M.R.O. 1—38,000—16-10-29.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	781	Press / ~~Mis.~~
152-153		
Dated	22-6-19 1860.	

4/5

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

22nd *June* 1860.

No. 152. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 15th June 1860, No. 2,222.

Communicating the Order passed in the Military Department on the subject of furnishing guards of th nstabulary over Cash Chest of Officers paying Pensions. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 15th June 1860, Nos. 195 and 196.)

No. 153. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1860, No. 781.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police in reference to his letter, 8th ultimo, No. 260.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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.

Arnee, Arcot, Chittore.

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.

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.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
,, Inspector General of Police.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Military Department

No. 2222

The Governor in Council observes that, under the provisions of the order of Government marginally noted, no guards will be required for Pension Cash Chests in the three districts of Coimbatore, Madura, and Tanjore, pending the result of the experiment to be entered on, by transferring the payment of Pensioners to those Districts to the Civil Authorities.

2. As regards other localities, however, His Honor is not aware of any objection to the adoption of the course suggested in para: 6 of Mr. Robinson's letter, recorded in the foregoing Extract, which indeed is in accordance with the orders of Government for Commissariat payments, as provided for in para: 7 of the order of Government M. D. No. 1305, dated 3d April 1860.

3. It appears probable, however, that even where paying Officers of Pensioners bank with Local Treasuries, a Constabulary Guard will be required by the Officers in question during the periods of actual payment only, as proposed in para: 4 of Mr. Robinson's letter above referred to, or that he be accommodated with space for the payment of the Pensioners in the place where the Chest is deposited.

4. It will be optional with Officers in charge of Pensioners, to retain the Office furniture allotted to them, at their own personal risk and responsibility, or to return it into Store as they deem best, but Guards can no longer be allowed for its protection.

Fort Saint George
15th June 1860

J. Maxwell
Secretary to Government

To

The Judicial Department.

* 11th May 1860, No. 1769

J. Pro: 31st March 1860 Nos 344.
" " 20th May " Nos 506
" " 30th April " Nos 544 53.
Dept " 21st May " Nos 1769.
J. " 18th June " Nos 1984

Judl 1860 Dept
Pro: of June
Pros: of Govt in the Military
Dept No 2222.

D. 15th
J. 19th } June 1860.

No 1003.

Communicating the order passed in the Milty Dept on the subject of Dismissing Guards of the Constabulary over Cash-Chest of Officers paying pensions-

No 781 — 22d June 1860.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police in reference to his letter 8th Ulto. No 260.

12/ Military dept. Resolutions and one Order.

152 & 153.

With an Order.

The Inspector Genl. of Police. } Desp. 25