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No. 226. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th January 1862.

I have the honor to submit Estimates for the Constabulary of the Tinnevelly District, prepared in communication with the Magistrate.

2. *Estimate.*—The following Statement gives an abstract of the strength of the Constabulary Force with its costs and other particulars of information.

Names of Talooks.	Area in square miles.	Population.	Revenue.	Constabulary.					Ratio		Cost.
				No. of Police Parties.	No. of Stations.	No. of Outposts.	Inspectors.	Constables.	Total.	To area.	To population.	
Shevilputur	528	1,34,783	2,70,506	5	2	5	2	75	77	6·98	1,750	9,760
Sautoor	472	1,26,768	1,66,339	6½	4	4	2	98	100	4·72	1,267	12,110
Sunkanainarocoil	650	1,36,245	1,40,769	6½	3	7	2	98	100	6·50	1,362	11,870
Ootapadarum	1,068	1,97,507	1,27,868	10½	5	12	3	157	160	6·67	1,234	18,950
Tenkaushee	366	96,812	1,44,367	4	3	3	2	60	62	5·90	1,561	8,200
Tinnevelly	390	1,57,001	3,34,171	4	1	5	1	60	61	6·39	2,573	7,100
Umbasamoodrum	559	1,35,656	3,78,212	6	3	6	2	90	92	6·07	1,474	11,200
Nangamy	652	1,38,017	3,08,869	8½	4	10	2	127	129	5·05	1,069	14,970
Total	5,144	13,24,163	21,81,713	59	29	60	18	885	903	5·69	1,466	1,08,300
Towns.												
Tinnevelly	...	20,622	30,138	4	1	..	1	60	61*	..	338	7,200
Palamcottah	...	13,906	9,453	2	1	...	1	30	31*	...	448	4,200
Tuticorin	...	5,708	1,746	1½	1	...	...	22	22*	...	259	2,360
Total	...	40,236	41,637	7½	3	...	2	112	114	...	352	13,760
Various.												
Reserve	...	...	...	7	...	...	3	105	108	...	...	13,800
Jail	...	...	...	3	...	...	..	45	45	..	...	4,500
Treasury	...	...	...	1½	...	...	..	23	23	..	...	2,280
Magistrates' Courts and Orderlies	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	30	31	...	...	4,160
Total	...	...	...	13½	...	...	4	203	207	..	...	24,630
Total	5,144	13,64,399	22,23,350	80	32	60	24	1,200	1,224	4·20	1,114	1,46,690
To other Departments.												
Salt	...	...	...	3	...	...	..	45	45	...	...	4,500
Grand Total	5,144	13,64,399	22,23,350	83	32	60	24	1,245	1,269	4·05	1,075	1,51,190

* N. B.—Includes one European Head Constable on pay of 30 Rupees per mensem—Total 3 of this grade.

3. The Rural Force of the District numbers 903 men. Town Police are required at Tinnevelly, Palamcottah and Tuticorin: the total strength being 114 men. This includes three European Head Constables at 30 Rupees per mensem each. This grade has been found very useful at large and sea-port Towns. They will be entertained in lieu of the same number of Native Head Constables, and the extra cost will only be 10 Rupees per mensem each. The Reserve, Jail Party, Treasury and Magistrate's Guards make up the number to 1,224 men, at a cost of Rupees 1,46,690 or 1¾ Anna of a *Rupee* per head of the population. The ratio to population is 1 Policeman to 1,114 inhabitants. Ratio to area 1 to 4·20 square miles.

4. *Remarks on Estimate.*—The estimated Force has been kept strictly within the requirements of the District, and in point of numbers is considerably reduced below that estimated by the local Officers for the Budget of 1861-62. The population is heavy, and one-twelfth of the whole consists of *Marawers* or hareditery thieves. The sea-port Towns are thickly peopled with *Lubbays*, a hot-tempered and sometimes troublesome race. The *Lubbays* have also many inland settlements. The Travancore passes have to be watched, and strict Police supervision is required over the Estates of the numerous *Poligars* and petty *Zemindárs*.

5. But while the anticipated numbers have been reduced, I have been compelled to estimate for higher pay of the lower grades than has been passed for other Districts, viz., at the rates shown in the margin. Operations have been going on for some months in Tinnevelly, and we find that we cannot get men to enter the service at the rates of pay offered. The demand for labor in Ceylon is so great that the lowest class of unskilled labor commands rate of wage much above the ordinary pay offered to the Constables.

