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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 25th April 1861.

No. 164. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the President of the Council of the Governor General of India, in the Home Department, (Judicial) under date the 31st January 1861, No. 270.

Read the undermentioned correspondence relative to the application of the Madras form of Accounts to the new Constabulary of British Burmah.

Letter, No. 1, dated 14th December, from the Commissioner of Pegu with enclosure.

Do. to the Secretary Police Commission, No. 141, dated 19th instant.

Do. from do. No. 9, dated 23rd idem.

Ordered that the papers noted above be forwarded* to the Financial Department, for consideration and orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. U. BROWNE,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

* *To be returned.*

From Lieutenant Colonel A. P. PHAYRE, Commissioner of Pegu and Agent to the Governor General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Fort William, dated Rangoon, 14th December 1860, No. 1.

Judicial—Police.

I have the honor to submit copy of letter to my address, No. 1, dated 14th instant, from Lieutenant H. T. Duncan, Inspector General of Police in Pegu, soliciting that the forms of Account for the Constabulary which have been sanctioned by Order, No. 33, of 10th January 1860, of the Madras Government may be made applicable to Pegu. I beg to recommend this for the sanction of the Honorable the President in Council, and, if approved request that I may be furnished with twelve copies of the Order and Forms attached.

2. When the sanction of Government has been given to the total Police Establishments for the Province of Pegu, I request that I may be allowed to distribute the Force and allot the expenditure to each District, as may be found most convenient, so long as the total expenditure does not exceed the amount sanctioned for the Province. Each Superintendent of a District would then send his monthly Bill direct to the Civil Auditor, accompanied by a Certificate for the 1st month from the Inspector General of the amount of District expenditure sanctioned. This arrangement appears very necessary, in order to prevent the accumulation of arrears of accounts and will, I trust be approved.

From Lieutenant H. T. DUNCAN, Inspector General of Police, Pegu, to Colonel A. P. PHAYRE, Commissioner of Pegu, dated Rangoon, the 14th December 1860, No. 1.

Having been directed by you to proceed at once with the organization of the new Police Establishment for this Province, it is very necessary that immediate arrangements should be made for a regular system of accounts in the Department, and that sanction should be obtained to the mode of drawing the pay of the Force. I have the honor therefore to bring to your notice certain points connected with this subject, with the view that early application may be made to Government.

II. When in Calcutta I showed to the Accountant General and to the Civil Auditor there, the system of Accounts and mode of drawing pay which is now adopted by sanction of the Madras Government, in the Department of Police in that Presidency, Mr. Drummond and Mr. Sandeman were both of opinion that no Departmental objections existed to their introduction in Pegu, provided the sanction of Government was obtained. There was one addition which the Accountant General suggested should be made to the forms submitted from Districts to the Civil Auditor, viz., an abstract of the number of the District Force, and this suggestion will be carried out.

III. Having submitted the Forms employed as well as the system itself for your consideration, you have been good enough to approve of their introduction, and have sanctioned their immediate application as far as Departmental purposes go.

IV. It remains then to solicit the authority of Government to their becoming the recognized system for the Department. The Forms A. C. and D. are herewith attached. The papers containing the system are attached to and sanctioned by Order, No. 33, of 10th January, 1860 of the Madras Government.

V. I presume that the sanction of Government will be shortly granted for the total Police Establishment and total Police Expenditure for the Province. The allotment to the several Districts will rest with you, and it should be borne in mind that many circumstances may cause this allotment to be subsequently changed.

VI. You had directed me to furnish you as each District comes to be taken up with a detailed Estimate of the Force for the District. This will specifically lay down the amount of expenditure, and I beg to suggest that your sanction to this *District* expenditure should be sufficient authority to the Civil Auditor to pass the District Bills as an authorized charge, provided their total did not exceed your sanction. The totals of the Districts would form a ready check on the total Police Expenditure in the Province.

VII. I would propose that the Superintendents of Districts should send their District Bills (Form D.) direct to the Civil Auditor in original and duplicate. When the original has been passed and returned to the Superintendent direct, he cancels the advance he has drawn from the District Revenue Officer, and the transaction between the Revenue and Police Establishments for that month is closed.

VIII. The triplicate of Form D. supported by the detailed Acquittance Rolls as contained in Form A. would then be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Inspector General's Office. Similarly the items of contingent expenditure would be furnished, and a detailed audit would be carried out Departmentally—over charges from errors in calculation would be deducted from next month's District Pay Bills, so that there would be no necessity for further re-adjustment between the Department and Government.

IX. It will be observed however that in soliciting that the sanction of the Commissioner of this Province may be considered sufficient authority to the Civil Auditor to pass the *District* Bills after the Supreme Government have sanctioned the total expenditure for the Province, I have proposed that larger fiscal powers should be granted to the Local Government than it now possesses.

