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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 29th October 1858.

No. 41. Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Madura; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Kodakanel, 13th September 1858, No. 243.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government, No. 900, dated the 3rd July 1858, I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the number of cases of gang and highway robbery committed and attempted during the first half year of 1858, compared with the first and second half years of 1857.

2. The increase therein exhibited, I attribute mainly to the adverse season, and the notorious inefficiency of the Police. The force of Peons is quite inadequate, and the Heads of Police and Police Ameens, (many of whom are inactive and careless) invariably avail themselves of this plea in defence of their own supineness.

3. The town Police Ameen of Madura, has the Police charge of 80 villages within 6 miles of the town, containing a population of 90,302 souls. For this office, the establishment noted in the margin was sanctioned, under the Extract Minutes Consultation of Government, dated 28th April 1849, No. 428, by abolishing certain Sibundies in the Hoozoor and Talooks; and to it were added, the Cutwal and 20 Peons entertained under the authority of Government, dated the 19th December 1828 for the Police of the town of Madura, and likewise 17 Peons from the establishment of the Madacolum Talook. Thus the Sibbundy under the town Police Ameen consist of

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Police Ameen..	35	0	0
1 Roysum..	7	0	0
1 Duffadar	5	4	0
1 Mussalchee	1	12	0
	49	0	0
1 Cutwal...	21	0	0
20 Peons at 4 Rupees and 6 Annas each..	87	8	0
	108	8	0
Total..	157	8	0

1 Roysum,
1 Cutwal,
1 Duffadar and
37 Peons.

Of these Peons, 27 are stationed at the mettoos, so that only 10 are in attendance in the office, and at the immediate disposal of the Ameen. This deficiency of Peons renders necessary the occasional employment of an extra Police force, under the sanction of Government. To render the Police of this town efficient, I would recommend the appointment of 10 more Peons at an additional cost of Rupees 43-12 per mensem.

4. The Talook of Nellacottah, in Dindigul, comprises an area of 485 square miles and a population of 1,12,567 souls. The present establishment of the Talook is

	Rs.	A.	P.
2 Ausamies at 4 Rs. each.....	8	0	0
30 Peons at 4 Rs. and 6 As. each...	131	4	0
	139	4	0

This establishment has been found too small to meet the requirements of the Talook.

5. The Zemindary of Cunnemady, situated in the Talook, was surrendered to its proprietor in November 1843. In consequence of the establishment after the disconnection of the Estate being then found inadequate, the Government under date the 13th January 1847, allowed an addition to it; which, with the former reduced establishment, amounts to the strength noted in the margin. Experience has shewn that this establishment, is too weak to discharge the duties of the Talook efficiently, and I would therefore recommend the following addition

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Ausamy...	4	0	0
10 Peons at 4 Rs. 6 As. each...	43	12	0
	47	12	0
2 Ausamies at 5 Rs. each..	8	0	0
30 Peons at 4 Rs. 6 As. each.. ..	131	4	0
	139	4	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Roysum...	10	8	0
1 Duffadar.	7	0	0
10 Peons at 4 Rs. and 6 As. each ...	43	12	0
	61	4	0

This added to Rupees 139-4 the cost of the present establishment, makes the total expense of the Sibbundy under the Head of Police, Rupees 200-8; which is but raising the establishment to what it was before the abolition of the Zemindary, as appears from Statement No. 1 forwarded to the Board of Revenue with the late Principal Collector Mr. Blackburne's letter of the 15th August 1846.

6. The Zemindary of Ramnad comprises 17 Talooks and 2,500 square miles with a population of 3,70,369 souls. The Police thereof is now apportioned between three divisions, viz., Vadakoovuttagay or northern division, Cusbah Ramnad and Camoody, with the exception of that of 2 Talooks transferred to the nearest Ameens of the Shevagungah Zemindary.

7. The Vadakoovuttagay division is formed of 6 Talooks with a population of 72,302. The establishment sanctioned under the Extract Minutes Consultation of the 24th April 1852, consists of

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Police Ameen	35	0	0
1 Roysum...	10	0	0
2 Ausamies at 5 Rs. each...	10	0	0
1 Duffadar...	6	0	0
53 Peons at 4 Rs. each...	212	0	0
Sweeper and Mussalchee...	3	0	0
	276	0	0

Of these Peons, 20 were allowed to the Cusbah Ramnad division, as no establishment of the kind was sanctioned for it.

1. The Ramnad division consists of 4 Talooks with a population of 1,05,079 souls, and the Police authority thereof is vested in the Salt Amildar, in addition to the controul of the 17

Salt-pans and 3 Sea Customs, having a population of 22,046 souls. For the charge of the Police of 4 Talooks, 20 Peons on 4 Rupees each were allowed out of the establishment sanctioned for the northern division. I would recommend the sanction of a Duffadar on 6 Rupees per mensem for this Officer, such a servant being very necessary.

9. The Camoody division (equally extensive) consists of 5 Talooks with a population of 1,59,567 souls. The Police establishment thereof is as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Police Ameen.....	35	0	0
1 Roysum.....	10	0	0
2 Ausamies at 5 Rs. each.....	10	0	0
1 Duffadar.....	6	0	0
33 Peons at 4 Rs. each.....	132	0	0
Mussalchee and Sweeper.....	4	0	0
	197	0	0

10. The people in this division are very daring and desperate characters and fraternize with similarly disposed persons of the Tinnevelly District. Most of the crimes enumerated in the Memo. appended to Mr. Cotton's letter* of the 22nd June 1858, have been perpetrated in this division. This and the Ramnad division being contiguous to each other, coupled with the peculiar disposition of the people (see para. 4 of Mr. Cotton's letter in question) has been the cause of increase in every half year in the cases of gang and highway robbery, reported to have been committed and attempted, as will be seen from the table given below.

