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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
5th August 1862.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 10. From Lieutenant Colonel C. A. ORR, Mint Master; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 24th June 1862, No. 45.

Paragraph 1. With reference to the Orders of Government, under date the 16th June 1862, No. 451, referring for my opinion the question of the retention of a Military Guard at the Mint, and directing me to report whether the Guard cannot be wholly taken by the ordinary Police, and, if not, what are the difficulties and risks which in my opinion preclude such a measure,

* Letter dated 23rd January 1861, No. 331.
Do. „ 3rd April „ „ 408.

I have the honor to inform you that the reasons which have led me to urge* upon Government the hazard of weakening the defensive means

of the Mint either by a reduction of the Military Guard now maintained, or by the substitution for it of a party of Civil Police, were briefly, that the Establishment is so located in the further corner of a densely populated Native city, and in a collection of irregularly constructed buildings which are surrounded by a weak wall only some twelve feet in height, having Native houses at some places in its immediate vicinity, as to be extremely insecure and difficult to watch or defend, and that, being thus easy of entrance, it offers facilities and temptations to plunder which might be taken advantage of by the many adventurous and lawless spirits that exist in this, as in every large town, but for the deterring effect of a show of Military Force.

2. My predecessors placed much reliance on the presence of the Military within the Mint during working hours, as a check upon the petty pilfering which it is so difficult to prevent, but not sharing their views in this, I believe that Police, if relieved sufficiently often to prevent the formation of connexions with the workmen that may lead to collusion, might quite efficiently perform the duties required of a Guard during the day, when, in peaceful times, danger from without need not be apprehended and Military aid would speedily be obtained if required. I am not prepared to say that beyond this it will be safe to dispense entirely with a Military Guard, but I think that perhaps the Military reductions which the Government desire to effect may be facilitated, so far as the Mint is concerned, by placing it under the protection of the Police, supported, during the night at least, by a small party of Troops. This, however, is a question which I conceive the head of the Department responsible for the peace and security of the city is more competent to judge of than I am, and I shall therefore be quite ready to modify my opinion if the Commissioner of Police will say that he can secure the safety of the Mint with the Constabulary Force alone.

3. It seems that the Calcutta Mint has been wholly transferred to the guardianship of the Police, and it must be admitted, I believe, that it possesses little or no advantage over this Mint in point of position, and perhaps not much as to strength.

Referred, with the Proceedings of 16th instant, No. 451, to the Commissioner of Police for his opinion.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th June 1862.

No. 11. From Major W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd July 1862, No. 85.

I have the honor to return the Mint Master's letter of the 24th June 1862, which was forwarded for my opinion on the 26th idem.

2. I concur with Colonel Orr, that it is by no means advisable to leave the Mint without the protection of the Military, but I believe that the present Guard might safely be reduced to one-half its present number, and that a detail of the strength noted in the margin would be quite sufficient.

1 Native Officer.
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3. The Police Force of this city is entirely a civil body, the members thereof are constantly on duty and have no relief, for which reason it would not be practicable to train them to

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the use of fire-arms under the present system, and a Military support at such a post as the Mint is therefore highly desirable.

4. Colonel Orr suggests that the Military should merely be present at night, but as I presume there would not be any corresponding reduction in the expense, there is nothing to be gained by dispensing with them during the day.

5. A party of Police will doubtless be required by Colonel Orr in addition to any Military Guard below the strength of the present one, but the number of such party will depend entirely on the strength of the said Guard, and on the manner in which it is proposed to employ it.

6. If the Military is to be merely looked upon as a support, their duties will probably be confined to furnishing a Sentry over the Arms, and to patrolling round the post at night in conformity with the practice of the Army; in which case a larger number of Police will be required to supply the necessary Sentries; but if the Mint is to be debited with the expense of a Military Guard, there does not seem to be any reason why that Guard should not furnish Sentries in proportion to its strength.

7. In making arrangements for the relief of Military by Constabulary in large towns, it is essential to take into consideration the extent to which the general efficiency of the ordinary Police will be effected by such reliefs.

8. There are at present 466 Preventive Police Peons in the City of Madras, of whom 333 are employed as Policemen, and the remaining 133 as Guards at the Penitentiary, Grand Jail, Lunatic Asylum and other posts.

9. One-third of each Guard is relieved monthly, and by taking one man at a time from a station, the working of the Police is not injuriously interfered with, but Officers in charge of such establishments as the Mint and Bank will not be satisfied with a relief on such a scale.

10. For example Colonel Orr informs me that he is of opinion that the Police at the Mint should be relieved weekly at least, but it is manifest that such a measure cannot be carried out without seriously impairing the efficiency of the Police, unless a sufficient number of men is raised to supply the relief as well as the Guard.

11. Every Constable should possess a thorough knowledge of his beat, and of all suspicious characters residing within its limits, but it is impossible he can attain, or preserve this knowledge if he is liable to be constantly removed from one station to another.

No. 12. Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 24th July 1862, No. 2,575.

Communicating for information copy of a letter from the Government of India, Military Department, stating that it would be neither wise nor economical to transfer to the Police the duties of providing Guards in Military Stations, &c., and requesting that this Government will cause a List to be forwarded to that Department of the Stations in which the Troops can afford to furnish the Cantonment Guards, &c.

(Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 24th July 1862, Nos. 382 and 383.)

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1862, No. 574.

The letters above recorded will be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and with reference to the opinion expressed by the Government of India as to the inexpediency of transferring to the Police the duties of providing Guards in Military Stations, &c., where the Troops are able to take them, His Excellency will be requested to state whether the retention of the present Military Guard at the Mint is inexpedient on Military grounds.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 45.
Fort St. George,
Mint, 24th June 1862.

From
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Mint Master

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Act^y Chief Secretary
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Your most obedient Servt.

Wm. A. Br.
Mint Master

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Madras Police Commissioner's
Office, 23rd July, 1862.

From

Major M. J. Wilson
Commissioner of Police

To

A. J. Arbuthnot Esq^r
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J. M. S. O. N.

Commissioner of Police

Order thereon 5th of August 1862 N^o 574

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7th April 1862

Dear
 Major W. Pitt Rivers
 Cambridge
 Dear Sir
 I have the pleasure to
 inform you that
 the book is now
 in the hands of the
 printer and will
 be ready in a few
 days. I am, Sir,
 very respectfully,
 Yours,
 W. Pitt Rivers

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No. 608

Reports on the nature of
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on military grounds.

C. R.

To

The Military Department, Recd 5th

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 5th August 1862.

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