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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
25th February 1863.

No. 213. Read the following letter from WILLIAM ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 14th February 1863, No. 364.

The draft for a Legislative enactment to protect the Police Service from the burden of serving processes under the Breach of Contract Law has been laid before the Legislative Council.

2. Still I believe that it is right to keep Government informed of the pressure existing; and I submit an Extract from the Diary of the Superintendent of Police in Wynad for the information of Government.

3. In Wynad the difficulty assumes a most serious dimension, but other Districts are following rapidly in the same direction.

Extract from the Diary of Captain C. G. BLOMFIELD, Superintendent of Police, North Malabar, dated 26th January 1863.

"It is to be hoped that the Legislative enactment on this subject (Breach of Contract) will not be delayed much longer. The serving of these processes by Police is a burden increasing every day, and requires not a Police party but an Army to execute them properly, at each Station of a Sub-Magistrate. These Contracts as I have explained before, are not made with one man as head of a gang to be responsible for a certain amount of labor to be performed in a certain time; but, through the interpretation of the Act, the signature of every single member of it, who is actualy an artisan, is obtained to the document, in order to render them amenable to its provisions, and on any delay taking place in the fulfilment of the Contract, Warrants are asked for and obtained for the arrest of all. The Deputy Magistrate once issued a Warrant for the arrest of 96 men on one Contract, addressed to the Superintendent of Police, South Malabar. I may now safely say that, among the three Magistrates dealing with these cases, $\frac{4}{5}$ths of the Executive Police are employed, not in serving but in endeavouring to serve them, and the consequence is they give no one satisfaction.

Beat duty has, what with paucity of men and multitude of processes, literally become impossible, and has ceased at the principal Stations.

The whole of this, until this enactment passes, will fall upon the Mounted Inspectors and Head Constables and upon the Umshom watchers; whereas were the General Police Constables free to perform their proper duties, a treble and most effectual patrol and supervision might be maintained."

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. TEMPLE, Lieutenant Colonel,
Acting Assistant Inspector General of M. Police.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1863, No. 304.

It is observed that the Bill referred to has been passed and sent to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General for his assent.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Mr. Aylmer The foregoing letter and its enclosure will be laid before the Council for making Laws and Regulations.

To the Inspector Genl. of Police
Assistant Secretary. Secr: Depr.

Judicial Department. 3751

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Insp.r Gen.l Police.

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To the Inspector Gen.l of Police. Dis.p 2 March

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No. 304

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 24th February 1863.

Informing the Inspector General of Police that the Bill to protect the Police service from the burden of serving Processes under the Breach of Contract Law, has been passed and sent to the Governor General for his assent.—

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