*See Extract Minutes Consultation, 3rd July 1858.

Division.	January to June 1857.		July to December 1857.		January to June 1858.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Ramnad	4	130	3	98	11	583
Camoody.....	2	45	23	590	25	1070

11. The present establishment of these divisions is unequal to the conservancy of the peace and prompt apprehension of criminals.

12. During the scarcity in last year their inefficiency was so manifest, that the Government under date the 8th September 1857, authorized the employment of a force, as per margin, for these divisions and the Shevagungah Zemindary. This force was employed for the period of three months and its further continuance has been sanctioned under the Extract Minutes *No. 61. Consultation of Govt. of the 13th† No. 397. January and 25th March† 1858, with an additional force of 8 Duffadars and 48 Peons on 216 Rupees per mensem.

	Rs.	A.	P.
4 Duffadars at 6 Rs. each.....	24	0	0
40 Peons at 3½ Rs. each.....	140	0	0
	164	0	0

	Rs.	A.	P.
8 Duffadars at 6 Rs. each.....	48	0	0
48 Peons at 3½ Rs. each.....	168	0	0
	216	0	0

13. It may not be out of place to state here, that a small force consisting of 1 Duffadar, 10 Peons and 4 Resalah Sepoys (civil armed Peons) were deputed from the Hoozoor to the assistance of the extra force; who succeeded in allaying the panic that then prevailed. Under these circumstances, I would recommend the following arrangement.

14. The Zemindary of Ramnad now forming three, should be made into four divisions, as particularized below, without interfering with their respective establishments now existing.

**Vadakoovuttagay.*
Oroor.
Cottapatnum.
Goothogaynaud.
Anoomundagoody.
Arnoothmungalem.
Rasingamungalem.

*Vadakoovuttagay or northern division to form 6 Talooks.

Ramnad.
Cusbah Ramnad.
Keelakaud.
Salegramum.

Ramnad division 3 Talooks.

Camoody.
Camoody.
Pullemadum.
Aberamum.
Vendony.

Camoody division 4 Talooks.

Moodookolatoor.
Moodookalotoor.
Papanadlum.
Kamencottah
Sickel.

15. The fourth division to be formed, to consist of 4 Talooks, the chief station thereof being Moodookolatoor with the undermentioned establishment.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	Police Ameen	35	0	0
1	Roysum	10	0	0
2	Ausamies at 5 Rs. each	10	0	0
1	Duffadar	6	0	0
40	Peons at 4 Rs. each	160	0	0
1	Mussalchee	2	8	0
1	Sweeper	0	8	0
	Total...	224	0	0

16. I also beg to recommend sanction for 14 Peons (at 4 Rupees each) on 56 Rupees per mensem for the Camoody and Vadakoovuttagay divisions, the full complement of 40 Peons being very necessary for each of these divisions. Thus the total cost of the Police of the entire Zemindary would be Rupees 560 for 140 Peons.

17. The Zemindary of Shevagungah comprising an area of 1,694½ square miles consists of 8 Talooks with a population of 3,19,658 souls.

18. Under the Extract Minutes Consultation of Government, dated the 13th January 1854, the Police of the whole Zemindary was vested in the 8 Revenue Ameens, the Estate being under the management of the Court of Wards with the establishment given below :

	Rs.	A.	P.
8 Roysums at 8 Rs. each	64	0	0
60 Peons	220	0	0
	284	0	0

19. This number of Peons has also been found unequal to the preservation of the peace. A portion of the extra Police authorized under the Extract Minutes of Consultation of Government of the 8th September 1857, 13th January and 25th March 1858, was for restoring peace to a part of this Zemindary during the prevalence of scarcity in the last and present years. To render the Police efficient, I would advocate the necessity of an additional establishment as follows :

	Rs.	A.	P.
8 Duffadars at 6 Rs. each	48	0	0
60 Peons at 4 do.	240	0	0
	288	0	0

which would make the total expense of the Police of the Shevagungah Zemindary Rupees 572.

20. I am further of opinion, that the location in this District of a body resembling the Kurnool Horse, will do more than any thing else to check the crime of gang robbery, provided the local authorities are supported in their endeavours to get rid of inefficient Police Officers.

21. The establishment now recommended being very necessary for the efficiency of the Police of the District at large. I submit a tabular application in the prescribed form, which if approved of, can be forwarded afterwards to the Board of Revenue.

Statement shewing the number of cases of Gang and Highway Robbery, committed and attempted in the District of Madura from January to June 1858.

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C. 6 July 1868. No 17018.

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No 1698.

2 Encls.

Submitting a Statement showing the Number of Cases of Gang & Highway Robbery and Attempted Robbery in the first half year of 1868 compared with the first six months half years of 1867. together with a Petition & Petition praying for an increase to the Police Establishment of the Districts in the Peramb. Mir. Cir. of Gunes & Batticaloa dated 6th Sept 1868.

With an order

Rec'd 13 Sept 1868

Read 23 " "

No 223.

Chief Commissioner of Police

Returns to be furnished by 1st October 1868.

Copy to Chief Commissioner of Police with Police Circular dated 27th August 1868.

41 & 42.

C 27 Sep
R. 6 Oct. — 41 & 42