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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23rd December 1862.*

No. 243. Read the following from W. ROBINSON, Esq.
Police ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary
George, dated Madras, 18th December 1862.

General Department.

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that
Inspector General of Police for India, has intimated to me his intention
Bey pore on an official tour of inspection of the Police of this Presidency.

2. He wishes me, I understand, to inform him thereof. We requested him
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
India be moved to stay this tour at all events for the present. I do so in no spirit of content
but because I feel that at this stage of our work confidence will be
result.

4. Great obstacles and difficulties have been experienced in obtaining the services of the right stamp of men, from a general confidence in the
stability of the resolutions of this Government, and from the existing anxiety in reg
We are only now slowly mastering these difficulties. They are still far from being
service cannot now stand the check and excitement which I feel assured—indeed, I
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 bring-
ing 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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Force in this Presidency that Colonel Bruce, the
India, may be his visit to this Presidency for
2. The Madras Government concurs with Robinson in thinking undesirable,
especially for present circumstances, that the Police of this Presidency should
to the inspection of an Officer independent of the Local Government, on the ground
visit is calculated to shake the confidence of the Force and of the public in the
present arrangements. 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
Colonel Bruce's visit.

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

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Judicial Department.

No. 2110

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Judicial Department.

Sir,

I quite agree with the
Inspector General of the
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
to the Govt of India to
a letter of protest to
the Govt of India.
Appointment as
Inspector General of Police
in India - as one calculated
to remove no good
impression & as adding
to the expense of the
Police Department

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

The Madras Govt
concurs with Mr Robinson
in thinking it very un-
desirable, that
present

in view of the above remarks

Yds
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present circumstances, the
Police of this Presidency
should be subjected to the
inspection of an Officer
independent of the local
Government or person
that is not as cal-
culated to lose the
confidence of the Forces
and of the public in the
efficiency of present
arrangements and to weaken
the Authority of the local
Inspector General. Great
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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 Col. Bruce's
reported view.

Fort St. George,
23^d Dec.

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