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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
29th April 1861.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 190. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th April 1861, No. 457.

General Department.

I am constrained, and with deepest reluctance, to place before Government the accompanying papers relative to the conduct of Captain Riach, Superintendent of Police of the District of Chingleput.

2. I have inspected part of Captain Riach's District more than once since he took charge, and the results have been unsatisfactory. As recently as the 9th ultimo, I did so again in company with two Inspecting Superintendents, Captains Hearn and Tennant; the result was the same. I have examined the work of eleven or twelve Officers within the last few months, and deficient as some of these have been, I hesitate not to say that none has shown so much want of regularity and method, so little promise of efficiency of administration, as does the Chingleput District Office.

3. Captain Hearn, the Inspecting Superintendent, has several times inspected parts of the District, and the office work of this Officer, and he has formed a no less unfavorable opinion of the condition of things than my own. The whole District requires thorough examination, and he cannot get at it through the Superintendent.

4. I append papers, to which I beg to call the special attention of Government. Every Officer of the Force submits to me weekly a Diary of his daily work, by which he keeps the head of the Department, (and if necessary, the Government, to whom I always send important extracts) informed of all matters of importance occurring in the District. In this he asks instructions and advice, and communicates all measures taken for giving effect to the orders of Government for the organization of the Police of his District; mentions his communications with the Magistrates and the desires they may express, &c. Captain Riach has, from the commencement been irregular and unsatisfactory in regard to submitting information or periodical returns of any and every kind, and amongst these his Diaries. The truth holds in his case, that irregular and unmethodical conduct in one branch of his duty betokens irregularity and want of method and precision in all. In his office I have observed the same want of check and accuracy for the last six months, and that during a time of the utmost importance as regards organization. He has persistently and entirely withheld from me the slightest information. He sends no Diaries: and no Statement comes with regularity. I wrote to him on the — January, and he promised to reform. This promise has remained unfulfilled by him to this day. I asked him to see me on the — but he failed to do so. He will not come near me, though I am but a few miles distant. I wrote again officially on the — but have failed to elicit an answer, though I visited him personally at Saint Thomas' Mount on the 7th instant, and spoke to him on the subject.

5. Captain Riach does not, as every Superintendent does and must do, in obedience to instructions, attend on his Magistrate. He very rarely sees him or keeps him acquainted with all he does. He does not cultivate his confidence or seek his aid or counsel. We do not, I fear, enjoy in Chingleput the inestimable advantage of having the confidence of the Magistrate and Judicial Officers. The Superintendent has not earned and takes no trouble to cultivate it.

6. We are still without the confidence of the people, and the Returns of Crime, which I can only procure with great irregularity, show an unsatisfactory condition of things.

7. The accompanying Memorandum will show the manner in which Captain Riach manages his Force in point of number, and the heavy responsibility he has placed himself under by not paying attention to his instructions or keeping me informed of his doings.

8. The Government justly hold me responsible for the proper administration of the District, and I am willing it should be so. But I know that all is thoroughly unsatisfactory in Chingleput; and I am wholly unable to manage it through Captain Riach, as things now are. I know nothing of what is going on. I believe the whole requires thorough revision.

9. I request the permission of Government to place the District for a time at least under the personal management of Captain Hearn, the Inspecting Superintendent; Captain Riach may act as his Assistant.

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From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to Captain W. A. RIACH,
Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, dated Salem, 7th February 1861.

You have ceased to communicate to me as instructed any information of your proceedings for two months if not longer.

2. You have failed to reply to my references on several subjects as regards the Force, Cases of Crime, &c.

3. I beg that you will with the least possible delay explain the causes of this neglect.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to Captain W. A. RIACH,
Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, dated Madras, 30th March 1861.

I have again to point out your persistent disobedience of instruction in regard to the punctual transmission of the Diaries and Returns required by me as the head of your Department.

2. Your management of the Police as observed by me on my Inspections has not been such as to give me assurance; the Inspecting Superintendent has reported unfavorably more than once, and the Magistrates do not express that confidence which it is indispensable they should feel in the Police management of their District. Your Crime Returns show a sad want of success in the first duties of the Police, and the result of my recent inspection, you must have felt, could not but impress me unfavorably. I have less confidence in regard to the state of your District than about any as yet taken up.

3. Still, anxious as I am, you are the only Officer in the whole Force who has persistently kept me in the dark; who has steadily disobeyed the instruction to submit to me weekly a Diary of your Proceedings, of the conduct and progress of the District in a Police aspect. You are the only one who is systematically withholding from me all information of the working of the Police in your Districts, and that at a time when the results have not been such as to inspire confidence. From no District do the Returns of Crime, and other periodical Statements of the state of the Force, &c., come so unpunctually.

