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No. 3. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd February 1857, No. 6.

SIR,

I have the honor, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 9th August last, No. 842, to submit for the information of Government, the accompanying copy of a Report on the Police administration of the Poonganoor Zemindary, received from my Acting Additional Joint Magistrate, under whose charge that Territory has been placed ever since its transfer to this District, and I would beg to support the recommendation of Mr. Banbury, that Government would be pleased to continue to the Zemindar, the Police administration, which he has shewn himself so capable of efficiently conducting.

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
*Magistrate.*

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From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Additional Joint Magistrate of North Arcot; to C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 23d January 1857.

SIR,

Para: 1. Agreeably to the request contained in your letter of the 9th September last, I have the honor to bring to your notice my opinion, regarding the present management of the Police in the Poonganoor Zemindary, which has been under my charge during the 6 months since the Zemindary was transferred to North Arcot.

2. I am enabled to make a very favorable report of the manner in which the Raujah has exercised the authority he now holds, and in fact his Police management of the large Territory entrusted to him, when contrasted with that of the Police of the other portion of my Magisterial charge, viz., 10 Talooks and 3 Sub Divisions under the superintendence of our own Heads of Police and Ameens, tells much in the Raujah's favor; the commission of heinous offences has been less in his Territories, considering the extent they occupy, than in any of the other portions of my charge, whilst the apprehensions and subsequent convictions have been in comparison more numerous.

3. It may be urged that all the serious offences against property have not been brought to notice, but this argument tells equally, if not with greater force, with regard to the Talooks and Peshcaries, with which Poonganoor is compared, as the present Zemindar's paternal uncle is at open dissension with him, and loses no opportunity of endeavouring to bring him into disrepute; it is not therefore probable that he would allow the Zemindar to escape the consequences of not bringing to notice in due form, cases of highway robbery and other crimes, which happened in his territory; no complaints of this kind have however been lodged in my Office.

4. There have been four cases of Highway robbery during the abovementioned period, one of which was committed to the Court, and the offenders punished. There was only one case of Gang robbery attended with murder; on this charge 21 persons were apprehended, 13 of whom have been released, and the remaining 8 have been convicted by the Sessions Judge, and recommendation forwarded to the Foujdary Udalut for their transportation for life.

5. I would recommend that should such be the pleasure of Government, the present arrangement be permitted to continue as long as there is good reason for believing as at present, that the Raujah is really desirous of exerting himself to the utmost, and does not abuse the authority entrusted to him. It seems but natural to expect that the Raujah deriving as he does his Revenues, and position from the Ryots of his Zemindary, should have their welfare, and prosperity more at heart than any paid Officers that might be nominated by Government to transact the Police duties of that Territory.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
*Acting Additional Joint Magistrate.*

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
*Magistrate.*

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 206; dated 18th February 1857.

As the Acting Additional Joint Magistrate of North Arcot reports very favorably of the Police administration of the Poligar of Poonganoor, and as the Magistrate supports that Officer's recommendation that the Poligar should be allowed to retain the management of the Police of his Pollum, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will allow the present arrangements to continue so long as there is good reason to believe that the Poligar really exerts himself in the preservation of the peace and detection of crime, and does not abuse the authority entrusted to him.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 18th February 1857.

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J.P.

Copy to the Magt. of N. Arcot. Dispd. 20th

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