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No. 218. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th June 1860, No. 66.

1. With reference to the question put in Order of Government of date 18th June 1860, MEMO. Judicial Department, No. 763, as to whether the Commissioner of Police requires any of the Sentry Boxes alluded to in Lieutenant Colonel Simpson's letter under date 12th June 1860, No. 41, I have the honor to give in margin a memorandum shewing the number which are absolutely necessary for the use of the Men on Sentry at each of the Guards lately taken by the Police.

Arsenal Guard,
2 Sentry Boxes.
Gun Carriage,
3 Sentry Boxes.
Lunatic Asylum,
2 Sentry Boxes.

2. With reference to the last clause in Colonel Simpson's letter in which he says, "I object to the extra charge which the transfer will entail on my Department," I beg respectfully to state that it seems to me but reasonable that those Departments which receive the protection of the Police, should be required to provide sufficient shelter to shield them from the inclemency of the weather and the heat of the sun.

Extract from a letter from Lieutenant Mitchell, Superintendent Mounted Police, dated 22nd June 1860.
"I visited last evening the Light House Esplanade, the Gun Carriage Manufactory and the Lunatic Asylum. There is no Sentry Box at the Light House Esplanade, but some shelter from the weather appears to be necessary for the Parrah Peons. There is a Sentry Box by the East Gate, and another by the South Gate of the Gun Carriage Manufactory. At the former Gate there is a wicket kept open until 10 P. M. There is a Guard room by the side of the Gate, but the entrance to the Guard room does not overlook the wicket and if a man is kept on Sentry over the wicket as has hitherto been the custom, some shelter from the weather appears to be necessary. The only shelter from sun and rain at the South, is a Workshop about 20 paces from the edge of the road, but this might be considered objectionable. The Sentry Boxes appear very old, but they have been recently painted and look serviceable. There are two Sentry Boxes at the Lunatic Asylum, both in exposed situations, where there is no other shelter. They are in a very dilapidated condition, one indeed can hardly be called a Sentry Box, as it is deficient of a bottom and about half of the lower planking. Some kind of shelter in these two places appear absolutely necessary."

3. In the margin is submitted an extract from a letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Mitchell, from which you will learn, that sufficient shelter is not afforded to the Peons by any of the Departments which have the benefit of their services. I trust therefore you will favor me by calling the attention of the Honorable the Governor in Council to this subject, and in doing so, I beg you to bear in mind that the Police Peons may be said to live in their Tannah Stations, as they are not, like Sepoys, relieved daily.

4. I beg permission to take this opportunity of expressing my earnest hope that

Government will reconsider their Order of the 19th April last, Judicial Department, No. 466, and eventually order the Police Officers, now otherwise employed,* to return to their proper duty, for which they are urgently required; allowing me to enlist men for the protection of the Departments now newly guarded by them, at the cost of the latter respectively.

* MEMO.

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No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1860, No. 822.

Government sanction the issue of seven Sentry Boxes for use of the Police Guards on the Light House Esplanade, at the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and at the Lunatic Asylum.

2. Before making over the Sentry Boxes at the two last mentioned places to the Commissioner of Police, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines will direct their being fully repaired.

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3. The cost of the Sentry Boxes and expenses of repairing them will be charged to the Departments concerned.

4. The Government are not prepared to reconsider their Orders of the 19th April last, until further experience shall have been had of their working.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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