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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 13th July 1858.

No. 47. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel H. COLBECK, Senior Magistrate of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd June 1858, No. 15.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will be kind enough to bring to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that on the separation of the Police and Magisterial Departments, Mr. Lafond stood appointed to this office on a salary of 200 Rupees a month, as sanctioned by the Supreme Government. (Extract from sanctioned establishment accompanying.)

2. From Mr. Lafond's long acquaintance with the working and system of Police as pursued under Mr. Elliot, Colonel Boulderson urgently requested that I would permit his services to be transferred to the Commissioner's Department, proposing to give me a clever and efficient Clerk in exchange. Mr. Lafond also begged me to consent and as I was unwilling to be in any way a barrier to his promotion, I acceded to the arrangement. But notwithstanding repeated promises on the part of Colonel Boulderson, up to this day, I have never received the Clerk I am entitled to.

3. I have been unwilling to embarrass the Government on this subject; but as Mr. Lafond is now nominated a Deputy Commissioner of Police, I deem it a fitting time respectfully to request his vacated appointment may revert to my office.

4. When I ceded Mr. Lafond's appointment, several on my establishment came to me pointing out that by the arrangement I was making, the best paid subordinate situation in my office would be lost and that it was very disheartening having no increased salary to look forward to in this department, whereas in the Commissioner's there were very many and well paid situations.

5. I cannot but point out to His Lordship in Council that the above argument possesses much truth, but in addition to this I have other and strong reasons to advance in favor of my present request.

6. Every Magistrate should have his own particular Clerk who should be a clever, well educated person; for the duties devolving on him are often arduous and always responsible. I have on more than one occasion brought this to notice and did so strongly to the Commissioners for the investigation of the working, &c., of offices.

7. My present Clerk is Mahomed Eusoof, but I may say his services in this capacity are rendered gratuitously; for his appointment is that of Interpreter, and his acting as my Clerk involves the necessity of his constantly working out of office hours and frequently preparing papers and doing a quantity of writing in his own house. This he has done most willingly for the last 2 years.

8. Should the request I make for the restoration of Mr. Lafond's appointment (and I cannot but think it a just one) be granted, I shall confer it upon him and nominate another Interpreter.

9. Shortly after I took charge of this office you may remember I had the honor of waiting upon you and explaining that my establishment was insufficient, whereas that at the Town was ample and at Vepery sufficient to carry on the work; but you told me I must do the best I could as no increase could be applied for at present. I am asking now not for an increase but for my own sanctioned strength of establishment.

10. I am most particular in my supervision of all the Clerks, and I am quite sure a fair share of work is exacted at the hands of each and all of them. They rarely leave office before 6 o'clock and are occasionally detained up to a very late hour. Notwithstanding this my fair copy arrears at this date are unavoidably as per margin.*

* Larceny Cases.....	9 months' arrears.
Night Cases.....	4 months' do.
Municipal Cases.....	1 year do.
Wheel tax Cases.....	1 year do.
Police Officers' Cases.....	1 year do.

11. At the Town Police there are two Interpreters. The establishment is altogether ample and much larger than mine; whereas for several reasons, I require an establishment equal in strength. All Apprentices' Indentures are registered in my office, not so in the others. The office of the Collector of Madras being in my District entails extra Abkarry work to me.

12. There are a vast number of Pensioners residing in Triplicane and places adjacent, who monthly make affidavits and declarations before me: and last though not least, Minutes of evi-

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dence taken here are constantly required at the Supreme and Small Cause Courts. These must be produced either by the Magistrate in person or by a Clerk; and consequently a writer has not only to travel the great distance from this Court to the North Beach, but is often detained there for hours and sometimes for days, and his services lost as writer.

13. Colonel Boulderson if referred to may at the eleventh hour offer the Clerk he should have given me two years since; but as the reasons for which I yielded my best paid subordinate appointment no longer exist, I must now decline accepting him.

14. Mr. Lafond's services will be still at the disposal of the Commissioner of Police. Therefore under all the circumstances, and taking into consideration the manifest justice and fairness of my claim, I trust that from the 1st Proximo, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will direct that the pay of my establishment shall be drawn in strict accordance with the sanctioned scale so that I may make arrangements accordingly. In the mean time I have written to Colonel Boulderson requesting he will make no new appointment in consequence of Mr. Lafond's promotion until the decision of the Government on the subject is made known.

Sanctioned Establishment of the Royapet Police Court.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Clerk of the Peace...	200	0	0
1 Interpreter...	150	0	0
1 Record-keeper...	50	0	0
2 Minute writers at 30 Rupees each ..	60	0	0
1 Deputy Cash-keeper...	25	0	0
3 Writers at 21 Rupees each...	63	0	0
1 Moochee...	10	8	0
1 Sweeper...	3	8	0
1 Scavenger...	3	8	0

(True Extract.)

Madras,
Royapet Police Court,
23rd June 1858.

(Signed) H. COLBECK,
Senior Magistrate of Police.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 939; dated 10th July 1858.

On the separation of the Police and Magisterial Departments of the Madras General Police office in May 1856, Mr. G. J. Lafond, Clerk of the Peace under the previous system was entered in the Police Roll as Clerk to the Superintendent of Police. It was noted by Colonel Boulderson that Mr. Lafond belonged to the Magisterial Department, but that the duty performed by him had been principally connected with the Police, and his removal from that duty at the present time would be most inconvenient, and that Colonel Colbeck had consented to his being entered on the Police Roll provided that the Commissioner would give him up a common Writer. Colonel Boulderson had thereon agreed to give up to the Magistrate's office a Writer named Parthasarady. The arrangements of which the above was a part were sanctioned by Government on the 15th May 1856.

