

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th November 1860.*

No. 229. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th November 1860, No. 1,083.

1. I have the grateful duty to perform of submitting to Government a copy of an address signed and presented by many of the most influential Natives of the Town of Tanjore to Lieutenant Duncan, on his services being placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government. It has been forwarded to me by the desire of the Magistrate, who has formed a good opinion of Lieutenant Duncan's administration.

2. Lieutenant Duncan's management of the Police has been very successful. The whole of this large, rich and populous Province had been occupied within 6 months from the commencement of his operations, and the new system has been quietly but firmly introduced. We have secured as I hope, the good will and confidence of the people in an unexpected degree, and I trust likewise the confidence of the Magistracy and Courts.

3. Much of the credit of this is of course due to Lieutenant Duncan, who combines talent for organization and administrative ability with judgment, affability and patient consideration of the wishes and feelings of the people and wants of the Public Officers.

4. Lieutenant Duncan only does justice, however, to the Magistracy of Tanjore, when he attributes so much of his success to the countenance and aid that he has met at their hands, I venture to add some observations on this point.

5. The introduction of so extended an alteration in the general administration of the country as that of the new Constabulary into any District, must obviously be most laborious and difficult, even when not opposed to many very influential local interests and prejudices, especially amongst the subordinate servants of Government. It is further a most anxious duty where so much depends on the character, conduct, and behaviour of every man employed in the force. We have every where to contend with an intriguing opposition on the part of Native officials. The reasons are too obvious to require to be repeated, and the discipline and hard work of the new system make it less popular than might be wished. It is therefore obvious that a single Military Officer or two in a District can scarcely compass the duty, within any reasonable time or much to the credit of the force in regard to its composition without the active support and lively encouragement and aid of all the European Officers of Government in the Province.

6. These we have enjoyed completely in Tanjore. Messrs. Cadell, Morris and Kerr as likewise Mr. Clarke, the Session Judge, and Rungasawmy Pillai, late Principal *Sudder Amin* of Kombaconum have taken the liveliest interest in the organization of the new Police. The Magistrates have watched and aided in its constitution, and have sought at all times to improve its quality as regards the men who entered the service. They have personally taken part in its training and distribution; have treated it as a service in which the better classes of Natives of India may find employment; they have spoken of it as such, and encouraged respectable and influential men to join it. They have in short adopted the Constabulary as, what it really is, their Police, an instrument to be used chiefly by them in their administration of their Province, as a body in whose quality and temper they themselves and the people they rule over have really a deeper interest than even the Departmental Officers. They have interested themselves to induce the old servant to adopt the new service, to procure experienced men for us, and at some sacrifice in their own establishment they have detached from their own offices for the duty of Inspectors, men of mark in the public service—sensible of the vital importance to a young Department of the tone and character which the presence of respected and experienced public servants impart to it. They have supported, checked, advised and controlled us, as the exigency required, and the result has been fair work, order throughout the District within reasonable time.

7. In no District did the Superintendent meet more formidable difficulty and intrigue at first; but thanks to the European Magistracy, they were in a great measure speedily overcome. The lower officials readily took the tone of their superiors, and several of the *Tahsildars* are now our readiest and most useful coadjutors. This Lieutenant Duncan justly attributes to the active countenance and aid of the European Magistracy.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th November 1860.*

8. I must not be misunderstood as lauding the Police of Tanjore. Its deserts are at best, small, and short coming is and long will be the characteristic of the new Police every where. I would merely point out from extended experience and observation the unvarying result of a lively, anxious and personal interest on the part of our European Magistracy in the constitution of the new Police force in their respective Districts.

9. I am thankful to be able to add that we enjoy these in almost every Province we have undertaken. The countenance of the Magistrate, acts directly on the constitution of the District force. In exact proportion as this confidence is accorded to us, do we obtain the services of a better stamp of men, do we take a good position in the country, and secure the good will of the people; and by this means alone is the natural opposition of interested lower officials overcome, and our usefulness is extended.

From ADIAPA MOODELIAR, and 797 of the respectable and influential inhabitants of the Tanjore District, to Captain H. T. DUNCAN, Superintendent of Police, dated 29th October 1860.

