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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12*th March* 1858.

No. 100. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Magistrate of South Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tiroonamalay, 8th March 1858, No. 10.

SIR,

Owing to the absence of efficient means of securing criminals when apprehended in large numbers, the efforts of the Police of this District are constantly defeated by the escape from custody of some two or three of a gang of robbers often, before they reach the Talook Cutcherry and sometimes, after committal and while on their way to the Criminal Court.

2. Having recently called for a return of hand-cuffs in use in the several Talooks, I find the number (as detailed below) to be totally inadequate for the wants of each Police Officer, and a case has just been reported to me in which several men out of a gang of upwards of 30 have managed to effect their escape, solely in consequence of the inability of the Peons who are unprovided with a sufficiency of hand-cuffs to cope with and secure so large a number of offenders.

3. I am induced therefore to submit for the sanction of Government a special application by Indent in the prescribed form for an additional supply of these useful instruments, not greater than I believe to be absolutely required by the exigencies of the Police Department. I have provided for an average of 12 pair of hand-cuffs to each Head Officer of Police and of 5 to each Sub-Officer. Some however will require more, and some less than this number. A statement is given in the margin, the figures in black ink show the number at present with each Officer, and those in red ink the number that will be required to make up the complement above stated. The additional number required is 110, and the estimated cost of a pair of iron hand-cuffs being about 3 Rupees, the entire expense will probably amount to 327 Rupees; a sum far beyond the limit which, by Circular from Civil Auditor of 9th February last, the controlling authorities are competent to sanction.

No. of hand-cuffs at present in use with.			Additional number of hand-cuffs recommended.	
Talooks.	Head Police Officer	Sub Police Officer	Head Police Officer.	Sub-Police Officer.
Cheitpet	5	2	7	3
Tindevanum	4	0	8	0
Tirunamalay	7	3	5	2
Villapoorum	7	1	5	4
Tirukkalur	4	2	8	3
Tiruvadi	5	0	7	0
Gudalur	5	2	7	8
Chitamburum	8	0	4	0
Manargadi	2	3	10	2
Kullakurchi	7	0	5	0
Yellavanasur	7	0	5	0
Virdachellum	6	2	6	3
Bhonaghiri	5	2	7	3
Mukanum	0	2	0	3
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4. The iron hand-cuffs now in use in the District were made at Cuddalore, but those employed by the Commissioner of Police at Madras are of a superior description and it is possible that a certain number may be at once available, so emergent however do I consider the necessity for an additional supply of the articles in question that I beg to recommend that a moiety may be supplied from Madras and a moiety manufactured in this District as early as possible.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, No. 339; dated 12th March 1858.

Government sanction the Indent submitted with the foregoing letter for 110 iron hand-cuffs for the use of the Police of the South Arcot District.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT.
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Government sanction the Indent submitted with the foregoing letter for 110 Iron Handcuffs for the use of the Police of the South Arcot District

Fort St George,
12th March, 1858.

To the Secy Board of Revenue
Copy & A.G. Superintendt of Police South Arcot with an Indent
" to the Civil Auditor
" — Accountant General

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Mark Acock
Police Office
Swansea
8th March 1858.

Sworn before me
by
John Mordecai Lee
Edwin Jones
Acting Magistrate