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23rd December 1862.*

No. 243. Read the followidg letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th December 1862.

General Department.

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that Colonel H. Bruce, C. B., Inspector General of Police for India, has intimated to me his intention of shortly reaching Bypore on an official tour of inspection of the Police of this Presidency.

2. He wishes me, I understand, to meet him there. I have requested him to intimate his intention to your Government with a view to my receiving instructions.

3. I venture most respectfully, but yet most earnestly, to solicit that the Government of India be moved to stay this tour at all events for the present. I do so in no spirit of contention, but because I feel that at this stage of our work confidence will be shaken, and confusion will result.

4. Great obstacles and difficulties have been experienced in establishing this Police and obtaining the services of the right stamp of men, from a general want of confidence in the stability of the resolutions of this Government, and from the existing anxiety in regard to change. We are only now slowly mastering these difficulties. They are still far from being removed. The service cannot now stand the check and excitement which I feel assured—indeed, I already feel it myself, and observe its effect throughout the service—that the prospect of a visit of this kind inevitably causes.

5. It is difficult indeed, as it is, to preserve order, system and subordination amongst a large service, each of whom has his own view on some minor matter of detail and management to press on the Inspector General of Police in India. The prospect of his visit is unsettling the minds of all grades in the service.

6. His inspection of a still somewhat immature condition of things must raise discussion and differences, which will prove most embarrassing at this time both to the Government and your departmental Officers and Magistracy.

7. The facts are so. And I state it with confidence, that there is not a Magistrate or Police Officer in the Presidency, who does not feel this effect of the prospect of this visit on himself. It is one of shaken confidence and uncertainty that paralyzes exertion.

8. I venture earnestly and respectfully to press on the consideration of Government the importance of allowing a feeling of stability in the arrangements of this Government to regain its hold on the minds of the Public services, and of the people after the large legislative changes in course of being worked out. Actuated by this consideration alone, I have refrained from bringing forward several matters which, when the service is more advanced, will require the attention of the Local Government. For the present it is better to bear with minor inconveniences than show a disposition to change. Changes and alterations may not be proposed by Colonel Bruce, but the very visit of such an Officer unavoidably has a most unsteady effect: such as I feel satisfied no exertion should be spared to prevent at this stage of the Police organization and with the service composed of young Officers.

9. I venture to express confidence that the visit is not required at this time, and that the objects as stated in para. 26 of the Resolution of Government of India, dated 9th April, do not apply to this Presidency at this time. The system, that adopted by the Government of India, is being steadily and successfully worked out, without alteration of sanctioned Establishment or divergence from deliberately adopted principles. The Government is well aware that the strictest economy is successfully maintained; as will be evidenced by the out-turn of the year.

No. 244. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd December 1862, No. 2,110.

I am directed to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the annexed copy of a letter under date the 18th instant, from the Inspector General of

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Police in this Presidency, requesting that Colonel Bruce, the Inspector General of Police for India, may be instructed to postpone his visit to this Presidency for the present.

2. The Madras Government concur with Mr. Robinson in thinking it very undesirable, especially under present circumstances, that the Police of this Presidency should be subjected to the inspection of an Officer independent of the Local Government, on the ground that such a visit is calculated to shake the confidence of the Force and of the public in the permanence of present arrangements, and to weaken the authority of the local Inspector General. Great difficulties have been and will be experienced for some time to come in the organization of the Police Force, and these difficulties the Government feel assured will be much enhanced by Colonel Bruce's projected visit.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Jud. Department.

No. 2110

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Home Department.

Sir,

I quite agree with the
Inspector General of the
Madras Police in thinking
that no good can arise
from the visit of Col Bruce
and I think that the
Govt should, in addition
to addressing the letter
the Govt feel able to
in view of the protestations
against Col Bruce's
appointment as
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Fort St. George }
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W. A.

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To the Secy. of the Govt.

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Submitting for consideration
copy of a letter from the
Superior Court of Illinois
= questioning that Col. Brown
the Applicant Just of do
for their may be introduced
to that there his right to
the decision for the
present.

quell. L. to Aug 13th
January 22nd 3 of 1863.

Replied to 16th March
28th of 1863.