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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th July 1861.

No. 34. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 27th June 1861, No. 2,212.

Communicating the Order passed on certain correspondence regarding the substitution of Police for Military Guards. (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 27th June 1861, Nos. 523—527.)

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1861, No. 359.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 11th June 1861, *No* 296;.
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 28th ultimo No. 1837,

Communicating copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, requesting to be furnished with the orders issued in this Presidency, regarding the substitution of Police for Military Guards.

I have the honor, by order of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, copy of a General Order No. 25 under date 13th March last, which was published by the Major General for giving effect to the Resolution of the Supreme Government of the 29th January, regarding the substitution of Police for Military Guards.

2. Since the publication of the above G. O., a correspondence has taken place between the Officer Commanding Northern Division and this Department, relative to the relief of the Military Guard over the Treasury at Cocanada, as also with the Officer Commanding Centre Division, regarding the Mint Guard, copies of which are also enclosed for the information of Government.

Dated 8th April 1861, *No.* 1278.
,, 14*th March* 1861, *No.* 960.

3. The only other correspondence which has taken place regarding the relief or reduction of Military Guard. is recorded in the Proceedings of Government as per margin,

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Copy of General Order by Major General R. Budd, Provincial Commander-in-Chief, dated Adjutant General's Office, Fort Saint George, 13*th March* 1861, *No.* 25.

The Provincial Commander-in-Chief calls the strictest attention of Officers Commanding Divisions, Districts and Stations, to the provisions of the Resolution of the Government of India as per margin.

Military Department the 29th January 1861.

RESOLUTION.—*The Honorable the President in Council entirely concurs in the principle advocated by the Military Finance Commission, viz., that regular Soldiers should not be employed on duties of mere watchmen, and is of opinion that the enforcement of this rule should be commenced at once at every Military Station throughout India.*

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief should be requested to issue the necessary orders to the Military Authority (in each District) or Officer Commanding at each Station, to take measures at the earliest possible period to relieve every Military Guard in Cantonments, excepting those required for purely Military purposes, and for which not mere watchmen but disciplined Military Sentries are on purely Military grounds considered necessary; and to arrange with the Civil Authorities for the substitution of Police Guards, the Departments (whether Commissariat, Public Works, or others), requiring such special Police Guard having to pay for the same or being debited with the expense, a Bill for which should in every case be sent in for countersignature monthly to the Head of the Department, requiring the watchmen, in the same manner as has been lately directed in the case of expenditure incurred in the Commissariat Department on account of other Departments

No. 993, *Govt. of Madras.*
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Ordered that a copy of the Resolution and of the correspondence attached, be transmitted to the several Governments and Departments named in the margin, for information and guidance.

2. They will be good enough to take measures, as early as possible, to relieve all Military Guards in Cantonments, excepting those required for *purely Military purposes*, and for which not mere watchmen, but disciplined Military Sentries are, on *purely Military grounds*, considered necessary, and to arrange with the Civil Authorities for the substitution of Police Guards in their stead.

3. The Major General likewise directs that Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts, will furnish concise reports in duplicate at the expiration of three months from the date of receipt of this order, shewing how far these orders have been carried out within their respective Commands.

Telegram from General Whitlock, Waltair, 11th April 1861; to the Adjutant General, Madras.

The Collector Godaveri District states he cannot relieve Military Guard over Treasury at Cocanada till organization of new Police. Can I withdraw the Guard from any fixed prospective date, intimating intention to Collector of doing so.

Telegram from the Adjutant General, Madras, 12th April 1861; to General Whitlock, Waltair.

It will be better to report particulars by letter when the orders of Government can be taken on the question of the relief of the Cocanada Military Guard.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division, Waltair, 17th April 1861, No. 105; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

Since receipt of your Telegram as per margin, dated the 12th instant, I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, that I have had an interview with the Commissioner of Police Madras Presidency, and am in hopes from what Mr. Robinson has stated, that the whole of the Military Guards in the Division now employed for Civil purposes, will be shortly relieved by the new Constabulary.

" *It will be better to report particulars by letter when the orders of Government can be taken on the question of the relief of the Cocanada Military Guards.*"

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 24th January 1861, No. 538; to the Officer Commanding Centre Division.

