

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th February 1859.

No. 45. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Chief Commissioner of the Mofussil Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 21st January 1859, No. 6.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit a Statement called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1509, dated 28th October 1858.

2. The change in the constitution of the Police will transfer to this exclusive service 17,000 of the men now returned as employed under Civil functionaries, leaving between 9,000 and 10,000 as Civil Office messengers and Revenue Peons.

3. It is proposed to re-organize the Civil Police under its own Officers, and to drill and instruct them in the use of the Sword and Carbine (Arms will be supplied to a portion of the Force only) but they will not carry Arms beyond the Truncheon, except when occasion requires.

4. The Police requires strengthening throughout the country, but to what precise extent can only be judged of as the general organization proceeds. At the rate of 1 Policeman per 1,000 of the population, 22,000 men will be required for the 20 Districts having a population of about 22 millions.

5. I regret the delay that has occurred in submitting this Statement, I was anxious to have received the detailed Statement called for from each of the Magistrates, but several have failed to send me one, I have therefore filled it up, from such information as there is in the Office, to avoid further delay.

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Districts.	Police and Sibbundy Corps.						Civil Police and Revenue Peons.						Remarks.			
	Christians.	Mussulmen.	Brahmins and Rajpoots.	Mahrattahs.	Telinghas or Gentoos.	Tamil.	Other Castes.	Total.	Christians.	Mussulmen.	Brahmins and Rajpoots.	Mahrattahs.		Telinghas or Gentoos.	Tamil.	Other Castes.
1 Ganjam.....	2	50	4	94	334	484	Not supplied by Collector.	1,019	No Returns furnished.							
2 Kurnool.....	294	33	17	2	346	Do.	638	638	Do.							
3 Masulipatam	4	68	8	112	42	234	Particulars not fully given.	935	Sibbundy Corps armed with muskets and swords. Civil and Police Peons with muskets, swords, spear and daggers.							
4 Malabar.....	4	31	8	1	6	2	92	1,007	Do. armed with 2 grooved Brunswick rifle and sword. The European Non-Commissioned and Commissioned Native Officers have revolver pistols in addition to the Military equipment.							
5 Rajahmundry	59	9	138	20	226	Do.	1,252	Most men armed with fuzils as the carbines were not available in the General Arsenal and the remainder to have muskets indented for.								
6 Vizagapatam	1	61	1	161	128	352	Not supplied by Collector.	926	No Returns furnished.							
7 Arcot, North	No Sibbundy Police Corps.					1	510	103	57	668	150	58	1,547	Few weaponless and all the rest with private arms of swords, daggers, fowling pieces, lances and muskets.		
8 Do. South.	Do.					1	337	25	82		2	702	1,149	Armed with muskets, swords, pistols, and spears.		
9 Bellary.....	Do.					No particulars received.							1,831	Some armed with swords and daggers; others carry muskets or fuzils about them.		
10 Canara.....	162	37	25	113	337	Do.							1,789	Police Sibbundy Corps armed with fire-arms served out only as occasion demands and some of them are armed with muskets at their own charge.		
11 Chingleput...	No Sibbundy Police Corps.					Not supplied by Collector.							1,140	There are only 185 stand of arms distributed and used among the Cutcherries.		
12 Coimbatore..	Do.					3	591	107	30	293	38	286	1,348	Provided with swords and muskets from Magistrate's Office on emergency.		
13 Cuddapah....	Do.					Particulars not fully given.							1,613	There are 319 Peons armed with muskets, but not regularly trained to the use of fire-arms.		
14 Guntoor.....	35	5	21	61	1	598	65	429	10	1,103	Sibbundy Corps armed with muskets with ammunition are kept in each Talook.		1,058	Only Civil arm are armed with fire-locks and accounted as Sepoys and stationed as guards over Talook Treasuries.		
15 Madura.....	No Sibbundy Police Corps.					Particulars not received.							1,920	Some armed with swords or daggers. Others with muskets or fuzils.		
16 Nellore.....	Do.					Do.							900	96 Police Peons armed with swords, muskets or daggers.		
17 Salem.....	Do.					Particulars not fully furnished.							2,010	Only Police Peons armed with dagger, sword, musket, spear, or cudgels.		
18 Tanjore.....	Do.					Do.							1,120	No Returns furnished.		
19 Tinnevely...	Do.					Not supplied by Collector.							854	There are only 117 armed Peons—particulars of arms not given.		
20 Trichinopoly	Do.					Do.							1,056	25,159		
Total.....	11	760	96	52	511	2	752	2,184	6	2,036	300	169	1,390	190	1,056	25,159

COMMISSIONER OF MOFUSSIL POLICE.

