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5th March 1864.*

No. 97. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th January 1864, No. 211.

I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, two letters referred to me by Memorandum from the Civil Paymaster. In these letters Colonel Bruce, Inspector General of Police in India, calls for information upon minute matters of internal economy in Districts of this Presidency, and likewise in regard to my office. He requires this information from the Civil Paymaster, who does not possess it. The Civil Paymaster calls on me to furnish it.

2. I shall await the orders of Government on the subject.

3. I believe that it would be more in consonance with the wishes of the Government of Madras and the ordinary mode of transacting business, that requests for information of this character should be respectfully made by Colonel Bruce to this Government. A full statement of reasons and objects for which it is required, would enable the Government to deal more satisfactorily with any reference which it may see good to make to its local officers.

4. I need scarcely say that the preparation of all these details largely adds to business already sufficiently heavy. And when furnished, they cannot possibly be of the slightest use to an officer unacquainted with this Presidency, and the system observed in its Police.

5. Under date 16th Decembor 1863 a letter from Colonel Bruce, calling for a statement of various Departmental Appropriations of Police, was referred to me by Government for report.

6. When the Madras Police was first organized, no separate Appropriations were made for the various duties devolving on the force. The whole Police was budgetted for as one body. Under instructions issued at the instance of Colonel Bruce, this sound principle was set aside, and numerous Appropriations, fraught with all sorts of complications of account, were introduced. The Budget of 1862-63 was prepared accordingly. It worked with exceeding difficulty. My Budget of 1863-64, at first prepared in a similar manner, was returned by the Supreme Government for alteration; and the sound principle originally adopted in Madras was reverted to. All Appropriations have disappeared. The Budget of this year is now working with singular facility. In the Return now sought for, Colonel Bruce revives the whole of these Appropriations; and I am called upon to tabulate and submit numerous departmental details of matters which the Supreme Government has wisely swept away. I cannot but anticipate confusion and vexation.

7. Information involving the internal working of each Talug Treasure Guard and Escort and of every Salt work in the Presidency, will take time to collect: and when afforded, I would venture to ask: Of what advantage can it be to an officer in the position of Colonel Bruce? He cannot possibly use matters of such detail: while requiring them adds enormously to the work of my Department, hampers my proceedings, and will practically subordinate the working of the Madras Police to the office of the Inspector General of Police in India.

From Lieutenant Colonel H. BRUCE, c. b., Inspector General of Police in India; to the Civil Paymaster, Madras, dated River, the 17th December 1863, No. 202.

I have the honor to request the favor of your furnishing me with a statement, showing the entire cost of establishment of the Inspector General of Police, Madras, including all contingent and printing charges for the years 1861-62 and 1862-63.

True copy forwarded to the Inspector General, Madras Police, with a request that he will be good enough to furnish this office with the information called for in the above letter as regards printing charges.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
Chief Assistant in charge of
Civil Paymaster's Office.

2nd January 1864.

From Lieutenant Colonel H. BRUCE, c. b., Inspector General of Police in India; to the Civil Paymaster, Madras, dated River, 21st December 1863, No. 208.

I have the honor to request you will furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with a Memorandum of the number of individuals employed in the offices of the District Superintendents of Police, and the rates of their pay.

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2. Be so good also to specify whether these men are at present taken from the Constabulary, or whether they are separately entertained.
3. Should any of the Assistant District Superintendents of Police be allowed an English or Vernacular Writer, or both, I request that a statement of the number and cost of those attached to each officer may likewise be forwarded.

Copy forwarded to the Inspector General of Madras Police, with reference to his Memorandum, No. 176 of the 27th instant.
CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th January 1864.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
Chief Assistant to Civil Paymaster.

No. 98. MINUTE by the Honorable the PRESIDENT, dated 8th February 1864.

I have before me certain letters from Colonel Bruce, styling himself Inspector General of Police in India, calling upon the Civil Paymaster at Madras for a variety of information on matters connected with the Madras Police Establishments, as also a letter from the Inspector General of the Madras Police, pointing out instances in which the adoption of the recommendation of Colonel Bruce has been productive of inconvenience, and stating that to reply to such inquiries as are now made by that officer will add very much to the work of the Police and hamper for the operation of the Inspector General of Madras.

2. When I was at Calcutta the subject of the appointment of Colonel Bruce as Inspector General of Police in India was brought under my notice, and I found that the Secretary of State had on two separate occasions given directions that the office should be done away with. It had been retained by the Supreme Government as a temporary expedient for the purpose of enabling it to examine into the organization of the Police of the Upper Provinces, &c.

3. From the facts, however, now brought under my notice, it would seem that Colonel Bruce is of opinion that his appointment is intended to give him more general power than were contemplated by the Supreme Government when it asked for the temporary continuance of his office, and I think it would be advisable to bring the subject under the consideration of the Secretary of State and of the Supreme Government, pointing out to both that the Madras Police is doing its work very well; that it put down, without any aid from the Military, an armed outbreak of the Khond tribes at the back of Ganjam; and that it is every day becoming more efficient both as a preventer and detector of crime, so that any authorized interference with its organization cannot but be productive of harm.

