

1P
M-7 (Police)

1875.

ASSAM SECRETARIAT.

FILE No. 97J.

Frontier outposts in Lakhimpur.

15
1875

1875.

REFERENCES TO FORMER CASES.

File or Progs. No.	Subject.
File No. 189J. of 1874.	Same subject.

ASSAM SECRETARIAT.

FILE No. 97J.

Frontier outposts in Lakhimpur.

LIST OF PAPERS.

REFERENCES TO LATER CASES.

File or Progs. No.	Subject.
File No. 109J. of 1878.	Same subject.

Police B. July 107 = 184-88

Police B. Novr 107 = 42-43

(To be continued on back, if necessary.)

Serial No.	From or to whom.	No.	Date.	Remarks.
1	From the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.	45M. C.-20.	7th January 1875. 18th "	
1a	Notes (statement).	...	...	See K.-W.
2	To the Brigadier-General Commanding the Eastern Frontier District.	1331	6th April 1875.	
2a	Notes ...	...	...	Ditto.
2b				
2c				
2d				
3	From the Officer Commanding the Eastern Frontier District.	441	4th May 1875.	
4	From the Officer Commanding the Eastern Frontier District.	920	6th July 1875.	
5	To the Officer Commanding Eastern Frontier District.	2521	19th "	
6	To the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.	2522	19th "	
7	From the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.	193C.	2nd Sep. 1875.	

KEEP-WITHS PRINTED.

Notes and orders.

KEEP-WITHS NOT PRINTED.

Nil.

12

12

REFERENCES TO LATER CASES—*contd.*

File or Progs. No.	Subject.

K. W.

FILE NO. 97J. OF 1875.

Nos. 1-7.

Frontier outposts in Lakhimpur.

FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF LAKHIMPUR, NO. 20-C., DATED THE 18TH JANUARY
1875.

Forwards, in original, a letter from Assistant Commissioner, Lakhimpur, explaining the reasons for his applying for a military guard to be posted at the mouth of the Sesseri river.

Secretary,

Write to Brigadier-General Stafford that I have lately visited the subdivisional station of Jaipur near Dibrugarh, and the posts near Sadiya, and have come to the conclusion that the arrangement of military and police guards is inconvenient, and should be modified; at Jaipur there is the remains of a military cantonment, a subdivisional officer has lately been posted there, and the old military hospital has been converted into a *kachari*, treasury and residency. A military detachment is retained in the other buildings. The number ordinarily..... A police guard is also maintained, which is necessary for the thana duties, the court duties and the treasury guard. These men, whose occupation is all dependent on the Subdivisional Officer, are quartered inconveniently far from him, and they cannot, without inconvenience, be brought close without their being too near to the military.

Having two arms serving together in the same station in such small numbers, is a waste of power, as it necessitates more guards than would be otherwise required, and makes great difficulty in case of men being required for service.

Jaipur should, I think, be made over entirely to the police; the more so that it is the reserve for the police guard at Makum tower.

To enable the police to provide men for Jaipur, it would be necessary for the Military to take two of the Sadiya outposts now held by the police, and I would suggest their taking the Dibong guard and the Sesseri guard. These posts can be visited and relieved by water, and the Dibrugarh regiment is provided with boats, and the Officer Commanding at Sadiya visits the Poba guard monthly by boat. He could see these guards on the same trip with scarcely any appreciable delay. The proposed arrangement would give the Military a total of men more on duty during the cold season, but would give them a saving of men during the rains.

For inspection, the advantages would be considerable. The posts near Sadiya would, as above remarked, be seen without extra trouble by the Officer Commanding at Sadiya, whilst they can seldom be visited more than once a year by the District Superintendent of Police. The latter officer has to visit Jaipur, and could as well inspect 50 or 20 men when there. (I want to see draft with figures filled in.)

29th March 1875.

R. H. K.

Please see Chief Commissioner's note. I am not quite sure if I have rightly understood him. I put up a list of the outposts in Lakhimpur.

To the Bregadier-General Commanding Eastern Frontier District, No. 1331, dated the 6th April 1875.

Police Statement as it stood on the 1st of March 1873.

					Subadar.	Head Constables.	Constables.
Jaipur ...	...	...	...	...	1	2	10
„ Treasury guard	...	...	...	...	...	1	9
Makum	...	...	...	...	...	2	15
Sesseri ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	20
Dibong ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12
Dikrang	...	...	...	...	...	1	12
Difu ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	16
Dunda	...	...	...	...	...	2	14
Bardoloni	...	...	...	...	...	1	6

List of guards furnished by Lakhimpur Police.

