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No. 5. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Magistrate of South Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddalore, 6th May 1858, No. 19.

SIR,

On assuming charge of this district in October last, the great prevalence of gang and highway robbery forced itself upon my notice, I observed, when preparing the returns for the quarter which had then just expired, a considerable increase of crime as compared with the previous quarter, and with the corresponding period of the preceding year. The chief causes for this increase undoubtedly were a bad season, and the stoppage of public works, but a third cause for this unfavorable state of things seemed to be the discontinuance at the beginning of 1857, of a special force consisting of 3 Duffadars and 36 Peons entertained under sanction of Government

	Rs.	Rs.
3 Duffadars at	14	42
36 Peons at	5	180
		<u>222</u>

in 1856, and which had proved decidedly beneficial for the prevention of violent crimes. The two first causes, it was evident, would be aggravated in degree, as the season advanced, it remained therefore to consider how the last could be removed, either by the augmentation of

the present Police Force, or by the better disposition of the means at our disposal.

2. Having ascertained from the Subordinate Magistrates of the district what measures were already in force for the repression of crime in their respective divisions, it appeared to me that existing arrangements might be improved and a uniform system of Police Thanahs, inspection, and patrol organized with the materials at hand, which, in co-operation with the village Police, would be found more effective both for the prevention and detection of crime. With this view arrangements were at once set on foot and with the energetic assistance of the Joint and Head Assistant Magistrates, I was able to bring the new system into operation, throughout a great part of the district, before the close of the year.

3. The plan which has now been introduced will be best understood by a reference to the brief rules and directions, copies of which accompany this letter. These have been printed in the Native language and furnished for the guidance of all the officers concerned. The system is not yet quite complete, but it has been established in those talooks where efficient Police arrangements are most required, and so far as it has gone, it has been found to work well. It will be gradually extended throughout the whole district.

4. I do not address the Government on the present occasion with the view of reporting the result of these measures. A sufficient time has not yet elapsed to enable me to judge of their effect. For although I can point to a decrease of violent crimes both in the last quarter of the past year, and in the first quarter of the present year. I cannot attribute this decrease entirely to the arrangements so recently completed. Reports from my European subordinates who have visited and inspected the localities where the system is in force, as well as my own observation of its working, lead me indeed to believe that it will in time have the desired effect, and that the change has already imparted some degree of confidence to the people, and infused activity and encouragement among the various agents of Police.

5. The object of my present letter is however to obtain a higher rate of pay for a number of the Naiks and peons who are exclusively employed upon patrol and inspection duty. Being aware that a general reform of the Mofussil Police was in contemplation, I was desirous to work in the first instance with the means immediately at hand, and to adopt only such arrangements as might eventually fall into the general plan. The relief of 40 peons by the employment of runners for the talook tappal was a great assistance. I was enabled at once to have this number drilled at the Hoozoor in the use of fire Arms; and to supply their places from the several talooks as they were drafted for Police duty. My Deloyets have all been put through the same exercise, and 8 of them are now detached to the several roads and talooks as Patrol Naiks. The duty which these men as well as the patrol peons under their orders, have now to perform is of an arduous character, and it is desirable that their remuneration should be commensurate to their work. By establishing different grades and paying them in proportion to their rank, an incentive will be given to activity and good conduct, promotion will be eagerly sought and the force may be expected to improve inefficiency and usefulness. A similar school of drill has now

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been established by the Joint Magistrate, and many of his Deloyets are employed upon Patrol duty. By means of these Thanahs and Patrols, I have likewise organized a system of escort, on the main roads, for Koravurs and wandering tribes, as suggested in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 3rd February 1858, No. 168.

6. What I would propose therefore for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is, to raise the pay of a certain number of the Deloyets and peons employed as above described, until the present force is absorbed under the general arrangements which may hereafter be made for the Mofussil Police. My proposition involves an additional monthly expenditure of 125 Rupees, as shown below.