4. I should also point out to both the Supreme Government and the Secretary of State that the benefits, if any, which can be derived from inquiries made by Colonel Bruce into the constitution of the Police in different parts of India can be equally well, and indeed better obtained were he appointed as a Special Commissioner for the purpose without conferring upon him the invidious title of Inspector General of Police in India.

5. With reference to the information sought for by Colonel Bruce as this will give him no useful information, and be troublesome to collect and arrange, I do not think that it would be advisable to require the Police Department to furnish it.

(Signed) W. T. DENISON.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1864, No. 318.

His Excellency the Governor in Council does not consider it necessary that the Inspector General of Police should furnish Colonel Bruce with the information referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. The Government will address the Government of India, and also the Right Honorable the Secretary of State on the subject.

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

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No. 100. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 5th March 1864, No. 319.

With reference to my letter of the 23rd December 1862, No. 2110, and to the Despatch* from this Government to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, regarding the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Bruce as an Inspector General of Police for the whole of India; I am directed to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the annexed copy of a letter, under date the 26th January last, from the Inspector General of Police for this Presidency, regarding two letters addressed by Colonel Bruce to the Civil Paymaster at Madras, applying for information on certain matters of detail connected with the internal economy of the Police in the Districts of this Presidency and with the office of the Inspector General.

* Dated 13th January 1863, No. 3.

2. Mr. Robinson, it will be seen, objects to the course taken by Lieutenant Colonel Bruce in applying for the information in question, on the ground that his application should have been made to the Government, with a full statement of the reasons and objects for which it is required; and that the collection of the information applied for will entail on his already fully worked Department much needless labor.

3. The Governor in Council entirely concurs in these objections, and considers it particularly objectionable that Lieutenant Colonel Bruce should have applied to one of the Financial Officers of this Government for information, which he must have known could only be furnished by the Inspector General of Police. I am directed to request the attention of the Supreme Government to a Minute recorded by His Excellency the President, in which the other Members of this Government concur; and to request that Lieutenant Colonel Bruce may be prohibited from interfering with the Administration of the Police of this Presidency, and from calling for Returns which are not absolutely necessary for the information of the Government of India. In the words of Sir W. Denison's Minute, the Madras Police "is doing its work very well." "It has lately put down, without any aid from the Military, an armed outbreak of the Khond tribes" in the Ganjam District, "and is every day becoming more efficient, both as a preventer and "detector of crime." The Governor in Council is satisfied that any interference on the part of Lieutenant Colonel Bruce can only be productive of mischief in crippling the action of the local authorities.

4. I am to add that the Madras Government has before it another letter† from Lieutenant Colonel Bruce addressed to the Chief Secretary, in which he applies for information as to what balance remains to the credit of the General Police Fund up to the 31st December 1863. A copy of the Assistant Inspector General's reply‡ to the reference which was made to Mr. Robinson on the receipt of this letter, is enclosed; but I am directed to observe that here again the information sought by Lieutenant Colonel Bruce can be of no practical use to him, unless it be intended that he is to interfere in all the details of Police Administration.

† Dated 3rd January 1864, No. 25.

‡ Dated 4th February 1864, No. 250.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
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Exd. J. Tulloch.

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W. H. Miller

Letter to H. & C. 22. March
27. 1864

I concur in the H. & C. the President and
would make the communication which
he proposes to the Home & Supreme Court.

I don't think that we have better
say anything about appointing in a
Commissioner. It might mean
disturbance in keeping up the Inspector General
under another designation. "By any other
name" he would probably "smell as sweet
and be equally to the purpose."

I would not particularly let the
passing of both this fact and the matter
inspire a full and settling in our
indirect way from a Civil Payment
information which he must have
known could only be obtained from
the Head of the Dept. J. H.

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I concur in the President's view with the
renovation proposed by Mr. Pyeatt - being informa-
tion which Col Bruce may want to and keep in eye
moving the Police in Bengal. It is given but he ought

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Letter from the Inspector
General of Madras Police } Received 26 Jan'y 1864
Minute of the President. } 8 Feb'y 1864
~~by the Honble. J. Pyeatt~~
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Order thereon 5 March 1864 No 318.

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To the Inspe. Genl. of Police. disps 7/3

N^o 319. Judicial Department
 The Secretary to the Govt of India
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The Secretary of State
 has directed in answer to the
 despatch from the Secretary of State
 dated 23^d December 1864, that the
 long published plan of the
 new judicial administration
 with the view of the
 re-organization and
 re-arrangement of the
 judicial system in India
 is necessary for the
 information of the
 Government.

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3. The Governor in Council
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Fort St. George }
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W. J. A.

And. L. & C. 22?
March 27 of 1864
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In view 1864, 22?
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to 5. March 1864
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