The Commander-in-Chief having learnt that a considerable reduction was made on the 21st instant, in the strength of the Mint Guard, and this reduction not being approved by Government, I have the honor by His Excellency's order to request you will be good enough to cause the Guard to be immediately increased to its former strength.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, 25th January 1861, No. 16; to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George.

No. 538.
Regarding the reductions of the Mint Guard which is not approved by Government, and ordering it to be increased to its original strength.

In obedience to the instructions contained in your letter of the 24th instant, No. and subject as per margin, I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Guard has been re-established in its original strength.

2. In explanation of the reduction, I beg to state that I was led to it by the severity of duty entailed on the Native Infantry Regiments since the late reduction, and after examination I directed it to be stated to the Mint Master on the 18th instant, that I proposed on the 21st to reduce the Guard from forty to eighteen men, and as no objection was made by that Officer, it was then carried out.

On the 17th instant, I made a minute personal inspection of the Mint, Commissariat and Bank Guards, I found that of the Mint consisted of forty men furnishing eight Sentries by day, and nine by night; three of these are posted on the house tops and four others in the two Guards and almost all within sight of each other. These I proposed to reduce from seven to four, and have two other Sentries, one for the roof and one for the outer Gate, making a total of six Sentries or eighteen men, a number I thought amply sufficient, taking into consideration that the Police Tannah is close to the outer Walls, that the Police patrol round the Mint during the night, and that the 4th Regiment Native Infantry was in the immediate neighbourhood in case of alarm.

Present Guard Mint.			
One Native Officer, two Havildars, three Naigues, forty Privates.			
Proposed.			
1	1	2	18.

Should it meet the sanction of Government and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and that no reasonable objections should be made by the Departments, I would propose that the three Commissariat Guards and Bank Guards should be reduced as per margin.

Present Guards, Commissariat.	*Bank Guards.*
2 *Havildars.*	1 *Havildar.*
4 *Naigues.*	1 *Naigue*
27 *Privates.*	12 *Privates.*
Proposed Commissariat.	*Bank.*
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From the Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 12th June 1861, No. 298; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 1878, dated 31st ultimo, I have the honor, by order of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that Officers Commanding Divisions and Forces have been directed to hasten the Reports, shewing how far the Resolution of the Government of India in the Military Department of the 29th January last, about substituting Police for Military Guards has been acted upon, and to afford the additional information now called for by that Government.

2. The only Report* as yet received regarding the relief of Military Guards by Police under the Resolution of the Government of India above quoted, is one from the Officer Commanding Centre Division, and it is herewith enclosed for submission to Government.

* *Dated 4th June 1861, No. 67.*

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, Madras, 4th June 1861, No. 67; to the Adjutant General of the Army.

In accordance with the orders quoted in the margin,* I have the honor to report for the information of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:—

* *G. O. G. No. 728, 22nd February 1861.*
Proceedings of Military Finance Committee, No. 982, 21st February 1861.

2. In the Mofussil Centre Division, all Guards for watch and ward duties not purely of a Military nature have been for nearly twelve months previously withdrawn, except those noted. Immediately on the receipt of the above orders, I communicated with Mr. Robinson, Commissioner of Police, on the subject of relieving these Military Guards. It appears to me desirable that the Rifle Butts at Palaveram, and the Artillery Practice Butts and ground at the Mount, should still remain in charge of the Military, especially the latter, where there are Equipments and Munitions of War, for the purposes of frequent proofs and experiments. The Officer Commanding the Mount reports that the Police at present are unable to take the duties at the Commissariat Store; but I have again addressed Mr. Robinson on the subject of all these Guards.

