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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 33. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 28th January 1860, No. 16.

"In consequence of the immediate reduction of the 1st Native Veteran Battalion being resolved upon, by Government, and it being the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the duties hitherto performed by the men of this Corps at the Gun Carriage and Bullet Manufactories, as also the charge of Ordnance Stores, placed on the light house beach, should be carried out by the Police Force, I have the honor to request you will be good enough at your earliest convenience to favor me with a plan of the arrangements you would propose to adopt to meet the above requirements." 25th January 1860.

1. I have the honor to give in margin, copy of a letter received by me from the Town Major, in which, under direction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I am requested to supply Police Peons for certain Guards hitherto furnished from the Veterans as also of my reply.

1. "I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25th Instant, and in reply for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to acquaint you, that I have not at the present moment any Peons off duty, or any men available for the relief of the Military Guards, now taken by the Veterans, as noted in the margin, which he purposes to transfer to the Police Department.
2. I have further to observe that the extra peons who were formerly sepoys in the service of the late Carnatic Circar, are under the orders of Government* being fast absorbed into the established Force, it becomes therefore almost immediately necessary to provide other means for the supply of those Guards now taken by them. See margin.

3. There are at my disposal for the whole Police duties of this large and populous city and its suburbs only 337 Peons, and of this number, every man is on constant daily duty, from which he cannot possibly be spared, without injury to the well being of this Presidency town.
4. In conclusion, I beg to add, that I will forthwith submit your letter to the Chief Secretary for the orders of Government."

3. I have only 337 Peons of the standing Force, (after deduction on account of Prison Guards and attendants at the Magistrate's Courts is made) for the Police duties of this densely populated Presidency town, a number by no means in excess of absolute requirements as was pointed out in my letter to Sir Charles Trevelyan under date 15th October 1859, with reference to which Government in their Proceedings dated 15th November following express themselves thus:—

"The Honorable the Governor in Council, entirely agrees with the Commissioner of Police that the high degree of security and confidence in which the population of Madras of all classes are living cannot be too much appreciated, and that it would be unwise and short-sighted policy, in reliance upon the existence of this state, to impair the means by which it has been attained."

I consider it would not be prudent to reduce the number of Police Beats by abandoning any, or to increase the extent of those now existing, as they are already larger than is expedient, the Tannah Peons being in my opinion over-tasked in the discharge of the duties which they have to perform.

Land Custom House.
Lunatic Asylum.
General Hospital.
Post Office.

† Gun Carriage and Bullet Manufactories.
Ordnance Stores placed on the Light House Beach.

4. Under the circumstances above set forth, I respectfully suggest that all the departments named in margin, which are now guarded by this department, as well as those† for whose protection Police Officers are further sought, should be required to bear the cost of their own Guards in the same manner as obtains at the Mint, the Clothing Board and the Market. With funds thus supplied, the charge of any requisite number of extra officers might of course be covered, without any addition to the cost of the Force proper, which should not, I submit, be debited with the outlay required to provide men for duties out of their regular line.

5. The smallest Military Guard of Veterans including the usual two reliefs, requires 3 Naigues and 12 Privates to furnish it, whereas by the Police, the same duty would be taken by

2. The following Guards are at present taken, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor by the extra Peons who were formerly Sepoys in the pay of the late Nabob, viz:—

1. Collector's Cutchery, 1 Naigue and 8 Peons,
2. Lunatic Asylum, 2 Naigues and 9 Peons,
3. General Hospital, 1 Dafladar and 8 Peons,
4. Post Office, 1 Naigue and 4 Peons,

these men however, are fast being absorbed into the standing Force, and in the course of a few weeks hence, but a very small number of them will remain for that special service, since I must presently lose many men of the regular Force by transfer to the Pension Establishment, and their places will, in pursuance of the directions of Government be taken by the extra men in question.

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one Thanadar and 5 Peons, on precisely the same rate of pay per man: and it must be remembered Police men pay for their Pensions, so that the employment of them in the stead of Soldiers would be economical to the State.

6. In conclusion I beg to state that I have no desire whatever to shirk the extra duty which it is proposed to throw on this Department, my only anxiety is that the department over which I preside, and for the efficiency of which I am responsible to the Government and the public, for the prevention of crime and the detection of offenders, may not be impaired by the reduction of the number of Officers available for Police duties.

No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1860, No. 138.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be furnished to the Heads of the Offices named in the margin of paragraph 4 and they be requested to report at an early date whether they could make arrangements for the protection of their own Offices out of their own establishments, stating at the same time what number of Peons, &c., they now have, and how they are employed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Resolved that a copy of the above letter be furnished to the Heads of the Offices named in the margin of para 4 - & they be requested to report at an early date whether they could not make arrangements for the protection of their own Offices out of their own establishments, stating at the same time what number of peons, &c., they now have, & how they are employed.

Comr of Mice
Collector of Land Customs
Officer in charge, Lunatic Asylum
Surgeon, General Hospital
Supt of the Civil Carriage Manufy.
Inspector Genl. of Ordnance & Magazines
Post Master General

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