We the undersigned inhabitants of this Province on the occasion of your appointment as Police Inspector General of the Tenasserim Provinces under the Orders of the Supreme Government and as you are about to leave as shortly to assume charge of your new appointment, we cannot but regret for this change, and on the other hand, we rejoice in your welfare and promotion. Permit us therefore as a mark of our esteem, respect and gratitude to present these few lines.

The people of Tanjore Province had at the commencement of the introduction of the new system of Police entertained fear and doubt from carrying out the views of Government, which we are happy to record that your deliberate judgment accompanied with your natural good disposition had at once removed those fears by creating much comfort, peace, justice and protection to all men and property.

We are also greatly indebted to the Members of the Madras Government in having elected you as Superintendent of Police of this populous and extensive Province.

In conclusion permit us to thank you for all your kindness shown us during your stay in this Province; we also wish you a safe journey to your destination; in doing so we pray that you will be pleased to bear in mind to promote the welfare and happiness of this Province.

From Captain H. DUNCAN, Superintendent of Police, to the Inspector General of Madras Police, dated Trichinopoly, 30th October 1860.

I have the honor to forward for your information a copy of an address presented to me, yesterday evening previous to my leaving Tanjore, by a deputation of several of the most influential and respectable members of the Native Community.

The Tanjore District has been fully under the new system of Police for four months, and partially for seven. The address therefore is interesting as being a "record" from the people of the Province, "of the comfort, peace, justice and protection" which they say has resulted from its introduction.

Assuming this result to have been obtained in any degree, I repeat, what I have often represented to you before, that it has been so, from the support and valuable advice always readily granted by the Magistracy, and from the lively interest taken in our working by the leading classes among the people who have given us their countenance throughout.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Madras Police.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th November 1860.*

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1860, No. 1,511.

The Inspector General Madras Police submits to Government a copy of an address presented by many of the most influential Natives of the Town of Tanjore to Lieutenant Duncan, Superintendent of Police for the District, on his services being placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government. He states that the address has been forwarded to him by the desire of the Magistrate, who has formed a good opinion of Lieutenant Duncan's administration.

2. In this address the inhabitants of the Tanjore District represent, that, on the introduction of the new Police system into the Province, much doubt and apprehension were entertained as to the issue of it. These feelings have been dispelled, and "much comfort, peace, justice and protection to all men and property" has been secured. These happy results are ascribed to the sound judgment and kind and conciliatory disposition evinced by Lieutenant Duncan in carrying out his difficult task.

3. In sending up this address to the Head of his Department, Lieutenant Duncan states that, if the state of things be as therein represented, "it has been so from the support and valuable advice always readily granted by the Magistracy, and from the lively interest taken in the working of the Police by the leading classes among the people who have given it their countenance throughout."

4. Mr. Robinson observes on this, that "Lieutenant Duncan's management of the Police of Tanjore has been very successful. The whole of this large, rich and populous Province had been occupied within 6 months from the commencement of his operations, and the new system has been quietly but firmly introduced. We have secured, as I hope, the good will and confidence of the people in an unexpected degree, and I trust likewise the confidence of the Magistracy and Courts. Much of the credit of this is of course due to Lieutenant Duncan, who combines talent for organization and administrative ability with judgment, affability and patient consideration of the wishes and feelings of the people and wants of the public Officers. Lieutenant Duncan only does justice, however, to the Magistracy of Tanjore, when he attributes so much of his success to the countenance and aid that he has met at their hands."

5. The Inspector General then proceeds to speak of the difficulties which must necessarily attend the introduction of the new Police, the opposition which it may expect to encounter, and the extent to which it must stand in need of the active support, and lively encouragement and aid of all the European Officers of Government in the Provinces.