4. After bearing with this neglect for two months, (you had been irregular and unpunctual before that) I called your attention to the matter officially, in the latter end of January last. In reply you expressed your regret, and promised that it should be rectified. The promise has not been fulfilled by you. Only one week's Diaries have reached me, and another period of nearly two months of persistent neglect of this duty has on your part been added to the former one. I cannot learn that you have carried out any of my instructions, and no improvement in regard to your Returns is apparent.

5. I have been forbearing towards you, and have let months pass without reproof of neglect; at my inspection I have indicated the errors, without reporting them further. I have, in the hope of stimulating you to due attention, sent you the Diaries of other Officers to peruse and observe, but without result. I requested you to call on me at the office, but here you failed me too. I am quite at a loss what to do.

6. An Officer of standing like yourself must know and feel how utterly subversive of all discipline and system is such conduct; how impossible it is that I should continue to overlook it with justice to the Department, and to the District and to myself. You must know that you are treating the head of your Department and your duty in a reprehensible manner. I cannot manage the trust the Government requires of me while you thus neglect your duty.

7. It has therefore become my duty to request an early and full explanation from you, and an immediate and entire change of course, or I shall be obliged to take other steps. This becomes the more incumbent on me as I feel that during the protracted period that you have kept me in ignorance of all that is going on in that District much that is irregular has been taking place. At one time you had exceeded your sanctioned Force by upwards of 100 men. We are losing rather than gaining the confidence of the Public and of the District Officers.

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MEMORANDUM.

Captain Riach, Superintendent of Chingleput, has all along and still does most persistently withhold all information relative to the management of his District and the state of the Force from the Inspector General.

2. This paper refers specially to the condition of his Force. In regard to this, his proceedings have been most irregular; information returned has been almost nil, and the pecuniary responsibility incurred grave.

3. The sanctioned establishment for Chingleput is 739 of all ranks.

4. In December, Captain Hearn, the Inspecting Superintendent, discovered on his tour of inspection, that Captain Riach had raised and employed men largely in excess of that sanctioned as his District Force—probably 130 men—and reported it to the Inspector General.

5. Captain Riach's papers were so utterly in confusion that it was difficult to ascertain what the real condition was. All his periodical returns had been so neglected, and so utterly in arrears as to afford no means of checking a single irregularity as it occurred. The Inspector General's only hope has been from the Inspecting Superintendent ascertaining these matters for him. From Captain Riach he gets nothing.

6. So soon as the Inspector General became aware of this irregularity, Captain Riach was directed by the Inspector General by Telegraph to reduce his Force within the sanctioned limit, and the audit of his accounts without full and satisfactory explanation was forbidden.

7. Captain Riach returned his Force on the 31st December 1860, as 814 men. This Return was received only on the 1st April 1861.

8. The Inspector General managed, by going himself to Saint Thomas' Mount, to obtain, on the 2nd instant, an unfinished and imperfect State of the Force up to the 31st January last. Captain Riach had still 768 men on the Force instead of a maximum of 739.

9. His Returns for February 28th showing 760 men, and for March 31st, showing 745 men, reached the Inspector General together on the 6th instant. Still he is in excess, despite repeated peremptory instructions issued on general information obtained *ab aliunde*, detailed report being withheld by Captain Riach.

10. The pecuniary responsibility incurred by Captain Riach is grave, and has arisen from his persistent neglect of duty and instructions in not keeping the Inspector General informed of his Proceedings.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,

Inspector General of Madras Police

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Lieutenant,

Personal Asst. to the Insp. Genl.

of Madras Police.

MADRAS,
8th April 1861.

No. 191. From Lieutenant M. W. CARR, Personal Assistant to the Inspector General of Madras Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th April 1861, No. 551.

General Department.

- 1 Telegram, dated 11th December 1860, from Inspector General of Police to Captain Riach.
1 Letter, dated 14th February, from Captain Riach to Inspector General of Police.
1 Letter, dated 25th February, from Inspector General to Captain Riach.
1 Letter, dated 5th April, from Captain Riach to Inspector General.

With reference to letter No. 457, dated 8th April 1861, from the Inspector General of Police to your address, I have the honor to forward additional correspondence as per margin, regarding Captain Riach, Superintendent of Police, Madras District, which I have received this day from Mr. Robinson.

2. The Inspector General's absence from Madras has caused the delay which has taken place in submitting these papers.

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Service Telegram.

From Calicut. To St. Thomas' Mount.
From the Inspector General of Police. To Captain Riach.

(Eleventh December.)

Reduce your Force forthwith within the estimate, and report cause of excess by return of Post Captain Hearn's instructions as regards Dress and all other matters.
Men must be well set up, and discipline must be strictly enforced.
Reduce Poonamallee men forthwith.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Insr. Genl. of Madras Police.

From Captain W. A. RIACH, Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, to W. ROBINSON, Esq.,
Inspector General of Madras Police, dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 14th February 1861.

