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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 27th May 1863.

No. 236. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Agent to Governor in Ganjam; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Madras dated Chetterpoor, 8th May 1863, No. 25.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Government Order, No. 650, dated 27th April 1863, relative to the operations in the Khond Maliahs.

2. There are two points connected with the subject of this order, on which it seems desirable to obtain further instructions from Government. In paragraph 6 they have directed that the road from Aska through Sooradah to the base of the Ghauts should be undertaken under the Agent's directions, after the close of the rains. As, however, it is of importance that this should be a good cart road with bridges over the nullahs, similar to the line leading through Russelcondah to the base of the Kalingia Ghaut, I would submit for the consideration of Government that this road had better be made under regular professional direction as the other branch has been. The road traces above Ghauts will all, as the Government observe, be merely cleared and levelled for the passage of loaded bullocks and elephants, and as such, require no particular skill after a good line has been chosen. If it is still desired, however, I will do my best to have the line below Ghauts through Sooradah executed.

3. The other point I wish to bring before the Government is the degree of responsibility and the nature of the obligations devolved upon the Agent in Ganjam in the arrangements which have taken the place of the late Agency for the Hill Tracts.

I have hitherto acted under the impression that a general outline of measures having been concerted between the Inspector General and myself, and the details of an establishment having been fixed with the approval of the Government, it became the duty of the Agent in this District to devise and conduct further proceedings in pursuance of the object in view, employing for this purpose, whenever necessary, that portion of the Police Force specially trained and set apart for duty in the Hill Tracts.

5. It is stated, however, in the Order of Government, now under reply, that the duties of the late Agency have been entrusted *to the Police*, and the Inspector General of Police, with the approval of Government, recently proposed to disband one-third of the establishment set apart for Hill service without reference to any objection which I might wish to urge, although as that Officer can inform the Government the existing strength of the Force was agreed upon, with special reference to my having insisted on the necessity of a full relief for the parties on out-post duty, and a sufficient margin for the sick men which frequently follow their return.

6. If this charge is entirely an affair of Police, I would respectfully beg the Government to point out what are the obligations of the Agent. As I have hitherto conceived them, these duties are such as no man having other important functions to perform would undertake, except they clearly formed part of his duty. All the Officers who have been employed in the Hills this year, with one exception, have suffered more or less severely from the fever including myself, and on my return to this place in February last, I found 25 Sessions cases awaiting trial, which in addition to the accumulation of miscellaneous work I was obliged to go through in great physical weakness.

7. I do not mention this with the slightest wish to evade these duties, but I think it will be conceded that I may reasonably wish it should be made clear, whether the duties of the late Orissa Agency have devolved solely on the Police or whether the general direction of operations has devolved upon the Agent, and if so, whether he may not fairly expect to be consulted in reference to any important change in the establishment.

8. I may here observe, however, that the threatened reduction of 150 men has been modified to about 40.

No. 237. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1863, No. 818.

The road referred to in paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter, will be constructed by the Department of Public Works as recommended by the Agent; its cost being met from the Public Works Reserve Fund.

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2. The necessary orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the commencement of the road in question immediately on the expiration of the approaching south-west monsoon.

3. It was not the intention of Government, when speaking of the duty for which the special Meriah Agency was employed having been entrusted to the Police, to imply that the proceedings of the Police Officers in this matter were to be independent of the Agency. The relations o the Police employed in the Hill Tracts and the Agent in Ganjam are precisely similar to those which exist between the Police and the Magistrates of Districts in other parts of the country.

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

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To The Agent in Canjam. Rcpd. 2 June
" The Pub. Works Departt
" The Inspector General of Mad. Police. } 1 June

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Dated 27 May 1863.

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Resolving that the road from Aska thro' Soorada to the base of the Ghauts in the Ganjam District will be constructed by the P.W. Dept.

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