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No. 265. Read the following letter from C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India with the Governor General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 10th August 1863, No. 153.

Foreign Department.
Judicial.

I am directed by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General to forward, for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, a copy of the Resolution of the Government of India, abolishing the Thuggee Department as a Special Agency in British Territory.

No. 121, dated 8th July.

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No. 121.

SIMLA, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, JUDICIAL, THE 8TH JULY 1863.

Read again the Extract to the Home Department, No. 30, dated 31st January, transferring, for report to Colonel Bruce, the Director General of Police, several papers on the subject of the proposed abolition of the Special Agency for the suppression of Thuggee and Dacoitee.

Read the Report of Colonel Bruce, No. 51A, dated 27th February on the above question submitted with Office Memorandum from Home Department, No. 2,589, dated 21st April.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General, having taken into consideration the papers on the above subject, is pleased to resolve that the Thuggee Department be abolished as a Special Agency in British Territory, and that the duties of the Department be transferred to the Police in those Territories, in the manner suggested in paragraphs 18 to 22 of Colonel Bruce's Report. The Home Department will take the necessary steps for carrying out the details in communication with Colonel Hervey or Colonels Hervey and Bruce, as may be thought best.

As regards Native States, His Excellency is pleased to resolve that the Thuggee Department be maintained as a Special Agency. But His Excellency does not concur with Colonel Bruce in the expediency of appointing separate Officers for the discharge of the duties of the Thuggee Department alone. His Excellency prefers that the duties be performed, as heretofore, by the Assistants to the Residents and Agents on an extra allowance as noted in the margin.* The reports of the Assistants will be made, through the Residents or Agents, as the case may be, to the General Superintendent, who will, when necessary, take the orders of Government in the Foreign Department, in all matters concerning Thuggee in Native States, and who will annually submit to Government in the Foreign Department, a report of the operations of the Thuggee Department in Native States.

* Hyderabad 200
Central India 200
Rajpootana 200
Mysore 200

The salary suitable for the General Superintendent will be settled in the Home Department. Half the amount, which may be fixed, will, however, be debited to the Government of India in the Foreign Department.

No. 122.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution, together with a copy of Colonel Bruce's report, be sent for information and guidance to the General Superintendent, with a request that he will arrange with the Resident at Hyderabad, the Agents in Central India and Rajpootana, and the Commissioner of Mysore, and report to this office the names of the Officers, whom he would propose to appoint as Assistants in the Thuggee Department in the States under their Agency, and what establishments he would think it necessary to allow them.

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No. 123.

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution, together with a copy of Colonel Bruce's report, be sent for the information and guidance of the Governments and authorities noted on the margin,* with a request that the Resident at Hyderabad and the Agents at Rajpootana and Central India will report what portion of the expense of the Special Agency, the Native States are prepared to pay for.

* Government of Bombay.
" " Bengal.
" " N. W. Provinces.
" " Punjab.
Chief Commissioner of Oudh.
" " of Central Provinces.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Commissioner of Mysore.
Agent, Governor General Rajpootana.
" " " Central India.

No. 124.

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution only be sent to the Home Department at the Presidency for information and further orders.

No. 125.

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution together with a copy of Colonel Bruce's report be sent for the information of the Financial Department.

(Signed) H. M. DURAND,
Secretary to the Government of India,
with the Governor General.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,
with the Governor General.

No. 266. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1863, No. 1,407.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.
(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMeetry.

No. 1407 of 29th Aug. 1863.
Communicated to the
Inspector Genl. of Police.

The Inspector Genl. of Police, 7 Sept. 1863