The Civil Police and Revenue Peons are indiscriminately engaged in ordinary criminal, fiscal and other duties, and therefore, throughout the district, the Civil Police and Revenue Peons are of them old and worn-out, and prove utterly useless as a force on emergency. 21 to 5 Rupees will not expose themselves to the risk of being shot or otherwise injured, therefore, throughout the district, the Civil Police and Revenue Peons are of them old and worn-out, and prove utterly useless as a force on emergency.

REMARKS BY THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MOFUSSIL POLICE.

The Sibbundy Corps are armed, properly drilled, and may be termed Effective Irregulars. The Civil Police and Revenue Peons are indiscriminately engaged in ordinary criminal, fiscal and office duties: they are wholly untrained, are recruited without system and in the most objectionable manner, are many of them old and worn-out, and prove utterly useless as a force on emergency. A large portion of the Arms returned as in their possession are unserviceable, the men are uninstructed in their use, and being on pay from 3½ to 5 Rupees will not expose themselves to service in which any damage may be anticipated. The most ordinary duties of the Civil Constabulary in which a show of power is required, as quelling riots, &c., devolve therefore, throughout the Presidency, on the Military.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON, Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th February 1859.

No. 46.

ORDER THEREON; No. 161; dated 7th February 1859.

With the above letter, the Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police submits the Statement called for in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 28th October last, No. 1509, para. 6.

2. Resolved that copy of the letter and of its enclosure be forwarded to the Home Government in reference to the Despatch of the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 30th August, No. 14 of 1858.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Judicial Department

No. 161

Memo.
In the accompanying Return, the composition of the Santoor Police Corps is —

Muzaffars	35
Brahmins &c.	5
Other Castes	21
Total	61

Just 62 as appearing in the Return. The Book of Establishments for 57/58 gives the strength of the same corps —

alter to 61
and correct
the Statement
accordingly
J.P.

Sindar	1
Headclars	3
Naigues	4
Peons	54
Total	62

This discrepancy keeps me from filling up the Statement finally —
The order will require alteration in consequence. J.P.

to
H.M.

No.

H. MS. EAST INDIA ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

Message, not exceeding 16 words, can be sent any distance not exceeding 400 Miles, at a charge of 1 Rupee
Ditto Ditto 800 " " 2 "
Ditto Ditto 1,200 " " 3 "
Ditto Ditto 1,600 " " 4 "

FROM *Berhampore 14 February Madras*
7-10 PM TO *Chief Secretary*
FROM *The Agent*

No charge made for delivery within half a mile of the office; a charge of 4 annas a mile for distances beyond that
WORDS *34 M.*

Goumsan Sebanly corps consists of the following boats and number - European two - Pampalmen fifty - Brahmins & Rajapoots four - Telingas ninety four - Peregallas and others three hundred and thirty four - Total four hundred and eighty four -

MADRAS
Electric Telegraph Office
The *14 February*

for M. Ashworth
Assistant in Charge E. T.

No inquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this Paper

Despatched

N. B - Please enter time of delivery

sent in circulation with Draft on 31 Jan / 1874
and not yet

Judicial Department

N^o 161

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 7th February 1859.

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Chief Commissioner of Madras Police

Presented N^o 8 dated
21st January 1859.

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in reference to the Despatch of the
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dated 30th August N^o 14 of 1858
and that the following letter be des-
patched.

10/11/59

Recd. L. A. to Cong. 15th
February 1859

Copy of the letter to the
of India - 18 April 1859

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No 161.

St. Paul's Church: 1859.

Noted 7 February 1859.

Reading that copy of the
letter of its endowment
from the Chief Commission
of the General Police showing
the number, strength and
composition as regards
Nationalities and Castes
of the Civil and Police
of every description in the
Districts of the various
Provinces be forwarded
to the Home Government.