Head Constable, Rupees 16 with 6 Rupees Horse Allowance.		
Deputy do.		
1st class Constable.	Rupees.	12
2nd class do.	„	8
3rd class do.	„	7
	„	6

6. *Establishments relieved.*—The Constabulary will relieve the *Peon* Establishment of the Collector and Magistrate so far as engaged on Police duty; including also a body of armed *Sibandis*. The duties of the Jail *Peon* Guards and of two Military Guards hitherto employed upon the Jail and Treasury will also be undertaken by the Constabulary. A small branch Jail has hitherto been kept up at Tinnevelly, containing 24 prisoners placed at the disposal of the Magistrate for work in the Town. This involved extra Guards. The Magistrate has now arranged to dispense with this Jail, and the 24 prisoners will be lodged in the District Jail at Palamcottah. The average number of prisoners in Palamcottah Jail is about 190. The Jail Establishment has been estimated at three parties or 45 men.

Collector's Establishment.	
Armed Sibandis.	740
Jail.	173
Military Guards.	38
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7. *Salt Department.*—There are nine Salt factories in the District, each with a large Store yard. There are seven Salt Treasuries; but an additional Treasury is contemplated at Kotil Vypaur, making eight in all. Forty-five men are estimated, as the smallest number with which the duties of watch and guard can be undertaken.

8. *Pearl Fishery.*—The Pearl Fishery at Tuticorin commences in March and lasts one month. Last year a Company of Native Infantry was detailed to keep order and protect the Treasuries. One Jemadar and 18 men of the armed *Sibandis* were employed on Treasure Escort duty connected with the Fishery, and in addition to 15 Magistrate's *Peons*, it was found necessary to employ a temporary Establishment of two *Kotwalls* and 38 *Peons*.

Employed during Pearl Fishery.
1 Company Native Infantry.
18 Armed Sibandis.
15 Magistrate's Peons.
40 Temporary Peons.

9. The Pearl Fishery is carried on for three successive years out of every ten; seven years' rest being required to restore the exhausted oyster banks. It may therefore be regarded as an exceptional matter, not forming a legitimate call on the Constabulary Force. The Reserve, however, will undertake the duties hitherto performed by the Magistrate's Peons and armed *Sibandis* and will generally protect the interests of Government as far as possible. Some extra Establishment will be temporarily required during the Fishing season. This will be estimated for and can be met from the Local Fund derived fron the proceeds of the Fisheries.

10. *Village Police.*—In Tinnevelly as elsewhere the state of the Village Police is most confused and unsatisfactory. An army of *Kavilgars* harasses the country. The time has not quite arrived for attempting a thorough re-organization; but a Memorandum will be submitted shortly showing the present condition and the probable requirements and prospects of the Tinnevelly Village Police.

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No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1862, No. 325.

The Inspector General of Police submits his estimate for the Constabulary of the Tinnevelly District.

2. The Force consists of 24 Inspectors and 1,200 Constables, whose allowances will amount to Rupees 1,46,690 per annum. The ratio of the entire strength—1,224 men—is one Policeman for every 1,115 of the population, and for every 4·2 square miles of area—and that of the cost 6·6 per cent. of the Revenue, and at the rate of $1\frac{7}{8}$th Anna per head of the population per annum.

	Inspectors.	Constables.
Town Police-	2	112
Talook do.	18	885
Reserve, &c.	4	203
Men..	24	1,200

Area.	5,144 Square Miles.
Population.	1,364,399 Souls.
Revenue.	22,23,350 Rupees.

3. In each of the towns of Tinnevelly, Palamcottah, and Tuticorin, a European Constable on Rupees 30 a month will be maintained. The rates of pay of the Native grades will be higher in this district. Mr. Robinson explains that the demand for labor in Ceylon has raised the wages of the lowest class of unskilled labor above the rate of pay found sufficient for Constables in other districts.

4. The Force relieved by the Constabulary are the Magistrate's Peon Establishment, a body of Civil armed Police, the Jail Guards, and the Military Guards at the Jail and Treasury, numbering in all 979 men.

5. The Government sanction the Constabulary required for this district at a total annual cost of (Rupees 1,46,690) one lakh forty-six thousand and six hundred and ninety Rupees.

7. The Government sanction likewise the Force, 45 Constables at an annual cost of (Rupees 4,500) four thousand and five hundred Rupees, required as watchmen at the Salt factories and Treasuries. The expense will be charged to the Revenue Department, *plus* the prescribed additional ten per cent. The extra Force which may be necessary for the Pearl Fishery at Tuticorin, should, the Inspector General thinks, be paid for from the proceeds of the oyster banks. Orders on this point will be passed in the Revenue Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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