6. Mr. Robinson next bears warm testimony to the assistance which he has received from the Revenue and Judicial authorities in Tanjore. "Messrs. Cadell, Morris and Kerr, as likewise Mr. Clarke, the Session Judge, and Rungasawmy Pillai, late Principal Sudder Ameen of Combaconum, have taken the liveliest interest in the organization of the New Police. The Magistrates have watched and aided in its constitution, and have sought at all times to improve its quality as regards the men who entered the service. They have personally taken part in its training and distribution; have treated it as a service in which the better classes of Natives of India may find employment; they have spoken of it as such, and encouraged respectable and influential men to join it. They have in short adopted the Constabulary as, what it really is, their Police, an instrument to be used chiefly by them in their administration of their Province, as a body in whose quality and temper they themselves and the people they rule over have really a deeper interest than even the Departmental Officers. They have interested themselves to induce the old servants to adopt the new service, to produce experienced men for us, and at some sacrifice in their own Establishment they have detached from their own Offices for the duty of Inspectors, men of mark in the public service, sensible of the vital importance to a young Department of the tone and character which the presence of respected and experienced public servants impart

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th November 1860.

to it. They have supported, checked, advised and controlled us, as the exigency required, and the result has been fair work, order throughout the District, within reasonable time."

Paragraph 7.

7. In no District, he adds, "did the Superintendent meet more formidable difficulty and intrigue at first, but thanks to the European Magistracy, they were in a great measure speedily overcome. The lower officials readily took the tone of their superiors, and several of the *Tahsildars* are now our readiest and most useful coadjutors. This Lieutenant Duncan justly attributes to the active countenance and aid of the European Magistracy."

8. His Excellency the Governor in Council has perused with much pleasure the address presented to Lieutenant Duncan which he regards as honorable alike to that Officer and to those by whom it was signed. He has also learnt with the highest satisfaction the praiseworthy conduct of all the Gentlemen named by the Inspector General as having afforded their active and ready support to the new institution. He fully agrees with Mr. Robinson that such hearty co-operation is essential to the complete success of a measure than which none has a more direct and important bearing on the welfare and progress of the Madras Presidency.

9. The Honorable the Governor in Council is further gratified by the assurance in the concluding paragraph of the Inspector's letter, that in almost every Province which he has undertaken, he has met with the same support from the European Magistracy. Mr. Robinson adds "the countenance of the Magistrate acts directly on the constitution of the District Force. In exact proportion as this confidence is accorded to us, do we obtain the services of a better stamp of men, do we take a good position in the country, and secure the good will of the people."

Paragraph 9.

10. Resolved that a copy of the above Order be communicated to the Inspector General in reference to his letter of the 9th instant.

11. Resolved also, that a copy of the Order and of Mr. Robinson's letter be furnished to all Magistrates in the Provinces.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

Madras Government.

Read the following letter
from Inspector Genl
Poole, of Nov 18 60, No. 1083.

24th November 1860. No. 1511.

The Inspector Genl.
Madras Police submits
to Govt. a copy of an
address presented by many
of the most influential
Natives of the Town of
Bangalore to Lieut. Duncan,
on his services being
placed at the disposal
of the Supreme Govt. He
states that the address
has been forwarded to
him by the desire of
the Magistrate, who has
formed a good opinion
of Lieut. Duncan's ad-
ministration.

+ Superintendent of
Police for the District

I have it enclosed
in the Editor's letter
it would be better to be known
in the office of the
Police as being only one of the
many of the
Proceedings of the
Madras Government

Varas. 1.

2. In the address the inhabitants of the Tanjore District represent, that, on the introduction of the new Police system into the Province, much doubt and apprehension were entertained as to the issue of it. These feelings have been dispelled, and much comfort, peace, justice and protection to all men and property ^{has been} secured. These happy results are ascribed ^{to the sound} and kind, and conciliatory disposition evinced by Lieut. Duncan in carrying out his difficult task.

3. In sending up this address to the Head of his Department, Lieut. Duncan states that, if the state of things be as therein represented, "it has been so from the support and valuable

advice always readily granted by the Magistracy - and from the lively interest taken in the working ^{of the Police} by the leading classes among the people who have given it their countenance throughout.

4. Mr. Robinson observes on this, that "Lieut. Duncan's management of the Police of Tanjore has been very successful. The whole of this large, rich and populous Province had been occupied within 6 months from the commencement of his operations, and the new system has been quietly but firmly introduced. We have secured, as I hope, the good will and confidence of the people in an unexpected degree, and I trust likewise the confidence of the Magistracy and Courts."

Paras. 2, 3 & 4.