E. H. — 6th April 1875.

How do you get 35 more men on outpost duty in the cold weather? If they give up Jaipur and take the other two, instead of 41 men of all ranks, they will require only 35 (Dibong 13 and Sesseri 22), and why in cold weather only and not in rains? Are the two guards only held in the cold wether?

6th April 1875.

H. J. P.

Secretary,

I think Chief Commissioner does not count Jaipur as an outpost; therefore, the regiment will have 35 men more on outpost duty (*i.e.*, at Dibong and Sesseri) than at present; but 41 (*i.e.*, all the Jaipur detachment) more at headquarters in the rains, seeing that Dibong and Sesseri are only occupied in winter. Approve draft.

6th April 1875.

H. J. P.

I understand Dibong and Sesseri are occupied only in the cold weather by the police; that Jaipur is occupied by the police guard named (1 subadar 2 havildars, and 10 constables) all the year round; that Jaipur is occupied by the military guard named all the year round.

Is it the case that the ten constables do the thana and treasury work at Jaipur? If so, there is really no police guard as distinct from the ordinary subdivisional establishment.

7th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

I know of no guard at Sesseri. Sillini is the place; look this up, nor do I know of any Dibong guard. Deputy Commissioner's proposal for changes has not been carried out. Has it?

9th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

See force return put up; the guards are put down as the Dibong and Sesseri guards. They are cold-weather guards. Their strength is as follows:

						Head Constables.	Constables.
Sesseri ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	20
Dibong ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12
						3	32=35

as stated in letter. These must be the guards referred to by Chief Commissioner in his note. He says Dibong and Sesseri.

Besides the two head constables and ten constables at the thana at Jaipur, there is a small reserve and a separate treasury guard;—altogether—

					Sub-Inspector.	Head Constables.	Constables.
Thana and subdivisional duties	...	...	...	...	1	2	10
Treasury guard	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
Reserve	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
					—	—	—
					1	3	19
					—	—	—

I got my figures from the list with the bundle prepared by Nagendra Babu. He only put down the thana men, I suppose.

The last order about the outposts was, we told Deputy Commissioner that Chief Commissioner had no objection to his placing a guard at Sesserimukh, as a temporary measure, if he thought it necessary.

Deputy Commissioner was also told that Chief Commissioner hoped to have a report, after he had consulted District Superintendents on the subject of the proposed re-arrangement of the frontier guards in Lakhimpur. The Deputy Commissioner must have had his hands full lately. But we might remind him that the report has not yet been received.

E. H.—9th April 1875.

Chief Commissioner,

Chief Commissioner speaks of guards at Dibong and Sesseri. No such guards are sanctioned yet, see Deputy Commissioner's No. 166C., dated the 6th October 1874, put up, and our answer No. 629, dated the 28th October, and our No. 1184, dated the 16th December 1874.

Deputy Commissioner has given up—

Sellini,

Balijan,

Kundil,

this season, and has started Dibong and Sesseri instead; but this is purely a temporary arrangement.

He has only got 60 men in them, whereas he proposed 80 men.

Does Chief Commissioner now sanction permanently the re-arrangement of guards proposed by Deputy Commissioner (Major Wallcott) on 6th October without the increase in numbers unless they can be provided from the present police force?

10th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

Yes.

13th April 1875.

R. H. K.

Sanction the change of guards proposed by Deputy Commissioner; say the total number of men used, however must not be increased. Then put up again the draft to Brigadier-General.

14th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

Chief Commissioner,

Draft put up for Chief Commissioner's approval. He will see that the proposed arrangement entails much extra work on the police. They must provide a guard at Jaipur all the year round, instead of at Dibong and Sesseri during the cold weather.

District Superintendent must still visit North-East Frontier for general reasons, and because he has still two guards to inspect.

23rd April 1875.

H. L.-J.

I have calculated all this; the men may as well be in reserve at Jaipur as at Dibrugarh.

24th April 1875.

R. H. K.

Issue.

26th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

To the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, No. 1184, dated the 14th April 1875.

FROM THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE EASTERN FRONTIER DISTRICT, SHILLONG, NO. 441,
DATED THE 4TH MAY 1875.

States that the Chief Commissioner's proposal regarding the outpost guard at Lakhimpur is a good one, and he will refer the matter to headquarters.

Secretary,

For information.

N. N. C.—12th May 1875.

Chief Commissioner,

H. L.-J.

Seen.

14th May 1875.

R. H. K.

Of course, Chief Commissioner is prepared for the objection that the late expedition—the Namsang-Hookunjuri question, &c., &c.,—make this an inconvenient time for making the change. Foreign Office, if it looks into the question, will take this objection.

