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From

G. H. Ballard Esquire
Magistrate of Malabar

To

The Honorable J. Pyarott
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

Among other suggestions
in a letter from the Wynad Planters' Assoc-
iation, in reply to one from me, enquiring
whether they had any practical suggestions
to make with regard to improving the
efficiency of the Police in Wynad (which
it appeared to me had been much, and oft
unreasonably, questioned) it is observed
"The Association consider it would be desirable
to relieve them (the Police) from the duty of
serving warrants under Act III of 1839
and that a special staff of persons should
be employed for the special duty, the cost
to be met by a charge on all warrants
issuing."

*To Magistrate of
Malabar 2/9
December 1861.
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Long ago Captain Blom-
field, Superintendent of Police, North Mala-
bar, in whose range Wynad is situated,
observed on the amount of valuable time
needlessly occupied by Police men being called
from their legitimate duties to serve pro-
cesses in the numerous breach of contract
cases which the peculiar circumstances of
Wynad gave rise to, and proposed that the
cost of policemen thus employed should
be debited to the party at whose instance
the process issued.

*dated 20th ultimo
para 3.

3. In a letter to the Inspector
General of Police I observed that I thought

the simplest and best plan would be to relieve the regular police of this duty, and that if each complaint of breach of contract had to be accompanied by the payment of say one Rupee, whilst it would check frivolous complaints, and would not interfere with justice, (for if the redress sought was not worth picking one Rupee for the injury could not be very deep), - a fund would be formed to be kept in the hands of the Magistrate who would therefrom pay for the service of his procees effected by a man paid by the job or by one of a staff maintained on monthly pay from the same source.

I now beg the sanction of Government to require a fee of one Rupee with every complaint under Act Xth of 1859. At first I would propose serving the procees by men paid by the job at Annas 4 per diem. When a small fund has accumulated as would be the case I think with proper management a permanent staff on a salary of Rupees 6 per mensem each might be advantageously employed if occasion requires.

5. Much time would then be saved to the Police for regular police duties.

I have the honor to be

Yr
Your most Obedt Servant

G. A. Ballantyne
Magistrate

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