chunda Hoossain, and in recommending that a similar extent of land should be granted rent free to the former, he would strongly urge that the grant should be made in perpetuity. The Governor in Council entertains no doubt that a mark of the approbation of Government bestowed in the manner recommended, will have a most salutary effect as well on the zeal and energies of the individual concerned, as on the class of the community to which he belongs.

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Judicial Department
No 1926

From the Acting Agent to the Governor in
Gujarat. Dated 15th Nov 1837

In orders.

This appears a deserving
case - but I do not know if
there is any power in Govt

to grant an Enam

If Govt have authority to grant an Enam
I think this man highly deserving of such
a reward for the good service he has
rendered -

W. H. M. M. M.

Sheweth that no grant can be made
without the sanction of the Govt.
But we ought to give Mr Knox more
satisfaction every support in our
power.

From

William Knox Esq^r

Acting Agent to the Governor in

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To

E. Maltby Esq^r

Acting Chief Secretary to Government

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The Acting Agent to the

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The Acting Chief Secretary
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Dated 13th November

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

M. W.
Acting Agent.

Kanyane District
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Office of Sup^t J. H. Nichols

To

Cuttack the 6th

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Signed / G. F. Lockhart

Supt. Tributary District

True Copy

Ag. Agent

One letter in a letter
 from the Acting Secy.
 to the Govt in Gangan
 dated 17th November 1855

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To

C. Beadon Esq.

Secretary to the Government
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To Govt. of India 8 Decr 1855 No. 217.
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to Secy. 5 May 1858.

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30th Aug 58. No 20 to 33

Revenue 1858 Depts.
Dr to Cons. 11th May

No. 585
To the Secy to the Govt.
of India
D^d 5th May 58.

From — D^d 15th July 58.
C^d No. 1232 in hand: 11th May

Submitting the cases of
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