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No. 7. Read the following letter from the Inspe[illegible]eneral of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated [illegible]th May 1867, No. 778.

General Department.

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From Captain T. E. TENNANT, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Range, to the Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Vellore, 6th March 1867.

I venture to request you will bring to the notice of Government the hardship occasioned to Police Officers by the withdrawal of the issue of privilege remittance receipts.

2. An Officer holding the appointment of Deputy Inspector General, in charge of several Districts, must be constantly moving about his Range; whilst his wife and family remain at his fixed head quarters.

By existing rules an Officer is compelled to draw his whole salary, at one time, from the Treasury of the District in which he may happen to be travelling; that portion of his pay required by his family has hitherto been remitted by a transfer receipt.

3. By the withdrawal of this privilege I am compelled to transmit money by the very riskful medium of Currency Notes, or pay one per cent. for a Post Office order, or have recourse to dealings with Native Soucars and Bankers, a position in which, I respectfully submit, no Police Officer should be placed in.

4. I therefore venture to urge that the subject may be brought to notice, on behalf of a class of Officers on whom this late order presses with unusual hardship, and to request that the privilege of remittances allowed to our brother Officers in the Military Department may be acceded to Officers in the Police.

No. 8. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 5th June 1867, No. 240.

I am directed to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, the annexed copy of a letter from the Inspector General of Police, bringing to notice the hardship entailed on certain Officers of the Police Force by the recent withdrawal of the privilege of remitting a portion of their salaries by transfer receipts free of charge.

2. The Governor in Council would strongly recommend that the former practice under which public Officers were entitled to remit any portion of their salaries by privilege remittances without payment of a premium should be reverted to, and in connection with this subject, I am directed to request the attention of the Government of India to my letter of the 15th July 1862, in which it was pointed out that the arrangement which had then been in force in this Presidency for many years had been "sanctioned so far back as 1827 under the Government of Sir T. Munro, with the object of depriving Covenanted Civil Servants of any excuse for dealing with Native merchants living under their authority and having recourse to them for the purchase of Bills of Exchange;" that "such dealings were prohibited in a Circular issued in the beginning of that year;" that "in the opinion of this Government it was very desirable that the prohibition should be maintained," but that "if the rule (then recently) prescribed by the Board of Audit was to be enforced, it would be impossible to prohibit public Officers from adopting any other mode they might prefer of effecting their remittances."

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5. The Governor in Cou[illegible]t think that either of these circumstances constitute a valid ground for abolishing the practice which until lately has obtained. The remittance of considerable sums of money by means of Currency Notes through the Post Office is attended with considerable risk, and the purchase of Money Orders entails the payment of a premium which in many cases must constitute a not inconsiderable addition to the taxes, whether Imperial or Municipal, which most public Officers now have to pay. On the other hand, it may often happen that the purchase of bills in the local market may be effected at a profit, and it will be very difficult to convince public Officers that the prohibition against resorting to Native merchants and traders for the purchase of bills can be reasonably enforced, while the only other modes of remittance available to them are attended either with actual loss in the payment of premium, or with the risk of loss in the case of Currency Notes.

6. Under all the circumstances, the Governor in Council thinks it very desirable that the privilege hitherto granted to public Officers in this Presidency, of remitting portions of their salary free of charge, should be restored to them.

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

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Financial Department.

No. 205.

Inspector General of Police

Dated 9th May ——— 1867.

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Enclosure

In a letter from the Inspector General of Police Madras dated 9th May 1867 No. 778

From

The Dy Insp.r General of Police Central Range

To

The Inspector General of Police

Regarding the inconvenience occasioned to Police officers by the withdrawal of the issue of privilege remittance receipts

Pros. 5th June 1867

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Financial
Judicial Department.

No. 240-

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Fort St George
5th June 1804

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Dated 6th June 1867.

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Chief Office of the Inspr. Genl. of Police
Madras 9th May 1867.

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Your most obedt Servant

for Inspector General of Police.

Lt Prov. Sec.

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To The Chief Secy to Go
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Enclosure one.

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Respectfully

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Is it worth while writing to P
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Draft of letter to be written to P
Inspr of Police, Prov. Govt, enclosing
Inspr General's letter of 9th inst. and
23rd May.