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No. 11. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 29th August 1859, No. 1730.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 420, of the 26th March last, forwarding a copy of a report by Colonel Boulderson, on the system of clothing the Police in the Town of Madras, together with copies of Minutes recorded thereon by the Members of the Madras Government.

2. The Governor General in Council has also had before him reports on the same subject, from the Presidency towns of Calcutta and Bombay.

3. These several Reports shew that the annual cost to the State on account of Police dress is, in Calcutta Rupees 3,062-14-8 for 1,565 men, in Bombay Rupees 600 for 1,000 men, and in Madras Rupees 11,183-7-1 for 788 men.

4. The cost in Bombay is extremely small, but as it is found sufficient, interference is uncalled for.

5. In Calcutta, the charge though much greater than in Bombay is yet not inordinate.

6. In regard to Madras, I am desired to state that the Governor General in Council is unable to admit the necessity for the expenditure of a sum at that Presidency Town, on the clothing of the Police, more than three times as great as that expended in Calcutta, where the number of Policemen employed is twice as great as in Madras.

7. In this view of the case, and in compliance with the expectation* signified by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, the Governor General in Council directs me, in forwarding the accompanying letter† marginally noted, from the Commissioner of Police in Calcutta, to request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, immediate measures may be taken for the introduction at Madras of a system of clothing for the Police, on a very much more economical scale than that which obtains at present.

* Paras. 2 to 4 of Judicial Despatch, No. 14, dated 30th November 1858, forwarded with Mr. Chapman's letter No. 133, dated 17th January 1859.

† No. 407, dated the 11th May 1859

From S. WAUCHOPE, Esq., Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, to the Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal,—(No. 407, dated the 11th May 1859.)

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 673, of the 26th January, enclosing extracts from a Despatch, No. 14, dated the 30th November 1858, from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, and directing me to submit a report of my opinion on the suggestion for adopting uniformity of system in the Clothing of the Police in the Towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.

2. The exact annual cost of the Clothing, &c., of the Privates of the Calcutta Police, is as follows:—

SUPPLIED BY GOVERNMENT.

		Cost.	Annual value.
Three suits of white American Drill, each consisting of a Chupkun and pair of Pantaloons	at intervals of three years	Rs. 5 0 0	1 10 8
Brass Badges	7 years	„ 1 12 0	0 4 0
		Total annual cost,	1 14 8

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Red Puggree	2 years	Rs. 1 8 0	0 12 0
Painted Baton			0 2 0
Waist-belt	2 years	„ 1 8 0	0 12 0
Shoes	6 months	„ 0 8 0	1 0 0
Chattah for Rains	1 year	„ 0 3 0	0 3 0
		Total annual cost,...	2 13 0

The European and Native Officers provide their own Uniforms.

3. I have not been able to discover why the Government has hitherto paid for a portion of the Clothing of the Police, leaving them to pay for the remainder, for all the articles in the list enumerated above are actual necessaries. I cannot however recommend that the Chowkeedars should be called on to pay for that portion at present supplied by the Government. Every thing in Calcutta is now so dear that the slightest diminution in their monthly wages would be severely felt.

4. With regard to the Uniform itself, numerous patterns and colors have been tried by my predecessors, but none have been found equal to the present, which is cheap, cool, admirably adapted for the men who wear it, and bears a distinctive character without being fanciful. The Commissioner of Madras Police, when in Calcutta lately, informed me that he considered it far superior to the Madras Uniform, and it is certainly much less expensive.

5. It is impossible to give an opinion with regard to adopting uniformity of system in clothing the Calcutta, Bombay and Madras Police. The Clothing of the Citizens of the three Presidency Towns are so dissimilar that I do not think the Uniforms of the Police can be assimilated. For all three I consider that the Police should be clothed in a plain inexpensive Uniform, resembling as far as possible the dress of the Citizens, and yet bearing distinctive marks so as to be readily recognizable.

6. I am also unable to say whether the expense of the Clothing of the Police of Bombay and Madras should be borne by the Government or by the men themselves, without knowing their rate of pay and the cost of living in those Towns. But as a rule, the cost of necessaries for the use of the Police should be borne by the Government, though, as the Police in Calcutta have hitherto paid for a portion themselves, I see no reason why the present system should be discontinued.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. JONES,
Register Bengal Secretariat.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1859, No. 1293.

Resolved that the above letter and its accompaniment be communicated to the Commissioner of Police, and he be desired to report in detail upon the manner in which he proposes to give effect to the instructions of the Government of India, for the introduction of a much more economical system of clothing the Madras Police than now obtains.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 1293 — 24th Sept. 1859

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The Commissioner of Police. Sept. 24th.