	No.	Present pay.	Proposed pay.	Increase.
Deloyets or Patrol Naicks.....	15	at 7 Rs. 105	at 10 150	45
Patrol Peons.....	40	at 5 200	at 7 280	80
				125

The pay of the Deloyets will be raised from 7 to 10 Rupees and the pay of the Police Peons from 5 to 7. If the Deloyets should continue hereafter to be attached to the Police force, their number, which could not be permanently dispensed with by the Collector, without inconvenience, can be made up by substitutes.

7. If my proposition is found to be consistent with future arrangements, I beg that the increase solicited may take place from the 1st May. The Government will observe that the cost of the additional force sanctioned in 1856 was 222 Rupees, being nearly one hundred Rupees more than the sum now applied for.

Directions to Patrols established in the Talooks and on the high roads of the District of South Arcot.

1. The whole of the Thanahs and Patrols on the roads of the District, as well as those attached to all Thanahs in the several Talooks, are under the control of the Patrol Naicks respectively; as detailed in the margin.

2. The Patrol Peons will move from one end of their beat to the other: under the orders of the Naicks, and in their respective limits, as defined in the margin.

3. The Naicks must patrol the entire length of road, and visit all the Thanahs as stated respectively in the margin to paras. 1 and 2; and will see that the Patrols and Thanah Peons are doing their duty.

4. The Naick must, at least once a month, go twice over the entire length of road; but as this allows of frequent halts, he should rest for two or three days at a time at the different thanahs, see that the Magistrate's orders are being properly carried out, make himself acquainted with the neighbouring villages, gain information regarding thieves, vagrants, and suspicious characters, and afford every assistance to unprotected travellers. He should report immediately to the head Police officer as well as to the Magistrate, when he finds anything wrong, or makes an important discovery or seizure.

5. The Naick is always to take with him the two Patrolling Peons, or a Thanadar, within their several beats; and thus a small armed force will always be patrolling some portion of the road.

6. Neither the Patrols nor Thanah Peons are to be taken beyond their several beats. The beat may include adjacent villages, as well as that portion of the high road within each prescribed limit.

7. One Peon, besides a Taliary, will always be on duty, day and night, at the Thanah.

8. Every Peon must be armed, and the Patrols are to see that their fire arms and ammunition are in a fit state for instant use.

9. The Patrolling Peons are always to patrol in pairs, within their several ranges.

10. The orders in para. 3, apply to the patrols, who must go, at least once a fortnight, twice over the length of their beat.

11. When a robbery occurs within the range of any Thanah, information is at once to be sent to the nearest Patrol, who will proceed to the spot, and with the assistance of the neighbouring Thanahs and Village Police, make every exertion to apprehend the offenders.

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12. Information of the robbery, and as near as can be obtained, a description of the thieves must be at once sent to the different thanahs up and down the road. This may be done by the Moonsiff of the village, who reporting to the head Police officer, can also send a Taliary, Joty, or other Village servant, to give information to the nearest thanah, and so on to the next.

13. The Naick will furnish the Subordinate Magistrate within whose charge he is employed, with a report by tappal once in 8 days.

14. The establishment of these Thanahs and Patrols does not relieve the Tahsildar and head Police officer, of responsibility for the peace of his talook: but they will be the means of assisting his efforts for the detection and repression of violent crimes. All independent Police officers will satisfy themselves, that Patrol Naicks, Peons and Thanahs within their respective limits, are doing their duty, will avail themselves of their services for Police purposes when any emergency occurs, being careful at the same time not to interfere with the strength or efficiency of the force.

(Signed) G. N. TAYLOR,
Acting Magistrate.

RULES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THANAHS AND GUIDANCE OF THANAH PEONS, &c.

1.—The Police Peons employed in the Hoozoor and on Thanah duty in the Town and suburbs of Cuddalore will wear one uniform belt, and a badge over which, with regard to the latter only, i. e. those employed in the Town or Thanah duty, will be attached a number in a conspicuous form. They are expected to be well dressed in Ungarka and Kamurbund, and never to be without the above when on duty. All Police Peons throughout the District shall be numbered.