15th May 1875.

H. L.-J.

I do not see any objection of the sort. I shall not ask Foreign ; it is a purely local question.

17th May 1875.

H. R. K.

But Commander-in-Chief will. File this.

19th May 1875.

H. L.-J.

FROM THE BRIGADIER-GENERAL COMMANDING THE EASTERN FRONTIER DISTRICT, NO. 920,
DATED THE 6TH JULY 1875.

In forwarding the accompanying correspondence, requests to be informed when the Chief Commissioner proposes to carry out the arrangements sanctioned therein.

Chief Commissioner,

For perusal.

Lakhimpur Police are not strong, perhaps, we had better, before making the change, ask if they have men enough ; say change may take place on 1st October.

13th July 1875.

H. L.-J.

Secretary,

I wish the arrangements carried out as soon as can be arranged between Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, and the Officer Commanding at Dibrugarh.

Inform Deputy Commissioner that he must in correspondence with Executive Engineer and District Superintendent of Police, arrange for the abandonment of the police position at Jaipur, and the location of the police in the existing military lines.

Inform Brigadier-General of these orders, so that he may write to Dibrugarh. Send the file to Major Trevor for perusal.

15th July 1875.

R. H. K.

To the Brigadier-General Commanding North-Eastern Frontier, No. 2521, dated the 19th July 1875.

To the Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur, No. 2522, dated the 19th July 1875.

FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF LAKHIMPUR, NO. 193C., DATED THE 2ND SEPTEMBER 1875.

Reports that the military guard at Jaipur was relieved by the police on the 26th August 1875, and that the Jaipur thana has been removed into the station.

Assistant Secretary,

No orders.

15th September 1875.

H. J. P.

Chief Commissioner.

16th September 1875.

H. L.-J.

17th September 1875.

R. H. K.

Recorded by—R. M. De—24th May 1892.

Exd. by—M. A.

I got my figures from the list with the bundle prepared by Nagendra Babu. He only put down the thana men, I suppose.

The last order about the outposts was, we told Deputy Commissioner that Chief Commissioner had no objection to his placing a guard at Sesserimukh, as a temporary measure, if he thought it necessary.

Deputy Commissioner was also told that Chief Commissioner hoped to have a report, after he had consulted District Superintendents on the subject of the proposed re-arrangement of the frontier guards in Lakhimpur. The Deputy Commissioner must have had his hands full lately. But we might remind him that the report has not yet been received.

E. H.—9th April 1875.

Chief Commissioner,

Chief Commissioner speaks of guards at Dibong and Sesseri. No such guards are sanctioned yet, see Deputy Commissioner's No. 166C., dated the 6th October 1874, put up, and our answer No. 629, dated the 28th October, and our No. 1184, dated the 16th December 1874.

Deputy Commissioner has given up—

Sellini,

Balijan,

Kundil,

this season, and has started Dibong and Sesseri instead; but this is purely a temporary arrangement.

He has only got 60 men in them, whereas he proposed 80 men.

Does Chief Commissioner now sanction permanently the re-arrangement of guards proposed by Deputy Commissioner (Major Wallcott) on 6th October without the increase in numbers unless they can be provided from the present police force?

10th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

Yes.

13th April 1875.

R. H. K.

Sanction the change of guards proposed by Deputy Commissioner; say the total number of men used, however must not be increased. Then put up again the draft to Brigadier-General.

14th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

Chief Commissioner,

Draft put up for Chief Commissioner's approval. He will see that the proposed arrangement entails much extra work on the police. They must provide a guard at Jaipur all the year round, instead of at Dibong and Sesseri during the cold weather.

District Superintendent must still visit North-East Frontier for general reasons, and because he has still two guards to inspect.

23rd April 1875.

H. L.-J.

I have calculated all this; the men may as well be in reserve at Jaipur as at Dibrugarh.

24th April 1875.

R. H. K.

Issue.

26th April 1875.

H. L.-J.

To the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, No. 1184, dated the 14th April 1875.

FROM THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE EASTERN FRONTIER DISTRICT, SHILLONG, NO. 441,
DATED THE 4TH MAY 1875.

States that the Chief Commissioner's proposal regarding the outpost guard at Lakhimpur is a good one, and he will refer the matter to headquarters.

Secretary,

For information.

N. N. C.—12th May 1875.

Chief Commissioner,

H. L.-J.

Seen.

14th May 1875.

R. H. K.

ASSAM SECRETARIAT PROCEEDINGS.

FILE NO. 97J. OF 1875.