Much the credit of this
is of course due to ^{Lieut.}
Duncan, who combines
talent for organization
and administrative phi-
lity with judgment, af-
fectability, and patient
consideration of the
wishes and feelings of
the people and wants of
the public officers. ^{Lieut.}
Duncan only does jus-
tice, however, to the Ma-
jistracy of Tanjore, when
he attributes so much
of his success to the
countenance and aid
that he has met at
their hand &c. //

5. The Inspector Genl.
then proceeds to speak
of the difficulties which
must necessarily at-
tend the introduction
of the New Police, the
opposition which it may
expect to encounter, and
the extent to which it
must stand in need

of

P. 6.

5
the
of active support, and
highly encouragement,
and aid of all the
European Officers of
Govt. in the Provinces.

6. Mr. Robinson next
bears warm testimony
to the assistance which
he has received from
the Revenue and Judl.
authorities in Tanjore.
" Messrs. Casell, Morris
and Kerr, as likewise
Mr. Clarke, the Session
Judge, and Rungasawmy
Pillai, late principal
Sudder Ameen of for-
merly have taken
the liveliest interest
in the organization of
the New Police. The Ma-
jistrates have watched
and aided in its con-
stitution, and have
sought at all times
to improve its quality
as regards the men
who entered the Service.
They have personally

taken

taken part in its training and distribution, have treated it as a service in which the better classes of natives of India may find employment; they have spoken of it as such, and encouraged respectable and influential men to join it. They have in short adopted the popular name, as what it really is, the Police, an instrument to be used chiefly by them in their administration of their province, as a body in whose quality and temper they themselves and the people they rule over have really a deeper interest than even the departmental officers. They have interested themselves to induce the old servant to adopt the new service, to

6
produce experienced men for us, and at some sacrifice in their own establishment they have detached from their own offices for the duty of Inspectors, men of mark in the Public Service, sensible of the vital importance to a young department of the tone and character which the presence of respected & experienced public servants impart to it. They have supported, checked, advised and controlled us, as the exigency requires, and the result has been fair work, order throughout the District, within reasonable time.

P. J.

In no District, he adds, did the Superintendent meet more

more formidable difficulty and intricate at first, but thanks to the European Magistracy, they were in a great measure speedily overcome. The lower officials readily took the tone of their superiors, and several of the Sahibdars are now our readiest and most useful coadjutors. This Sir Smith Duncan justly attributes to the active countenance and aid of the European Magistracy."

8. His Excellency the Governor in Council has perused with much pleasure the address presented to Sir Smith Duncan which he regards as honorable alike to that Officer and to those by whom it was signed. He has also learnt with the highest satisfaction

the praiseworthy conduct of all the Gentlemen named by the Inspector General as having afforded their active and ready support to the new institution. We fully agree with Mr. Robinson that such hearty co-operation is essential to the complete success of a measure than which none has a more direct and important bearing on the welfare and progress of the Madrass Presidency.

9. The Honble the Governor in Council is further gratified by the assurance in the concluding para. of the Inspector's letter that in almost every Province which he has undertaken, he has met with the same support from the European Magistracy.

Pg.

Mr. Robinson ~~reigns~~
admits "the countenance
of the Magistrate acts
directly on the consti-
tution of the District
Force. In exact propor-
tion as this confidence
is accorded to us, so
we obtain the services
of a better stamp of
men, so we take a
good position in the coun-
try, and secure the
good will of the people.

10. Resolved that a
copy of the above order
be communicated to
the Inspector General in
reference to his letter
of the 9th instant.

11. Resolved also, that
a copy of the order and
of Mr. Robinson's letter
be furnished to all
Magistrates in the
Provinces.

The Inspector Genl. - Major's Police. Dis 224.
Magistrate of
and copy of the order and letter of Mr. Robinson. Dis 265.

J.P.

Wm. S. Lloyd & Sons
Dec. 1 of 1861.
Alfred de Meuse

Dec 24th 1891

Richard B. Spauld.

1541.

Proceedings of Genl.

2724. November 1860.

Nothing with a productive
the conduct of health & we are
depth of Gold in with reference
to our address presented
to that Officer by many
of the most influential
practises of the Court of
Lancaster.