		Naigues.	*Privates.*
1. *Palaveram.*	*Butts for Rifle Instruction,*	1	3
2. *Mount.*	*Artillery Practice Butts,...*	1	3
	Station Cash Chest.... ...	1	3
	Commissariat Stores. ...	1	3
3. *Arcot.*	*Station Cash Chest...* ..	1	3
	Camp Equipage and Stores.	1	3
4. *Vellore.*	*Station Cash Chest...* ...	1	3
	Commissariat Stores... ...	1	3
	Total.....	8	24

3. Similarly in Madras the greater number of the Military Guards were withdrawn: but there still remain as follows:—

	Native Officer.	*Havildars.*	*Naigues.*	*Privates.*
Mint... ...	1	2	2	40
Bank... ..	0	1	1	12
Commissariat. ...	0	0	2	27
Water supply or esplanade.	0	0	1	3
Treasury Guard....	0	1	1	9
Total....	1	4	7	91

For the withdrawal of these Guards, I caused application to be made to the Commissioner of Police, who stated he had no authority. Directions were then issued to the various authorities at the head of Departments. I beg to annex copy of the order of Government on the subject addressed to the Mint Master, and forwarded for my guidance.

"*April 6th*, 1861."

"His Excellency the Governor in Council does not consider the Resolution of Govern-
"ment of India, Military Department, 29th January 1861, applicable to Establishments such as
"the Madras Mint and Bank of Madras. Buildings which contain so large an amount of public
"property in exposed situations, cannot safely be enstrusted to "mere watchmen" or Police, but
"eminently require to be protected by a Military Guard. The Government in their Proceed-
"ings of the 20th February last, Financial Department, No. 90, have refused to diminish the
"strength of the Mint and Bank Guards, and they are still less prepared to allow them to be
"withdrawn altogether. These orders must be strictly adhered to."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

With regard to the Commissariat and water-pipe Guards, I caused the heads of Departments to be requested to apply to the Police authorities for Police or watchmen, paying for the same and charging the amount in their Contingent Bills, but in reply they state that application has been made to the Commissioner of Police, and that he informs them that he has not men to spare, and cannot raise them without the authority of Government. The Military Guards are therefore continued until the orders of Government are received.

4. The Treasury Guard consists of two Non-Commissioned Officers and nine men, and it is unnecessary to apply for their relief under the above circumstances.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department.

Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

(Here enter 31st May and 7th June 1861, Nos. 1878 and 1956.)

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1861, No. 306.

Resolved that the above orders be communicated to the Inspector General of Police in reference to his letters of 4th and 6th April last.

2. Mr. Robinson will report what Military Guards have been relieved by his Constabulary in consequence of the issue of the Resolution of the Government of India, Military Department, 29th January 1861, No. 993; what Guards will be re-transferred to the Military according to the view taken by Government in the Order of the 7th instant, of the meaning of that Resolution; what, if any, Military Guards his Police will have to retain, or to take over under that Order,* and what, if any, additional expense will have to be incurred.

* *7th June* 1861, *No.* 1956.

3. He will however not take over any more Military Guards without express orders to that effect.

4. With respect to the Mint and Bank of Madras, the Government adhere to the opinion expressed in their Proceedings of 20th February and 6th April last, that, looking to the character of these buildings, their position, and the great amount of public property, or of property in which Government are largely interested, contained in them, the Resolution of the Government of India, 29th January, cannot be considered as applicable to them—that they must continue to be protected by a Military Guard, and that the Guard must be of the present strength.

5. It is remarked that the Military Guards have been relieved by the Constabulary at all Provincial Treasuries, save one or two, and that at these the relief will be effected immediately.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER, No. 2212, *27th June* 1861.

Ordered that a copy of G. O. by the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, No. 25, dated 13th March last be forwarded to the Government of India, to whom the foregoing Proceedings in the Financial Department, with the previous papers marginally noted, will also be communicated.

Finl. Proceedings 20*th February* 1861, *No.* 90.
Do. 6*th April* „ „ 180.

2. The correspondence submitted with the letters above recorded will be considered, on receipt of the general Report on the substitution of Police for Military Guards to be submitted by the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, pursuant to the orders noted in the margin.

22nd February 1861, *No.* 728.
31st May „ „ 1878.
7th June „ „ 1956.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 27th June 1861, No. 2213.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Financial Department. *With 3 spare Copies.*
„ Military Auditor General.
„ Brigade Major Fort Saint George.
„ Military Finance Department.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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No 367.

Coming the order passed
on certain correspondence
regarding the substitu-
tion of Police for Mili-
tary Guards —

No 359 — 12 July 1861

To be recorded

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