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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 73	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 20.1.1863.	

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No. 97. 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, 23rd December 1862, No. 3,097.

Account Department.

I have recently inspected the District of Madras and find that the difficulty of obtaining the service of respectable men on the lowest grade of pay, 5¼ Rupees *per mensem*, is becoming quite insurmountable.

2. Precisely the same circumstances prevail in both Districts of Malabar.

3. Men will not remain and cannot do the work for 5¼ Rupees *per mensem*. Ordinary wages of unskilled labor exceed this sum, and the demand for labor in all three Districts precludes our obtaining the services of men at all suitable for the work at such low rate of wages.

4. If men join the service at all at the lowest rate, it is, I fear, from sinister motives, and we find that the casualties and failures from roguery and inefficiency are chiefly amongst 3rd class men. An ill-paid Policeman is a source of weakness and danger.

5. I am exceedingly unwilling to ask for increase of pay at an increased cost to the State. I therefore venture to recommend at least as a *tentative measure*, that I be permitted, as opportunity occurs, gradually to abolish the 3rd class grade in these three Districts altogether and amalgamate it with the 2nd class, reducing the amalgamated strength so as to provide the difference of pay.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

	Present Establishment.			Proposed Establishment.				
	No.	Cost per month.	Cost per Annum.	No.	Cost per month.	Cost per Annum.	Diff. No	Diff. Amount.
1st Class....	183	1,281 0	15,372	183	1,281	15,372	.....	.....
2nd ,, ...	183	1,098 0	13,176	343	2,058	24,696	.....	.....
3rd ,, ...	183	960 12	11,529	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	549	3,339 12	40,077	526	3,339	40,068	23	9
	SOUTH MALABAR DISTRICT.							
1st Class....	224	1,568 0	18,816	224	1,568	18,816	.....	.....
2nd ,, ...	224	1,344 0	16,128	420	2,520	30,240	.....	.....
3rd ,, ...	224	1,176 0	14,112	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	672	4,088 0	49,056	644	4,088	49,056	28	....
	NORTH MALABAR DISTRICT.							
1st Class....	120	840 0	10,080	120	840	10,080	.....	.....
2nd ,, ...	120	720 0	8,640	225	1,350	16,200	.....	.....
3rd ,, ...	120	630 0	7,560	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	360	2,190 0	26,280	345	2,190	26,280	15	.....

6. The Establishment of Privates of the three Districts in question is shown in the margin with the difference and saving to be effected in each.

7. I request the sanction of Government to introduce gradually the strength and scale proposed as shown in the margin in these three Districts.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1863, No. 73.

3RD CLASS CONSTABLES

	Present number.	To be retained.
Madras	183	160
South Malabar	224	196
North Malabar	120	105
Totals	527	461

527 at Rupees	5¼	2,763¾
461 at ,,	6	2,766
Réduction ...	66 Men... Saving Rs...	¾

per month.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the reduction, to the extent proposed of the present number of third class Constables in the Madras and Malabar Districts, and the transfer of the rest to the second class. The pay of these men will be raised as savings are effected.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

No. 73 — 20th January 1863.

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Reduction — 66 Men — Saving — Rs. " 3/4.
per month.

The Inspector Genl. of Police.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Deputy Auditor Genl. } dup.s 21.