2.—The Paid Taliaries employed on Thanah duty will also wear a short Jacket (Mireja) of colored stuff which is cheap, and round the arm they will wear a badge with a number upon it.

3.—The badges will be supplied by the Cirkar, the belt, &c., by the Peons and Taliaries. It should be of light colored strong leather which can be cleaned with pipe clay.

4.—Though the Peons fixed for each Thanah are to be present *the re* in turn, they will patrol as heretofore within their respective ranges; one person should be always present: two patrolling or employed on some other duty properly belonging to Thanah peons, and never more than one absent at one time for meals, &c.

5.—The time allowed for the absence of each Peon is 3 hours out of the 12 by night or day, and this period should never be exceeded. Each man will thus be off duty entirely during 6 hours out of the 24.

6.—These Peons and Taliaries will not on any account be detached on other duty unconnected with the protection of the part of the town, suburb, or village, which composes their beat. They will be supplied with Arms of the description hereafter determined. These will differ according to the localities. They will be occasionally changed from one Thanah to another, and will be called in turn to the Hoozoor to be drilled in the use of the musket and sword, their places being temporarily filled by Hoozoor Peons.

7.—Detailed arrangements for guard and patrol will be made by the Police officer and reported for the approval of the Magistrate.

8.—The duty of the Thanah Peons and Taliaries is not confined to being simply present at the Thanah. They are placed there for the safety and protection of the public, and are liable to be called to the assistance of any party who may require their aid in apprehending thieves, bad characters, or for other purposes. It is intended that they should prevent brawls, detect thieves, bring to notice all cases of trespass, unlawful assemblies; to remove, and prevent the commission of, nuisances; to seize stray Cattle; to be always at hand to prevent breaches of the peace; and by their general activity, trustworthiness and good conduct to gain the confidence of the public as well as the good opinion of their employers.

9.—Complaints of inefficiency, neglect, absence when required to be at their post; of discourtesy or abuse of authority on the part of Tanah peons, whenever made by private individuals

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or brought to the notice of the Magistrate by their immediate superiors, will receive strict attention and the offenders will be severely dealt with.

10.—Those Peons and Taliaries who show particular energy and activity in their duties should be favorably reported to the Magistrate, and on his recommendation they will be enrolled as first for promotion. The paid Taliaries should always look forward to becoming Police Peons.

11.—The Police Ameen and Cutwalls will be held responsible for any negligence or improper behaviour on the part of the peons under their orders, unless they bring the same at once to the notice of the European officer. They are required strictly to supervise the conduct of their subordinates.

12.—The following Police Thanahs are established in.

(Signed) G. N. TAYLOR,
Acting Magistrate.

Cuddalore, 11th January 1858.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 683; dated 26th May 1858.

The Government are much pleased with the attention paid by the Acting Magistrate of South Arcot to the better ordering of the Police of his District; and authorize, as a temporary measure, the increase of the wages of the 15 Deloyets and 40 Peons employed in patrolling from Rupees 7 to Rupees 10 and Rupees 5 to Rupees 7 per mensem each respectively, as recommended by him.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

The Government are much pleased with the attention paid by the Acting Magistrate of South Arcot to the better ordering of the Police of his District, but pending the arrangements for the improvement of the Police generally, which will now be entered on at an early date, they are not prepared to raise the pay of the patrolling men mentioned in Mr Taylor's letter.

In reply to Cons. 1st June 1858
Judicial. 10th. Sept
From
The Acting Magistrate
South Arcot
To the Chief Secretary
Government
Fort St. George
Dated 6th May 1858
Received 11th May 1858
Enclosure No 1
Sanctioning sanction
to raise the pay of
certain peons & Pons
who are exclusively
employed upon patrol
& inspection duty.

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7th Sept 1858
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15 May 1858

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 26 May 1858.

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(Here enters 6th May 1858)

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Dated 25th May 1858.

For Council

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