In reply to your letter of 7th instant, received yesterday at Streepermatore, I have the honor to state that the reason for my not having forwarded any papers to you for some time is, that I was daily in expectation of your return to Madras.

I much regret that I have been negligent in this part of my duty, and will take care that it does not occur again.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to Captain W. A. RIACH,
Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 25th February 1861.
General Department.

* Dated 14th February 1861.

In reply to your letter,* I have the honor to observe that my movement could afford no ground for your neglecting the ordinary routine duty of your office in regard to the transmission of Diaries and Returns for two months; but in consideration of the expression contained in the 2nd para. of your letter, I determined not to report the matter to Government on this occasion, and request that your Diaries may be punctually transmitted, and may be full, useful, and business, like records of the transactions of your District, kept regularly from day to day.

All Returns, &c., required will likewise be despatched punctually—you have failed here likewise.

From Captain W. A. RIACH, Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, to W. ROBINSON, Esq.,
Inspector General, Madras Police, dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 5th April 1861.

In reply to your letter of 30th ultimo,* General Department, received 31st, I have the honor to state that I exceedingly regret your being again obliged to find fault with me for the non-transmission of Diaries, &c., and for failing in which I have no excuse to offer except that the usual routine office work of checking and passing orders on Inspectors' Diaries, &c., occupies me nearly from day-light to dark, as every little order has to be drafted by myself. I am at my office table from 9 A.M. till 6 P.M. with only a break of about an hour, and in the evenings I am too tired to take kindly to writing; but I will endeavour by making a regular daily business of it to keep my Diaries for the future up to the day, and so be enabled to post them every Sunday.

That my Crime Return should shew want of detection I regret, and I am doing my utmost to stimulate the various ranks in the Force to pay great attention to this point. Detection is a knack, and without some experienced person to teach it, it must necessarily be a work of time; but with regard to the despatch of both "Crime" and "Undetected Crime Returns," I will endeavour and hope to be able to have them regularly posted within the first week of each month.

I acknowledge that you have been forbearing towards me regarding my unpunctuality in forwarding Diaries and Returns of Crime, &c.; but the latter has been caused in a great degree by having to return the Division Crime Returns for correction before the general one for the whole District could be made out.

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I am fully aware that it is impossible for you to go on overlooking neglect of the kind complained of, and that you would not be doing justice either to the Department or to Government were you to do so, but I hope that hereafter you will have no cause to complain of me in this or any other respect. I must however in justice to myself state that although my conduct (in withholding these Returns and information) is reprehensible, still it is not intentional disrespect of orders; but that I allow myself to be too much taken up with the current work of the day, and that after eight or nine hours of office work I am too tired to take kindly to pen, ink, and paper after dinner. At present I have no one in my office who can draft the simplest or most ordinary routine order in English, and consequently I am obliged to do so myself and that takes up a great deal of my time that should be otherwise employed; but I hope when my new Office Inspector arrives to be able to get through my work with satisfaction to you and with greater ease to myself.

With regard to my having exceeded my estimated number of men in the months of November and December, I have to state that it was caused partly by my overlooking the fact that the Head and Deputy Constables were to be included in the number, and also from my having furnished the Officer Commanding at Poonamallee with a guard of some forty men that were never estimated for, and which you at the time sanctioned as a temporary measure, it being understood that Colonel Impett was about to retire when the Guard could be withdrawn or greatly reduced.

I may also add that on the first occasion of your visiting my Office in November last, on this being brought to your notice, as well as the number of extra men required for the two parts in my District, I then understood you to sanction my exceeding my estimated number, provided I did not exceed the money estimate. You now tell me that I misunderstood you, and it must be so; but Inspector Ramiah who was present at the time also understood you in the way I did.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Lieut.

Personal Asst. to the
Insr. Genl. of Police.

N. B.—This letter was not received till the 10th instant in the office, and no doubt was not despatched till the 9th or 10th.

(Signed) W. R.

No. 192.

ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1861, No. 579.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has carefully considered the several statements made by the Inspector General of Police in the above letters relative to the proceedings of Captain Riach, Superintendent of Police for the District of Chingleput.

2. He deems it unnecessary to follow Mr. Robinson through the details of his letter and its enclosures. An attentive perusal of these has satisfied him that whatever may be Captain Riach's qualifications for other branches of the public service, he does not possess that aptitude for the peculiar duties of an Officer of Police which is necessary to make him really useful in the Department. He therefore perceives no advantage in retaining Captain Riach as Assistant to Captain Hearn as suggested at the conclusion of the Inspector General's letter, and he resolves to place him at once at the disposal of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for Military duty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

General Department
No 457

Chief Office of the Inspector
of Madras Police
Madras 8th April 1861

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To

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Order thereon 27 April 1861, No. 577.

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To the Insp. Genl. Madras Police
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*General
Comm.*