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31*st August* 1860.

No. 237. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 16th July 1860, No. 25.

* *No.* 39 *of* 1859, *dated* 12*th October.*
No. 9 *of* 1860, ,, 23*rd March.*
No. 11 *of* 1860, ,, 28*th March.*

Paragraph 1. Your letters noted in the margin,* reporting your proceedings in regard to the organization of the Police in certain Districts of your Presidency, have been laid before me in Council.

2. From a Memorandum prepared by Mr. Robinson, the Inspector General of Mofussil Police, it appears that the annual estimated cost of the Police of the Presidency is Rupees 31,06,220, towards meeting which there is the present charge for the Police amounting to Rupees 17,93,900, showing a surplus of charge to the extent of Rupees 13,12,320.

3. In the offset of nearly 18 lakhs of Rupees from various sources of existing outlay, you include the cost of seven Sebundee Corps which it is proposed to absorb into the regular Constabulary, and thus to place the entire Police of the Presidency under a Civil organization.

4. The constitution and organization of the Police of India has recently been under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and I herewith transmit to you a copy of a Despatch,† with its accompanying Memorandum, which has recently been addressed to the Government of India on the subject, and from which you will perceive that, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, a Police partly Military and partly Civil is the one best calculated to ensure the efficiency of the force in every part of the British territories in India.

† *No.* 69, *dated* 6*th July* 1860.

5. With reference to the progress that has been made in the organization of the new Police of your Presidency (to the formation of which, on the principles advocated by you, the general approval of Her Majesty's Government was conveyed to you in my Despatch of the 15th September 1859), Her Majesty's Government are unwilling to press upon you any change of system in those Districts into which the new Police measures have already been introduced, or in which the Police, as constituted under your arrangements, may appear, on full consideration, to be adequate to the efficient discharge of the duties which will be required of them. Her Majesty's Government, however, are apprehensive that the Civil Police, as proposed to be organized by you, will not be able to undertake the duties of jail and treasure guards, escorts, and the like, and that a certain portion of the force formed on a partly Military organization will be found necessary for such purposes.

6. But whatever arrangements may hereafter be made in regard to the organization of a Military Police, Her Majesty's Government doubt the policy of absorbing all the Sebundee Corps into the Civil Constabulary. Some of these Corps were raised for the special purpose of protecting the low country from the depredations of hill tribes, and generally to act in rugged and jungly tracts. It appears to Her Majesty's Government preferable to place some of the Corps, at least, on a really efficient footing as a Military Police, and to employ them, as heretofore, in the localities where their services have proved useful, and for the duties of which a merely Civil Constabulary will probably be found inadequate. Unless this is done, Her Majesty's Government doubt the possibility of reducing the Native Army to the extent you propose.

7. The Military portion of the Police will not be an addition to the aggregate number of the whole Police force stated in Mr. Robinson's Memorandum to be necessary for the wants of the Presidency, but a substitute for at least an equal portion of the Civil Constabulary, and should be employed in protective duties only.

8. Your careful attention is invited to the several matters noticed in my Despatch to the Government of India, a copy of which is herewith forwarded for your guidance, especially to the 8th and following paragraphs on the subject of the Village Police. In the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, no system of village watch will be popular or work harmoniously which converts the watchman into a Government official, or makes him independent of the village

elders. In this view of the subject, the system which you are pursuing in regard to the village watch, the tendency of which is to remove that institution from under the control of the heads of the village communities, appears to demand further consideration.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1860, No. 1,112.

Resolved that a copy of the above Despatch and of its enclosures be furnished to the Inspector General of Police for his information.

2. Resolved also that Mr. Robinson's attention be called to paragraph 6 of the Despatch, and that it be pointed out to him that in organizing the New Police in Districts where Sebundi Corps exist, he is not to adopt measures for the absorption of these Corps into the Police without first in each instance obtaining from Government specific instructions as to the mode in which the Corps in question is to be dealt with.

3. Resolved also that in replying to this Despatch, it be brought to the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India that the Civil Police Force, which is now being organized in this Presidency, is so far a drilled and disciplined body, as to be fully equal to undertake efficiently the duties of Jail and Treasure Guards; that in fact the duties in question, are now more effectively performed by the New Police than they have hitherto been by the worn out Veterans whom they have superseded in many places, and that, where the New Police has relieved Guards over Jails and Treasuries furnished from the Regular Army, no risk has been apprehended therefrom by the Officers in charge of such Jails and Treasuries. He will also be informed that the machinery of our Village Police system is not being disturbed, that, in its working it is still maintained, but that the Government are endeavouring to improve it, by the payment of money wages, by a careful selection of the best men from the body of Village Watchers; and by providing for its more efficient superintendence, by making a careful selection of the Head men of the Villages or Village Inspectors who are appointed for the discharge of that duty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

It appears to the Board that this is required to be done under this despatch, it is proper to call the Collector's attention to it—and to point out to him that he is not to adopt measures for organizing the New Police in districts where Sebundi Corps exist, without first in each instance obtaining from Government specific instructions as to the mode in which the Corps in question is to be dealt with.

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To The Inspector General Madras Police
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Inward

Judicial Letter to Engd 26th Oct.
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