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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th August 1861.

No. 109. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 2nd August 1861, No. 2,748.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, transmitting transcript of a Military Despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of the employment of Military Guards on objects of a purely Military character. (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 2nd August 1861, Nos. 55 and 56.)

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1861, No. 1,026.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 3rd July 1861, *No.* 118; *to the Secretary to Government, Mily. Dept., Fort Saint George.*

I am desired to transmit to you, to be laid before the Governor in Council, for such orders as His Excellency may be disposed to issue thereon, transcript of a Military letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 196, dated 9th May 1861, on the subject of the employment of Military Guards on objects of a purely Military character.

From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 9th May 1861, *No.* 196; *to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Military Despatch, No. 10, dated 8th February 1861, on the subject of the restriction of the employment of Military Guards to objects of a purely Military character.

2. The importance of the discontinuance of all Military Guards that can be dispensed with for miscellaneous Civil purposes, as well as for the ordinary duties of Cantonments, has always been considered by Her Majesty's Government to be a necessary preliminary to the extensive reductions of the Native Army, which are imperatively called for on considerations of Military as well as of Financial policy; and in my Despatch, No. 147, dated 14th April 1860, the attention of your Government was directed to this subject.

3. I learn, with much satisfaction, from the papers now transmitted, that your Government, acting on a reference from Madras, and on the recommendation of the Military Finance Commission, have passed a Resolution, directing that measures may be taken, at the earliest possible period, to relieve every Military Guard in Cantonment, excepting those for which disciplined Military Sentries are considered necessary; and I request that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may further be requested to revise the present system of Cantonment Guards, with a view of dispensing with those, even of a purely Military character, which are not necessary.

4. I concur entirely in the principle recognized in your Resolution of the 29th January, that the Commissariat, Public Works, or other Civil Departments requiring special Police Guards for the protection of Government property, should pay for the same, or be debited with the expense, bringing forward the charge in the monthly accounts; and I trust that the superior authorities entrusted with the duty of examining and auditing these accounts will be enjoined to scrutinize closely all charges of this description.

5. While fully approving of the principle that Military Guards should be reduced to the smallest number practicable, and that miscellaneous Civil duties should be performed by the Police, nevertheless I consider that there will be some cases where Military Guards will be found necessary, and further, that some of the Guards in a Cantonment might, with advantage, be taken by the Troops.

6. However limited the Native Military Force we keep up, these Troops, when not employed in the Field, can at no additional cost whatever to the State, take the ordinary Military Guards of their Cantonment. Unless this be done, the cost of the Police, however apparently small, will be an addition to that of the Troops, and therefore, there can be no economy in the arrangement.

ORDER, No. 2748, *2nd August* 1861.

Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, for information and guidance, with special reference to paragraph 6 of the Order* marginally noted, in view to the List of Guards which should continue to be furnished by the Troops with which the Major General has been requested to favor Government, should be prepared in strict accordance with the instructions of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, as recorded in the foregoing paper.

* *No.* 1956, *dated 7th June* 1861.