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No. 122. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 7th June 1864, No. 1184.

General Department.

I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for the measures submitted by the Superintendent* of Police, Coimbatore, for the better management of the Police guard over the convict establishment at the site of the Lawrence Asylum near Ootacamund.

* Letter dated ... May 1864. T...

2. I have personally ascertained that the measures are indispensable.

3. They are as follows:—

1st.—To entertain one efficient European Inspector in place of the two European Constables now employed. The amalgamated pay, Rupees 85, will secure the services of an efficient man. The batta of the two Head Constables will be given to this Inspector.

2nd.—To take effective pensioners of the Native Army and reduced [illegible] at this convict establishment, the men being allowed to draw the [illegible] to Military pension.

4. The matter is an exceptional one, and the measure temporary; and without some such arrangement, I shall, I fear, be unable to keep up the efficient establishment that is sanctioned.

5. The employment of reduced Sepoys is obviously right policy.

From Captain T. WELDON, Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, through Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western [illegible]e, dated Camp Nulloor, 31st May 1864.

The difficulties experienced in organizing an efficient Police guard for the convict establishment at the Lawrence Asylum works near Ootacamund, have far exceeded our anticipations. Already nearly 40 per cent. of the Constables ordered to serve there [illegible] It is found almost impossible to re-place them with trained and disciplined men. Recruiting for the Police force, generally, is almost at a stand-still and there are still greater drawbacks to service on the bleak hills at Lovedale.

2. The orders first passed to regulate the organization of the convict establishment at the Lawrence Asylum [illegible] of course tentative experience shows some modification to be absolutely necessary.

[illegible]rd to *Supervision*. There is but one Inspector sanctioned for the important settlement of Ootacamund; he has also charge of the out-posts along the Malabar and Mysore frontiers, in fact the whole Western and Northern faces of the Neilgherry range. Ootacamund itself would furnish ample work for one Inspector, but it has been found impossible [illegible] Inspector could, in addition to Ootacamund and [illegible]ng sub-stations, also [illegible]e to the Lovedale detachment which will, I believe, consist of 100 Constables guarding some 600 convicts. Convict guards require constant and close supervision, and the severity of the service demands that the Officer Commanding shall be a man of great intelligence and tact in the management of [illegible]iness habits is also indispensable [illegible]nage the issue of [illegible] [illegible]intain discipline and regularity in the [illegible] The [illegible] [illegible] Inspector at the [illegible]

The highest salary [illegible]er a European as Head Constable, is insufficient to secure the services of an officer competent to take charge independently of the Police duties connected with the Lawrence Asylum convict establishment.

[illegible]rnment sanctioned the employment of two Head Constables (European) at Lovedale on [illegible]y, with of course the usual batta of a petty officer which latter is payable by the officer in charge of the w[illegible]

4. I am satisfied now after reasonable trial that the service would be better [illegible] by one superior [illegible] of the grade of Inspector, whose salary would be provided by amalgamating [illegible] [illegible]nctioned [illegible]ropean Head Constables, that is, by employing one efficient Inspector in lieu of two inefficient Head Constables. The already over-burdened Ootacamund Inspector would then be relieved of this troublesome charge and there would be a responsible officer on the spot to supervise and control.

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The convicts *must* be guarded somehow, and the diffic[illegible]to find men not only w[illegible] undertake the dut[illegible] raw recruits on h[illegible] officers of the force are continually being withdrawn from gen[illegible] to sup[illegible] caused by resignations and other casualties, we do but deprive honest men *out* of Jail or [illegible] *in* Jail.

7. T[illegible]rary and will be brok[illegible] works are com[illegible] The service is altogether special and must be considered accordingly question of how to furnish guards for the convicts here employed has now become a most serious and anxious one.

8. I beg to submit a suggestion. Consequent on the recent reduction of the Army a number Sepoys have been pensioned, having completed in some instances but barely the minimum [illegible]e them to pension. Many of t[illegible] *field service*, are quite compet[illegible] convic[illegible]se old soldiers could not probably be found; they are re[illegible] accustomed to l[illegible] discipline. Further, when this temporary establishment is broken up[illegible] men c[illegible] out of em-ploym[illegible]e. as would be th[illegible]y Police Constabl[illegible]

In acc[illegible]ules Native Military pensioners are not allowed to rec[illegible] w[illegible] to their pension. It has been f[illegible] of a moderate pension to the [illegible]a Police[illegible] permission was granted to offer good, steady pensioners Constable's pay in addition to their Military p[illegible] could be [illegible]t must pay the pensions also s[illegible], by amal[illegible]ements a superior article; (for the particular purpose) is secured for the same money. Of course every man employed on this duty would be medically examined to ascertain his fitness for the duty required.

9. In order therefore to meet the present emergency, I [illegible]trongly ur[illegible] that Government be moved to sanction.

1st.—The disbursement of whole Civil salary in addition to Military pension to all Military pensioners employed in the Police force on duty at the Lawrence Asylum works near Ootacamund.

2nd.—The substitution of one Inspector at a salary of Rupees (85) eighty-[illegible]wo Head Constables at Rupees (45) forty-five and (40) forty respectively. able to two Head Constables being also paid to the Inspector.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1864, No. 869.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the measures recommended in the fore-[illegible]letter.

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(True Extract.)

(Sd.) *Secretary.*

To the Inspector General of Police.
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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