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No. 5. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mufassal Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th May 1860, No. 260.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 14th March 1860, No. 1037, I have the honor to request the attention of Government to the general subject of furnishing guards of the Constabulary over Cash-chest of Officers paying pensions.

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2. In North Arcot three such guards will be required, one of which is already furnished to Captain Mayne. In South Arcot one has been furnished. In Chingleput two or three such guards must be furnished. At Palghaut, Coimbatore, Tanjore and in North Canara, &c., the Constabulary is being called upon to supply permanent guard over Cash-chests, which seldom contain more than a few hundred Rupees, except while payment is being made, viz., for about 5 days in each month.

3. The expense of these guards is not less than 50 to 60 Rupees per month per Cash-chest; and as the guard is to be of a permanent character, the demand cannot be met by temporary arrangement amongst the local force and must be an additional charge.

4. In both North Arcot and South Arcot the Superintendents have offered to furnish a Constabulary guard to the Officer in charge of pensioners during the period that payments are being made and to take care of the Chest at the Police station-house during the remainder of the month; but the Officers in charge of these Chests have not responded to the proposal, although it is an arrangement which obtains in many Cantonments.

5. The furniture of the office of an Officer in charge of pensioners generally consists of a few Chairs and Tables, and I am given to understand that no guard is allowed even to an Adjutant for the records of an entire Regiment, and I cannot conceive that one is required in the Pension Office.

6. I do not allude to the financial consideration involved in the maintenance of a system, under which numerous petty Cash-chests are scattered over the country; but I confine myself to pointing out that the charge on the State, say 600 to 800 Rupees a year for guarding each Cash-chest, might be easily saved by substituting a system whereby Pay Officers of every class should bank with the general District Treasury or with some individual Tahsildar, and operate on their credit by Cheque.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1860, No. 589.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration and orders, in reference to Proceedings in that Department, 14th March 1860, No. 1037.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 589 — 11th May 1860 —

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