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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th August 1863.

No. 256. Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Rayagadda of Jeypore, 6th February 1863, No. 31.

I venture to request that the Government will be pleased to reconsider, as far as this District and others equally remote, and in many respects uncivilized, are concerned, their order, No. 82, of 21st January, directing that no armed guard in excess of one or two of their servants is to be permitted to travellers.

2. The effect of this sudden order will be that the Hill Zemindars, who are isolated enough already, will keep themselves entirely at home. In the first place they have been accustomed for centuries to quite another state of things, and they would feel themselves dishonored by the rigour of the new ordinance. Further they would be no longer safe, and the Police would have to be quadrupled. A rich Zemindar covered with jewels, passing through the country with a numerous retinue, and but one or two weapons amongst the whole, would be a prize few Dacoits could resist. It is because wealthy Natives are so well armed, that they are so seldom attacked, and I never heard of their failing to keep their own retainers well in hand on the side of law and order.

3. In regard to the remedy proposed, I learn that very few Policemen indeed could be spared from the small Reserve that is kept at head-quarters; with justice, that is, to the other interests of the District, and to the emergencies that may any day arise along this extensive frontier. Besides, would not the Constabulary be demoralized both in discipline and in general tone, from being attached to a Zemindar's camp for three or four months?

4. There is another point. I assure the Government, that in every part of this District, even in the town of Vizagapatam, no woman of rank gets into her palanquin, if it be only to visit her neighbours within the limits of the city, without a guard of honor of a dozen men, armed with spears and swords, and they must be men of her own people. Mr. Robinson's Police would not do.

5. This sudden regulation to the contrary will be very acutely felt. It will amount to disarming the entire high caste population of the District; who, though armed, are very easily managed; who have never as a body behaved ill; many of whose chiefs have assisted the Government in insurrections in other quarters, receiving their thanks for the same; and without whose aid the wilder parts of the Province could never be managed with one Policeman to every thousand or twelve hundred souls, which is Mr. Robinson's limit.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1863, No. 1,400.

Adverting to the peculiar character of the Vizagapatam District, the Governor in Council will leave it to the discretion of the Agent and Magistrate to grant such licenses for armed guards as he may deem proper, provided that armed guards in excess of the limit prescribed in the Proceedings of Government, under date the 21st January last, be not allowed beyond the limits of the District without the special sanction of Government.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

No 1100 of 28th Augt 1863

Adverting to the peculiar character of the Chirāgpatam District, the Governor in Council will leave it to the discretion of the Agent & Magistrate to grant such licenses for armed guards as he may deem proper, provided that armed guards in excess of the limit prescribed in the Proc: of Govt under date the 27th January last be not allowed beyond the limits

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From Pro. Govt.

The Ag Agent

to the Governor

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 6th February 1863

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No. 31

Ventures to request that the Government will be pleased to reconsider the case of Thies and others Zemindars, and in any respects circumstances destitute are concerned - their order of the 21st October No 82, directing that no arrears shall be collected from them

Translation

With an order.

No 257

To the Magistrate of Chingleput.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying petition of the Zemindar of Pullicat, and to request that you will report for the information of Government whether the statements contained in it are correct.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

6th February 1863

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