2. Subsequently it was reported by Colonel Boulderson that Colonel Colbeck had agreed to give up the services of Mr. Lafond unconditionally, by which it afterwards appeared that Colonel Boulderson merely meant to say that no further arrangements were required to be made in consequence of Mr. Lafond's transfer, for, that although the Writer Parthasarady had been made over to the Royapettah Police Court as originally designed, he had received from that Officer another Writer named Vencatachellum who had before been erroneously included in the Magisterial Department.

3. In the revised tabular statement of the Madras Police Force submitted by Colonel Boulderson on the 3rd February 1857 and approved by Government on the 14th Idem, Mr. Lafond as Clerk of the Peace is entered in the establishment of the Commissioner of Police, although in the general statement of the establishment for the Magistracy and Police of the town of Madras forwarded to the Supreme Government on the same date, and sanctioned by them on the 27th March 1857, he appears in the establishment of the Royapettah Police Court.

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ed by them on the 27th March 1857, he appears in the establishment of the Royapettah Police Court.

4. This discrepancy was noticed by the Civil Auditor in a letter of the 11th May 1857, and in reply to his enquiry on the subject he was informed Extract Minutes Consultation 20th May 1857, that the Clerk of the Peace was to be retained on the establishment of the Commissioner of Police.

5. This arrangement has now subsisted for two years, or from the separation of the Police and Magistracy in May 1856 and must be regarded as permanent. There is no reason why a highly paid Clerk should be attached to the Royapettah Police Court more than to the Courts of the other Divisions, while the services of such an Officer in the Police are indispensable. This alteration of the establishment sanctioned by the Government of India, involving as it does no increase of expenditure, will be submitted for their confirmation in the usual tabular form as prescribed by their orders of 8th February 1856, No. 663.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd F. Cartledge.

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Aud^l Depart^t

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Sanctioned Establishment of the Poypet Police Court.

	No.	at	Rs.
1 Clerk of the Peace	200	"	"
1 Interpreter	150	"	"
1 Record Keeper	50	"	"
2 Minute Writers at 30 Rupees each	60	"	"
1 Deputy Cash Keeper	25	"	"
3 Writers at 21 Rupees each	63	"	"
1 Mookhee	10	8	"
1 Sweeper	3	8	"
1 Scavenger	3	8	"

Madras
Poypet Police Court
23rd June 1858.

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J. B. H. R.
Senior Magistrate of Police.

to the Supt. of Police.
It was noted by Col.
Boulton that Mr.
Saford.

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Extract Minutes of Consultation

Dated 10 July 1858.

Read the following letter
from Lieut. Col. Colbeck,
Senior Magistrate of Police.

(Here entered 23rd June 1838 Mr. S.)

On the separation
of the Police and Ma-
gisterial Departments
of the Macraes General
Police office in May 1836,
Mr. L. J. Sanford ex-
Clerk of the Peace under
the previous system, was
entered in the Police
Roll as Clerk
to the Supt. of Police.
It was noted by Col.
Boulton that Mr.
Sanford.

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Saford belonged to the
Magisterial Department,
but that the duty per-
formed by him had
been principally con-
nected with the Police,
and his removal from
that duty at the
present time would be
most inconvenient, and
that Col. Colbeck had
consented to his being
entered on the Police
Roll provided that the
Commissioner would give
him up a Common writer.
Col. Rensderson had
therein agreed to give
up to the Magistrate's
Office a writer named
Parthasarady. The ar-
rangements of which
the above was a part
were sanctioned by
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of Mr. Saford's trans-
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Parthasarady had been
made over to the Poyas-
pettah Police Court as
originally designed, he
had received from that
officer another writer
named Venkatakrishna
who had before been
erroneously included
in the Magisterial
Department.
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3. In the revised Annual Statement of the Madras Police Force submitted by Col. Darnley on the 3rd Feb'y/57 and approved by Gov^t on the 14th idem, Mr. Laford as Clerk of the Peace is entered in the Establishment of the Commissioner of Police, altho in the General Statement of the Establishment for the Magistracy and Police of the Town of Madras forwarded to the Supreme Gov^t on the same date, and sanctioned by them on the 27th March 1857, he appears in the Establishment of the Rajapettah Police Court.

4. This discrepancy was noticed by the Civil Auditor

14th Feb'y/57.

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Auditor in a letter of the 11th May 1857, and in reply to his enquiry on the subject he was informed E.M.C. 20th May/57, that the Clerk of the Peace was to be retained on the Establishment of the Commissioner of Police.
5. This arrangement has now subsisted for two years, or from the separation of the Police and Magistracy in May 1856 and must be regarded as permanent. There is no reason why a highly paid Clerk should be attached to the Rajapettah Police Court more than to the Courts of the other Divisions. While the services of such an officer in the Police are

are indispensable. This
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by the Government of
India, involving as it
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usual Tabular Form
as prescribed by their
orders of 8th Feb'y 1886 No. 1113.

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Magistrate of Rangoon
- Public Police Court
Commissioner of
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