Frontier outposts in Lakhimpur.

Serial No. 1.

Mily., A. May 1875,
No. 1.

No. 20C., dated Dibrugarh, the 18th January 1875.

Memo. by—The Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur.

Letter No. 45M., dated the 7th January 1875, forwarded in original to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

No. 45M., dated Dibrugarh, the 7th January 1875.

From—MAJOR E. Y. WALCOTT, Assistant Commissioner, Lakhimpur,

To—The Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur.

In compliance with the letter of the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam to your address, No. 801, dated the 12th November 1874, I have the honour to explain my reasons for applying for a military guard to be posted at the mouth of the Sessleri, a river in the neighbourhood of Sadiya.

2. My attention was attracted to the state of affairs on that frontier in the end of September for the first time. It should be borne in mind that my position as Assistant Commissioner for eight months previous to August, did not bring me in contact with the subject. I wrote demi-officially on 30th September, proposing a re-arrangement of frontier guards, in consequence of information obtained by Mr. Goad on the spot, that a raid was contemplated. On 6th October I wrote officially, making specific proposals for re-arrangement. The rivers were then rapidly subsiding, and, as the Chief Commissioner is doubtless aware, the raiding season thus commences, and the frontier guards had to be sent out from headquarters with all despatch. Not having had time to obtain specific sanction, did not appear to me a sufficient reason for delaying to make the most efficient arrangements for the protection of the frontier, and, anticipating a reply to my letter before the re-arrangement could be effected, I ordered Mr. Goad to carry it out. The police at my disposal did not admit of my placing a guard at Sessleri Mukh, and to leave one point open would have been to vitiate the usefulness of the scheme. Major Cory returned from leave on the 11th October, and on my discussing the matter with him, and finding he agreed with me respecting the re-arrangement, and that he could conveniently detach twenty-five men from the 150 at Sadiya to hold Sessleri Mukh, only 6 miles distant, I asked him to do so, hoping to receive the Chief Commissioner's orders before the men could leave Sadiya. I had written to Major Cory on the 13th, and on the 17th I had received a demi-official letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, in answer to mine of the 30th September, which enabled me to cancel my requisition for the military guard, and also my instructions to Mr. Goad before either the one or the other were complied with.

3. I had no reliable information that a raid would be committed, but I also knew that if I waited for such, it would in all probability be too late. The old arrangement of guards had been reported defective both by Mr. Goad and Major Clarke, and I myself considered it bad, and the military officer commanding here agreed with me as to the suitability of the proposed re-arrangement. I trust I shall be excused for commencing to make it, and for not reporting a call for military aid, which I was able to cancel four days later, and which requisition was made in the anticipation that before it could be complied with, I should know the Chief Commissioner's views on the subject.

Serial 2.

Frontier outposts in Lakhimpur.

Serial No. 2.

No. 1331(Judicial), dated Shillong, the 6th April 1875.

From—H. LUTTMAN-JOHNSON, Esq., C.S., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

To—The General Officer Commanding North-East Frontier.

The Chief Commissioner has lately visited the subdivisional station of Jaipur and the outposts near Sadiya. He has come to the conclusion that the present arrangement of the military and police guards posted at these places, is inconvenient, and may be modified with advantage.

The present arrangement is:—*Jaipur*.—A military guard of one Native officer, two havildars, two naiks, one bugler, and thirty-five sepoy, and occupies this post all the year round.

Outposts near Sadiya.

(1) Pubamukh ... A military guard of one Native officer, two havildars, two naiks, one bugler, and forty sepoy, and occupies this post all the year round.

				Head Constables.	Constables.	Total.
(2) Dikrang	...	...	...	1	12	13
(3) Difu	...	...	...	2	16	18
(4) Dibang	...	...	...	1	12	13
(5) Sesseri	...	...	...	2	20	22

The last four posts are occupied by the police guards mentioned against them during the cold weather only. As Jaipur is a subdivision and a thanna, it is necessary to retain a police force there.

The present force consists of—

				Sub- Inspector.	Head Constables.	Constables.
Thanna	...	...	...	1	2	10
Treasury guards	...	...	...	...	1	4
Reserve	...	...	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	1	3	19

The police are quartered inconveniently far from the Subdivisional Officer's residence, and cannot be brought closer without coming into contact with the military detachment.