X. But it is a very essential point that this authority should be granted, in consideration of the peculiar constitution and requirements of the Police Force; the fact that the Department will for some time be in an incomplete state—complete as regards Districts, incomplete as regards the whole Force; and from the circumstances that the Province is at a great disadvantage in point of communication with the Supreme Government, whence authority for this detailed expenditure must otherwise be obtained.

XI. Until permission has been obtained to this or some other system of accounts, the Department will be in the position of having no authorized sanction for its expenditure; the money necessary for the pay of the men must be drawn as an advance on my personal liability, and the adjustment of the outlay of each month must be made the subject of a special application to Government.

XII. This heavy responsibility I undertake only because you tell me it is the sole means of immediately carrying out the organization of the Department, but I am most unwilling to incur it beyond what is absolutely necessary for that purpose.

XIII. Should you therefore approve of the views expressed above, may I request the favor of your submitting this letter to Government, with an earnest solicitation to take the subject into their early consideration.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) H. N. DAVIES,
Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Pegu and Agent to the Governor General.

From Lord H. U. BROWNE, Under Secretary to the Government of India, to Lieutenant Colonel H. BRUCE, Secretary to the Police Commission, dated Fort William, 19th January 1861, No. 141.

I am directed by the President in Council to forward for the opinion of the Police Commission the accompanying letter,* in original, from the Commissioner of Pegu, recommending sanction to a proposition for applying the Madras Forms of Account for the Constabulary to Pegu.

* *No. 1, dated 14th ultimo, with 1 enclosure.*

From Lieutenant Colonel H. BRUCE, C. B., Secretary to the Police Commission, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Ballygunge, 23rd January 1861, No. 9.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 141, dated 19th instant, forwarding for the opinion of the Police Commission certain papers relating to the application of the Madras Form of Accounts to the new Constabulary of British Burmah.

2. The Police Commission concur in the propositions contained in Colonel Phayre's and Lieutenant Duncan's letters,* but would observe that the Inspector General should not only certify on the first Bills the Establishment for each District, but also the amount of contingencies that should not be exceeded by each District Superintendent of Police—the aggregate of such expenditure in each District of course being within the limits of the Estimates.

* *No. 1, dated 14th ultimo.*
No. 1, dated 14th ultimo.

No. 1,281.

Forwarded to the Accountant General to the Government of India, for report as to whether the proposed Forms are suitable. Original papers to be returned.

By order, &c.

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
the 6th February 1861.

From the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Accountant General to the Government of India, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 7th March 1861, No. 962.

Original enclosures returned.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Docket, No. 1,281, of the 6th ultimo, requesting me to report whether the forms for Pay Bills, &c., lately adopted for the Accounts of the Madras Police are suitable for those of the Police Force which is being organized in the Province of Pegu.

2. The forms seem unobjectionable; but I would recommend that the District Treasury Officers should be furnished by the Inspector General with letters of credit, in the form of monthly sanctioned Estimates, specifying the amounts payable monthly on account of the pay and contingent expenses of the Force in each District, and such amounts on being disbursed might, pending audit, be held as unadjusted in the accounts of the Treasury Officer. He will return the sanctioned Estimate immediately after payment to the District Superintendent, who will forward it with Bills in the proposed forms to the Civil Auditor at Calcutta by the earliest opportunity as authority for him to pass, within the general limits of expenditure sanctioned for the whole Force, the amount allotted to each District.

3. I would further note that the annual Budget of the entire Force under every head of charge should be prepared in the Inspector General's Office and submitted to the Commissioner for incorporation in the General Budget of the Province.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 25th April 1861.

No. 3,651.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, *the 16th March* 1861.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the propositions submitted by the Commissioner of Pegu and the Inspector General of Police there, as well as the proposals contained in the letters from the Police Commission and the Accountant General to the Government of India.

By Order of the Governor General in Council,

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Government of Fort Saint George, with a request that the Orders and the Forms referred to by the Commissioner of Pegu, be furnished to that Officer.

No, 165. To the Commissioner of Pegu, Rangoon, dated Fort Saint George, 25th April 1861, No. 561.

With reference to your letter of the 14th December last, No. 1, to the Government of India, and the Resolution of that Government thereon, under date the 16th ultimo, No. 3,651, in the Financial Department, I am directed to forward to you twelve copies of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 10th January 1860, together with the Forms referred to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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The Secy to the
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D/ 16th March.
R/ 18th April 1861.

No 644.

Comg the Resolution of the Govt of India sanctioning the propositions submitted relating to the application of the Madras Forms of Accounts to the New Constabulary of British Burmah with a request that the orders & forms attached & referred to by the Commissioner of Pegu may be furnished to him —

With a Letter.

Dispd 6-5-61.

No 561.

The Commissioner of Pegu.
Rangoon.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 14th Decr. last No 1 to the Govt. of India, & the Resolution of that Govt. thereon, under date the 16th Ulto. No 3651, in the Financial Dept., I am directed to forward to you twelve copies of the Proceedings of the Madras Govt, dated 10th Jany. 1860, together with the Forms referred to.

Fort St George
25 April 1861.