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## *Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 30th March* 1858.

No. 21. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 24th February 1858, No. 331.

SIR,

Home Department. With reference to the accompanying Extract, paragraph 13, of a Despatch in the Legislative Department, No. 1 of 1858, dated the 6th January, from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, I am directed to request that at the close of the current official year, you will, with the permission of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, be so good as to furnish the report required by the Hon'ble Court, on the operation of the Police Act No. XIII of 1856 in Madras.

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Extract from a Despatch from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, in the Legislative Department, No. 1, under date the 6th January 1858.

*Letter dated 27th April,* (*No.* 37) 1857.

Paragraph 13.—This important Act provides for the re-organization of the Police of the places mentioned in the title as quoted in the margin. The administration of the Police in each of those places is to be vested in a Commissioner of Police under whom are to be Deputies in such numbers as the local Governments may consider necessary. The Police Force is to be constituted in such manner as shall be from time to time ordered by the local Government with the sanction of the Governor General of India in Council, and is to be under the exclusive direction of the Commissioner. The numbers of the Force are to be appointed by the Commissioner with whom also is to rest the power of suspending or dismissing any Police Officer, whom he shall think remiss or negligent in the discharge of his duty or otherwise unfit for the same with the further power of fining where he may consider such a mode of punishment more appropriate to the case. Provision is then made in regard to the powers and duties of the Police and to the penalties to which they are liable on conviction of certain offences. Sections XVII, XVIII and XIX of the Act contains rules for the formation and application of a "Police Superannuation Fund." The Town or Settlement as the case may be, may be divided into Police Districts. Magistrates are to be appointed by the local Government and Criminal processes are to be served exclusively by Officers of the Police Force. Sections XXVI to LXXXIX inclusive, contain generally the substantive Criminal Law to be administered by the Magistrates under the Act and from Section XC to Section CXII both inclusive, is comprised the Law of Procedure. The Act then closes with a few provisions in regard to the mode of dealing with intestate property under the value of Rupees 200, also with stray animals and Foreign Deserters. Great pains and labour have been bestowed by the Legislative Council upon the preparation of this Act, and we desire that when it has had a sufficient trial, we may be informed how far its operation has proved successful.

Act XIII of 1856, for regulating the Police of the towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and the several Stations of the Settlements of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca, 13th June 1856.

Sections III, IV.

Section VII.

Section VIII.

Section X.

Section XI.

Sections XVII, XVIII, XIX.

Sections XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV.

Sections CXIII, CXIV.

Sections CXV, CXVI.

Section CXVII.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
*Under Secretary to the Government of India.*

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No. 22. ORDER THEREON, No. 401; dated 25th March 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commissioner and Magistrates of Police of Madras, who will report, at the close of the current official year, on the operation of the Police Act, No. XIII of 1856.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
*Acting Secretary to Govt.*

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 401

Ordered to be communicated to the Commissioners and Magistrates of Police of Madras, who will report, at the close of the current official year, on the Operation of the Police Act, No XIII of 1856.

Fort St George
25th March 1858

Copy to Comrs of Police
" Magistrate of 1st Divn
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