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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 25th February 1859.

No. 48. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 9th February 1859, No. 5.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to state for the information of Government that on my bringing to the notice of Mr. Sullivan the Joint Magistrate, the unusual increase of crime in his Division, 9 cases of gang robbery having occurred from the 1st January last to the 2nd Instant, he has in a letter, of which a copy is submitted, attributed the increase in part to the withdrawal of the Extra Police Force lately sanctioned by Government for the Poloor Talook.

2. In Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date 11th November 1858, No. 1519, the Government sanctioned the entertainment of that extra force for a further period of 6 months. The correspondence adverted to in para. 3 of Mr. Sullivan's letter referred to the period from which the late sanction should be calculated, which I considered to be from the date of the expiration of the former sanction, viz., from the 25th June last.

3. With the expression of my opinion on this point the correspondence ended as Mr. Sullivan correctly states "financially speaking," but if Mr. Sullivan considered that it was advisable to entertain the Extra Police Force for a further period, he should, as it appears to me, have submitted an application to that effect either through me or directly to Government as he has repeatedly done on occasions of an increased force being required.

4. As it seems necessary to continue the Extra Police Force in Poloor till the new Police arrangements have been completed, in which greater delay has occurred than was apprehended, I beg to recommend that that force be entertained for a further period of 6 months or till the new Police arrangements are in force.

5. The strength of the Extra Police Force, which I would recommend should be maintained on the same footing was,

1 Duffadar on 7 Rupees a month,

10 Peons on 4 Rupees each per month.

From A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of North Arcot; to C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 8th February 1859, No. 21.

SIR,

In your Tamil Official Memo. of the 3rd Instant, No. 18, you call upon me to report on the causes of the increase of heinous crime in the Sub Division observable in the month of January 1859, just expired.

	Torch light robberies.
Vellore.....	1
Trivattoor.....	1
Arcot.....	0
Wundiwash.....	1
Poloor.....	3
Arnee Jaghere.....	2

2. I have little difficulty in affording this information under the three heads hereinafter noticed, but I would first observe that the increase has been *marked* only in the Talook of Poloor and in the Arnee Jaghere as will be seen by a reference to the margin.

3. As regards the causes of this state of things in these Talooks, especially as before mentioned, I consider them to be three-fold:

1st Cause.—The withdrawal of the Extra Police Force in the Poloor Talook, which enabled me narrowly to watch the frontier of that Talook the hot-bed of all the crime of the Sub Division, which withdrawal I strongly deprecated in my letter to you of the 18th September 1858, No. 297. I had the honor subsequently on the 1st December 1858, in a letter No. 355, to point out that there was an unexpired portion of six months or six months, less two months and five days for which the Extra establishment *might* be entertained without any additional expense to Government with reference to their last sanction of the 11th November 1858, No. 1519, for the reasons

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stated in my letter immediately under reference and I again strongly urged the re-entertainment of the extra force in that letter. Your letter of the 2nd December 1858, No. 733, conveyed your non-concurrence with me in the matter of the balance of sanction due, speaking financially, and there it ended. The Arnee Jaghere is entirely open to the Poloor Talook when once that becomes insecure.

2nd Cause.—The liberation in a lump by the Sessions Court of a large body of the vagrants whom I had succeeded in capturing and binding over on security, on which proceeding I dwelt so fully in my letter to your address of the 26th May last, No. 172, and to the fact that those who were not so released are now in the ordinary course of affairs being released one by one and that it appears to me, looking to the views expressed by the Session Judge in connection with those released summarily, that it will do more harm than good to take them up again if their sentences are to be again up-set and I can get no better evidence against them.

3rd Cause.—The utter inefficiency of the Poloor Tahsildar and Head of Police in nearly every branch of his administration on which I reported in para. 40 of my Jamabundy report for fusly 1266, dated 4th November 1857, and on which I again touched in the last para. of my report for fusly 1267, dated 25th December 1858. His conduct will be narrowly watched now and he will be shortly reported for dismissal unless a marked improvement takes place in his administration.

4. In conclusion I would observe that I can fairly claim that, with the Extra Police Force in the Poloor Talook and with the measures I adopted regarding suspicious and bad characters I succeeded in almost suppressing crime in the Sub Division and that it has shown itself again almost immediately on the withdrawal of the former aided by the release, whether summarily or in the ordinary course of affairs, of the scum of the population whom I had succeeded in securing.

5. The foregoing paras. were penned yesterday, I have since received your letter of the 7th Instant, No. 92, to which it appears a full answer, and I will only observe in addition that I am at a loss to understand upon what grounds you state in para. 2 of the above letter that "an additional Police Force is employed in the Poloor Talook" looking to the instructions contained in your letter of the 2nd December 1858, No. 733, in reply to mine of the 1st Idem, No. 355.

6. No Extra Police force has been entertained since 31st August last in the Poloor Talook on which date it was discontinued under the circumstances stated in para. 2 of my above noticed letter and as your letter of the 2nd December 1858, No. 733, conveying that the sanction for the establishment was to be considered to cease on the 24th only reached me on the 4th Idem, I did not consider it worth while to re-entertain the establishment for only 20 days.

7. I may mention that Hoozoor Mochtasir Syed Hossain with some of my Peons has been employed since May last, in watching the Salem and South Arcot frontiers but they are too extensive for him to be able to do much good.

8. In conclusion I would suggest that the information contained in this letter should not be retained for communication to Government until the expiration of the quarter, as your letter immediately under reply would appear to contemplate.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Magistrate.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, No. 240; dated 21st February 1859.

Under the circumstances represented, Government authorise the re-entertainment of the Extra Police Force for the Poloor Talook, and its retention for a further period of six months or until the new Police arrangements are introduced, if these should be delayed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Caridge.

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For the Agent
Soub. Magt. Office

Beloon 8 February 1859

From A. H. Sullivan Esq.

Soub. Magt. of North Arcot

To C. Whittingham Esq.

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W. M.
J. B. George, Esq.
21 February 1859.

The Magistrate of North Arcot:
Chief Commissioner of Police.
Accountant General.
Civil Auditor.

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