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Company out of the 4 Detachments now serving in the District. The retention of the Military Guards at the Palace and till the result of the appeal now being made to the British Parliament is made known, is in my opinion desirable; and until the Police Force is fully equipped and provided with arms, &c., I conceive that a Military Guard should likewise be retained over the Treasury. Should the Government be pleased to approve of the change I have proposed, one of the Detachments now in the District, or say 100 men, might for the present therefore be retained for these duties at Tanjore and the remaining Detachments might be altogether dispensed with in the course of 2 months.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1860, No. 433.

The Government are gratified at learning the satisfactory progress made in the introduction of the new Police in Tanjore.

2. Copy of the foregoing letter will be forwarded to the Military Department in view to orders being passed for the Detachment being retained as desired in paragraph 8, and likewise to the Revenue Department, where the proposal for removing the Collector's Head Quarters to Tanjore will be considered.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 22. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Magistrate of Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vellum, 28th March 1860, No. 51.

1. With reference to my letter of the 2nd instant, No. 31, I have now the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the introduction of the new Police system is progressing most favorably. Considerable opposition was shown by the old Police at first, and it came to my knowledge that an attempt at combination was being made amongst the Peons in the Trivaur Taluq to deter the Peons both in it and the other Taluqs from enrolling themselves in the new Force. Circulars to this effect, it was afterwards discovered, were sent by 2 of the Duffadars in the Trivaur Taluq, to the several Taluqs, and in two of these, which I succeeded in getting possession of, it was distinctly stated that the change of their religion was amongst the objects contemplated under the new system. The charge against the parties above specified having been fully brought home, I deemed it my duty to punish them promptly and sentenced them both to 6 months' imprisonment with hard labor in the Zillah Jail, the more guilty of the two being further sentenced to pay a fine of Rupees 100.

2. At the same time I took the opportunity by means of a printed Circular which was distributed extensively throughout all the Taluqs, to contradict the false assertions which had been put forward and to explain more fully the nature of the new system and the terms under which the Peons would be admitted to serve.

3. I have reason to believe that this Circular was of considerable use in diffusing a right knowledge of what the new system is and in allaying the alarm and excitement which had arisen. Much also was done in this respect by the Superintendent of Police who, in the course of the visits he has made to different parts of the District, has taken every opportunity of holding personal intercourse with the Peons and in explaining to them the nature of the new service. Mr. Morris, the Joint Magistrate, has also been at much pains to do the same within the Sub Division and the Government will, I am sure, be glad to learn that, at this moment, there are upwards of 900 persons, by far the greater part of whom are Peons, enrolled in the new Force.

4. As reported in my letter of yesterday the Superintendent is prepared to take up the new Taluq of Tanjore immediately and that of Combaconum within the 15th of April; I have also been occupied the last few days in making arrangements for the Village Police and in appointing individuals to the Offices of Inspectors and Talliaries in the newly appointed Checkbundies and in the Tanjore Taluq they are also ready to commence work.

5. At present I see no reason why the new Police Force should not be entirely organized and distributed throughout the entire District by the 30th June next. The Government may rest assured that no effort shall be wanting on my part to give the utmost aid and assistance I can, and I am sanguine that, if the new system be carried out in its entirety and with cordial co-operation between the Officers of the Force and the Magistracy, it will prove an incalculable blessing to the country.

6. I would take this opportunity of requesting, however, the Orders of Government on a very important point: and that is the removal of the Revenue and Magisterial Head Quarters of this District.

7. The Government are aware that, for some years, the Head Quarters have been nominally at Tranquebar and that the Hoozoor Treasury Stamp and Account Departments are retained there while the rest of the Cutcherry is with the Collector. The inconveniences inseparable to such an arrangement are so obvious that it is needless for me to dilate on them. I would only state that, as there exists ample accommodation for the Collector's Cutcherry, Treasury, &c., in the small Fort at Tanjore and as with the concurrence of the Right Honorable the President of the Council the Head Quarters of the Superintendent of Police have been already fixed at Tanjore, it seems extremely desirable that the Head Quarters of the District should also be removed there and without further delay.

8. It will I think be found a matter of indispensable necessity, and at all events till the new Police Force is fully provided with arms and equipments, to retain the services of at least one

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The Magistrate of Tanjore.

Military Dept.

Rev. Dept.

Inspector Genl. & Police