2. At Jaipur there exists the remains of a military cantonment. A Subdivisional Officer has lately been posted to this place, and the old military hospital has been converted into a kutchery and a treasury, as well as a place of residence for the officer in charge of the subdivision. The military detachment occupies the other buildings. The Chief Commissioner thinks it is a waste of power to have both police and military serving together in so small a station as Jaipur. Such an arrangement necessitates more guards than would otherwise be required, and great difficulties arise in the event of the men being required for service elsewhere. On these grounds, Colonel Keatinge thinks that Jaipur should be made over entirely to the charge of the police. He thinks this course the more necessary, in that Jaipur is the reserve for the police stationed at the Makum tower.

3. In order to enable the Lakhimpur police to garrison Jaipur, without increase in the number of the force, the Chief Commissioner thinks that it would be necessary for the military to take over two of the Sadiya outposts, at present held by the police.

He would suggest that the outposts, Dibang* and Sesseri,† be so taken over. These posts can be visited and relieved by water, and the regiment stationed at Dibrugarh is provided with boats. The Officer Commanding at Sadiya visits the guard at Poba monthly in his guard-boat. He could visit both these guards

* Dibang ... 1-12

† Sesseri ... 2-20

3-32

*Frontier outposts in Lakhimpur.**Serials 2-4.*

during the same trip without much extra trouble. At present the District Superintendent is unable to visit these guards often in the year. He has, as it is, to visit Jaipur constantly, and could as well inspect sixty as twenty men. The proposed arrangement will relieve the regiment stationed at Dibrugarh. At present that regiment provides a guard of forty-one men for Jaipur all the year round. As proposed by the Chief Commissioner, it would provide thirty-five men during the cold weather only.

In conclusion, I am to say that the Chief Commissioner hopes you will favour him with an early expression of your views on this subject.

Serial No. 3.

Mily., A., May 1875,
No. 2.

No. 441, dated Shillong, the 4th May 1875.

From—Brigadier-General W. J. F. STAFFORD, Commanding Eastern Frontier District,
To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

Adverting to your letter No. 1331 (Judicial Department), dated the 6th April 1875, and which only came to hand yesterday, I beg to say that I consider the Chief Commissioner's proposal a good one, and that I will refer the matter to army headquarters for the consideration of the Right Hon'ble the Commander-in-Chief.

Serial No. 4.

No. 920, dated Shillong, the 6th July 1875.

From—Brigadier-General W. J. F. STAFFORD, Commanding Eastern Frontier District,
To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

With reference to the letter marginally noted, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the address of the Quartermaster General, I have to request that I may be informed when the Chief Commissioner proposes that the arrangement therein sanctioned, should be carried out, in order that instructions may be issued on the subject to the Officer Commanding at Dibrugarh.

No. 517, dated the 21st June
1875 (copy attached).

No. 517, dated Simla, the 21st June 1875.

From—Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,

To—The Quartermaster General in India.

In returning the enclosures of your letter No. 2686 "Distribution," dated the 29th May 1875, I am desired to state, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Commander-in-Chief, that the Government of India approve of the arrangements proposed by the Chief Commissioner of Assam for the garrison of Jaipur and other outposts on the eastern frontier.

No. 3604.

Forwarded to the General Officer Commanding the Eastern Frontier District for information and guidance, with reference to Eastern Frontier District No. 442, dated the 4th May 1875.

Serials 5-7.

Frontier outposts in Lakhimpur.

Serial No. 5.

No. 2521, dated Shillong, the 19th July 1875.

From—H. LUTTMAN-JOHNSON, Esq., C.S., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

To—The Brigadier-General Commanding North-Eastern Frontier District.

In reply to your letter No. 920, dated the 6th July 1875, I am directed to inform you that the Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur has been directed to place himself in communication with the Executive Engineer and the District Superintendent of Police to arrange for the abandonment of the police position at Jaipur and the location of the police in the existing military lines.

Serial No. 6.

No. 2522, dated Shillong, the 19th July 1875.

From—H. LUTTMAN-JOHNSON, Esq., C.S., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

To—The Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur.

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of this office letter No. 1331, dated the 6th April 1875, to the address of the Brigadier-General Commanding North-Eastern Frontier District, on the arrangement of the military and police guards posted at the subdivisional station of Jaipur and outposts near Sadiya. I am to request that you will place yourself in communication with the Executive Engineer and the District Superintendent of Police to arrange for the abandonment of the police position at Jaipur and the location of the police in the existing military lines.

Serial No. 7.

No. 193C., dated Dibrugarh, the 2nd September 1875.

From—W. J. CLARKE, Esq., C.S., Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur,

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

With reference to your letter No. 2522, dated the 19th July last, Judicial Department, I have the honour to report that the military guard at Jaipur was relieved by the police on the 26th ultimo.

2. The Jaipur thana has been removed into the station.