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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
from 2nd to 31st October 1859.*

No. 2. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 23rd September 1859, No. 86.

In transmitting through my Office a sanctioned Indent (No. 4, 5th July 1859) to be forwarded to the Arsenal at Cannanore for supply, Lieutenant Blomfield, the Commandant of the Malabar Police Corps, makes the following remarks.

"But it is more particularly with reference to the price of the articles therein enumerated, which will, I presume, be charged against the Civil establishment, that I venture to offer such suggestions, as, I think, will tend towards reduction of expenditure for the future. This is the first instance in which I have been made aware of the price of articles, charged to the Police Corps; and, of course, it behoves me, (although I have hitherto, while in command of the Corps, strictly limited my Indents to such articles as have been absolutely necessary for its maintenance) to point out, if possible, any means by which the Civil cost of the Corps, could be still further reduced, when reduction is practicable, without extra Military expenditure."

"In obedience to what I conceived to be the strict injunctions of Government, I handed over to the Military Department, in May last, all that part of the establishment of the Police Corps, which appeared to me to pertain specially to the Mountain Train; among which were the Artificers named in the margin, retaining only such as would be ordinarily allotted to 2 Companies of Native Corps of the strength of the Police Corps."

"It appears to me now that this separation has been a mistake; that it would if continued, lead to extra expense in the additional Tools, Workshops, &c., thereby rendered necessary; and that inconvenience and discontent has been the result, which would not be the case, were the Artificers permitted to work together, as formerly, under one head."

"In that case, *i. e.*, were the Artificers to remain under my charge as before, they could not only undertake all the repairs of the Mountain Train, but the execution of, by far the greater portion of the articles now obliged to be indented for, at a far cheaper rate than the value assigned in the sanctioned Indent under reference, and which will still be further increased by the cost of conveyance from Cannanore."

"The subject has, I believe, been referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, for consideration, by the Conductor at present in charge of the Mountain Train, recommending from such experience as he has already had, that the Artificers be placed on their former footing."

2. The plan proposed seems to be reasonable, but as its adoption appears to be a matter for the decision of Government in correspondence with the Inspector General of Ordnance, I beg to refer it for their consideration and decision.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1859, No. 1422.

In the Extracts embodied in the letter from the Magistrate of Malabar recorded above, Lieutenant Blomfield suggests, that the whole of the Artificers attached to the Malabar Police Corps, before the withdrawal of the Mountain Train from it, should continue under the Officer Commanding the Corps, and as formerly do the work both of the Corps and Train. By adopting this course, Lieutenant Blomfield thinks there will be greater efficiency and economy, than by dividing the Artificers between the Corps and Train, as, it would appear, he has already done.

2. The Government concur in the opinion of the Magistrate, and consider the arrangement advisable, but before ordering it to be carried out, they desire to have the opinion of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

3. The Magistrate of Malabar will report what establishments, contracts, or charges are affected by the withdrawal of the Mountain Train from the Malabar Police Corps, and should cease to be debited to it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

11 No. 12
Resolved that the Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazines be request-
ed to give his consideration to the
remarks & suggestions of the Offi-
cer Commanding the Malabar
Police Corps, as quoted in the
above letter, & to report to Govt.
whether any, & if so, what portion
of the establishment of Artificers
attached to the Corps, should be
made over for service with the
Mountain Train, which, it is
observed, has been finally with-
drawn from the Police.

Adverting to this last circumstance,
Govt. desire the Magistrate of Ma-
labar to report what other esta-
blishments, contracts, or charges,
connected with the Train, have
been withdrawn from the Corps,
& thus ceased to be debitable to
the Civil Dept.

Inspector General of
Ordnance & Magazines
Magistrate of Malabar.

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