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No. 56. Read the following letter from Major W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 31st January 1861, No. 11.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to submit for the consideration of Government the advisability of my being invested with the powers of a Magistrate.

2. I have no desire to act either judicially or ministerially unless specially directed by Government so to do, in event of any emergency, or for political reasons; but there are matters intimately connected with the ordinary discharge of my duties which render it very desirable that I should possess certain powers which can only be exercised by a Magistrate,

3. The Commissioner of Police, as well as the Magistrate, is authorized by the Police Acts to issue summons and subpœnas, and parties failing to attend are liable to a fine, but the Commissioner can neither enforce obedience to his process, nor recover a fine, the Sections having reference to these matters being applicable to Magistrates alone.

Section 98, *Act XIII of* 1856.

Section 26, *Act XLVIII of* 1860.

4. Section XIV of the amended Act also empowers the Commissioner to impose a fine on the keepers of disorderly houses, but he cannot recover the penalty for the reason above stated. I submit that it is by no means desirable that the Commissioner of Police should be obliged to take proceedings before a Magistrate for the enforcement of his own lawful process, or for the recovery of a fine which the Act authorizes him to adjudge.

5. Section XXV of the same Act enables the Magistrates to bring up prisoners from all Jails both Civil and Criminal when their evidence may be required. No mention is made of the Commissioner of Police in this Section.

6. The Commissioner of Police at Madras was the Officer who did what was necessary under the provisions of the Acts for the regulation of Printing Presses, but I have been obliged to refer Proprietors to the Magistrates, as I am not competent to receive the declaration required to be made under the first named Act.

XI of 1835.

XV of 1857.

A yearly Return of all Presses and Publications is now made to Government by the Commissioner of Police, and it would be more convenient that this Return should be made by the same Officer who registers the Presses and the names of the Proprietors.

7. The difficulties I have pointed out would all be removed by my being re-appointed a Magistrate, and thus placed in the same position as that of my predecessors in office, and of those gentlemen who now hold the appointment of Commissioner of Police in Calcutta and Bombay.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1861, No. 187.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Government of India, with the recommendation of this Government, that, under the considerations adverted to by the Commissioner of Police, that Officer may be appointed a Magistrate of Police under Section V, Act XIII of 1856.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 58. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 14th February 1861, No. 188.

In transmitting the accompanying copy of a letter from Major Wilson who has recently been made Commissioner of Police for the Town of Madras, I have been directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to solicit the sanction of the Most Noble the Governor General of India in Council, under Section V, Act XIII, 1856, for appointing that Officer a Magistrate of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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