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No. 191. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th March 1863, No. 786.

General Department.

With reference to paragraphs 7 and 14 of my letter, dated 17th March 1863, No. 642, I have the to submit the following for the consideration of Government.

Police were supplied for the guard of the Court under Order of Government, dated 6th August 1861, No. 408, Financial Department.

3. I have carefully reconsidered the matter of guarding Court Houses with reference to Mr. Drummond's letter, dated 4th February 1863, No. 218*a*, Financial Department, and think that these guards may be dispensed with as a separate appropriation leaving the watch of Court House, &c., to the ordinary watchmen of the Police.

4. There is or ought to be no Cash Chest in any Court House. Thus the amount of money kept in Court need never exceed a few Rupees for current expenses for remittances can be made throughout the day to the Collector's Treasury, and no money need be received in Court after the hour of closing the Banking transactions of the Collector's Treasury.

5. The same consideration affects the plea for a standing guard which is sometimes urged on the score of the stock of Stamp paper and the proceeds of sales of the same.

6. The records of the Courts should be and generally are in well locked rooms and these are not generally attractive objects to Burglars.

7. I therefore propose that a petty Officer of the Police should be present when the Court's close and the building locked up. He will see that it is safely secured.

8. The custody will then be put like other public property under the watchmen of the beat.

9. The beat will be so arranged that the watchmen will visit and go round the building, testing the locks, fastening, windows, &c., and examining all nooks and corners, once every hour or two hours.

10. The petty Officer of the guard over the Jail which is generally near the Court House, will likewise examine the building every two hours when relieving the Jail watchmen.

11. I beg the sanction of the Government to try this arrangement, and in anticipation thereof have omitted the separate appropriation in the Budget under this head.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1863, No. 620.

In this letter the Inspector General of Police proposes that the Constabulary Guards should be withdrawn from the Courts in the Mofussil, and that the protection of the premises, when the Courts are closed for the night, should be entrusted to the ordinary beat watchmen, and the petty Officer of the Jail Guard. This arrangement is sanctioned.

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

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