

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
for the month of May 1860.*

No. 17. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th May 1860, No. 53.

1. I have the honor to forward copy of correspondence which I have recently had with the Postal Authorities here, with reference to the guard of Police Officers at the Post Office, and to request the Orders of Government.

2. You will observe that the guard has been continued up to the present time to prevent inconvenience to that department, and that the intimation of my intention to recall the party was formed upon the information contained in Mr. Williamson's letter of date 11th instant, in which he informs me that the Postmaster has been instructed to arrange for the guard of his Office from the 14th instant.

3. With reference to the whole subject, I request your particular attention to the style of Mr. Smith's last letter to my address dated 12th instant.

From R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq., Postmaster General, to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated 5th May 1860, No. 137.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, under date 19th ultimo, No. 466, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me, whether you are prepared to permit the Police Peons who have been always employed in the Post Office, Madras, to continue to attend.

From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to the Postmaster General, Madras, dated 7th May 1860.

I have the honor in reply to your letter of the 5th instant, to inform you that according to the Orders of Government, under date 28th ultimo, No. 532, Judicial Department, I ought to have withdrawn the guard of Police Peons now at the Post Office, but in consequence of Mr. Smith informing me that he had remonstrated against their being taken away, I in reply told him that I would permit them to remain a few days to enable you to obtain if necessary further orders on the subject. Unless I receive counter-orders the guard must be withdrawn, but to avoid putting you to inconvenience I will refrain from doing so until the 14th day of this month. It appears to me that your department should pay for protection.

From R. H. WILLIAMSON, Esq., Postmaster General, to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated 11th May 1860, No. 262.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 25, dated 7th instant, and to inform you, that the Postmaster, Madras, has been instructed to arrange for the guard of his Office from the 14th current.

From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to the Postmaster, Madras, dated 12th May 1860, No. 53.

Understanding from the Postmaster General that you will have made your own arrangements for the relief of the guard of Peons now on duty at the Post Office by the 14th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I purpose to withdraw the 1 Naigue and 4 Peons on the morning of the 15th instant.

From E. C. SMITH, Esq., Postmaster, to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated 12th May 1860, No. 88.

In reply to your letter, No. 53 of this date, I beg to state that I have all along been opposed to the removal of the guard we have hitherto had from the Police, and as from the Proceedings of Government, under date the 19th ultimo it would appear, that it is not out of the regular line of your duty to provide for the protection of public property, I again protest against the withdrawal of the Police Peons now on guard in the Post Office, and would further observe that in the event of any robbery occurring, I shall consider myself exonerated from all responsibility.

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You will observe that the Postmaster General after stating, that he could dispense with the Police guard, yet availed himself of the Orders of Government above referred to, to enquire whether you were prepared to permit the Police Peons who have been always employed in the Post Office, Madras, to continue to attend, shewing at once that he would rather have their protection than not.

The Order of Government is, to my mind, quite clear on the subject. In paragraph 14 the Government resolve that the Commissioner of Police take Police charge of all the Offices above adverted to, including I presume the Post Office.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1860, No. 641.

It is observed that the Postmaster General in his letter to Government of the 19th ultimo, stated that he had directed arrangements to be made for the Madras Post Office being guarded by its own establishment, and that he repeated this in his letter to the Commissioner of Police of the 11th instant. Colonel Boulderson should communicate with the Postmaster General direct, who will no doubt see that the necessary arrangements are made at once, and the Police Peons sent back to the Commissioner.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 53

Madras Police Commissioner's
Office, 14th May, 1860.

From
Colonel J. C. Boulderson
Commissioner of Police

To
T. Pycroft Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Port of George

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obed. Servant.

Commissioner of Police

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and 14 Peons on the morning of the
15th Instant. I have the honor
signed J. C. Boulton
Commissioner of Police

N^o 88. Madras Post Office
12th May 1860.

To The Commissioner of Police
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I have signed
Wm. C. Smith
Postmaster

(True Copy)

Commissioner of Police

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Postmaster General
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few words
A ~~correspondence~~ with the Postmaster
General would have saved
this official correspondence -
The Post Master General has,
in accordance with the practice &
easy capabilities of his Department
in every civilized country, declared
his readiness to undertake the
protection of his own office
through his own establishment -
and if the Commissioner of Police
will communicate with him he
will no doubt, fulfill his
engagement
Wm C Smith
10 May 1860

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Order - 25th May 1860. No. 641.

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The Commissioner of Police

Post Master General

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