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Letter No. 1318, 14th September 1865.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 160.

Police.

Informing the Government of India of the measures now being taken to relieve the State from a portion of the expense incurred in connection with the Police in this Presidency.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 160. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 1318, Judicial, dated Fort Saint George, 14th September 1865.

Adverting to the Resolution of the Government of India, under date the 31st

- I. Papers relative to the Bill to provide for the appointment of Municipal Commissioners in towns in the Presidency of Fort Saint George, and to make better provision for the Police, Conservancy, and Improvement thereof, and for the levying of rates and taxes therein—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Bill as originally brought in.

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

Report of the Select Committee.

Bill as amended by the Select Committee.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Council for making Laws and Regulations, pages 31 to 40, 58 to 63, 65 to 68, 70 to 72.

Act No.—of 1865. (The Towns Improvement Act.)

- II. Papers relative to the Bill to vest the property of the Town of Madras and the management of its Municipal affairs in Municipal Commissioners, and to make better provision for the Police, Conservancy, and Improvement of the Town, and for the levying of rates and taxes therein—Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

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Act No.—of 1865. (Madras Municipal Act.)

be applied being borne by the Municipality, the Government share of the expenditure being 25 per cent. Provision, however, is also made in the same enactment for one-fourth of the cost of such necessary Municipal improvements as may be undertaken by the Municipality, with the sanction of Government, being defrayed from the Public Treasury. This proviso will somewhat reduce the saving which would otherwise accrue to the Government from three-fourths of the Police charges incurred in such towns being transferred to Municipal Funds, but as the Act requires that the aggregate of all such expenditure shall receive the sanction of Government before it can be incurred, an ample check is afforded against the Government quota being raised to an inconvenient amount. Under the Act for the town of Madras the Government are to defray a moiety of the Police charges, but no others.

3. It is somewhat difficult at present to furnish any approximate estimate of the reduction in the aggregate expenditure of the State which will be effected under the operation of the first of these Acts. Under the Madras Police Act a moiety of the present cost of the Police, or in round numbers Rs. 1,20,000, will be saved. The present cost of the Police in Mofussil towns is put down by the Inspector-General at Rs. 2,32,374, three-fourths of which would amount to Rs. 1,74,280-8-0. Assuming that the Government contribution to Municipal improvements will equal its contribution to the Police expenditure, or Rs. 58,093-8-0, the saving will be reduced to Rs. 1,16,097. It will be seen, however, on reference to the Proceedings of Government of the 9th May 1864, reviewing certain proposals made by the Inspector-General for transferring to local taxation a considerable portion of the cost of the Town Police now maintained, as well as for adding to its numerical strength and organizing a Town

Police in many towns which are now guarded by the rural Constabulary, that Mr. Robinson has submitted a long list of towns containing more than five thousand inhabitants, which if they were all to be supplied with a Town Police would probably absorb the whole of the saving which would otherwise be effected. The Governor in Council is, however, aware that the raising of the Force to the strength which would be deemed by the Inspector-General to be essential to its thorough efficiency is a measure which is precluded, at all events at present, by financial considerations, and he thinks it will not be unreasonable to estimate the prospective saving under the two Acts at Rs. 2,50,000 per annum, thus reducing the Budget Grant from 39 lacs to 36 lacs and a half, or, as upwards of half a lac, the estimated contribution by Government towards the improvement of towns, will have to be debited to another head of the Budget, the Police grant may in future be fixed at 36 lacs.

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

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List of Papers to accompany letter to
the Govt. of India, dated Septemr.
1865. N^o.

I. Papers relative to the Bill to provide
for the appointment of Municipal
Commissioners in Towns in the
Presidency of Fort St. George, & to
make better provision for the Police,
Conservancy, & Improvement thereof,
& for the levying of rates & taxes &c
therein.

N^{os} 1, 2, 3, & 4.

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Note

These Bills are the subject
of the following
letters, which are
to be printed
separately.

Municipal Police.

Memo.

Of the Judicial Pros. originally entered in the margin of para 1 of letter to the Govt. of India, & now struck out, Pros: 22 Mar. '65 No: 455 (re the Madras Town Police) has not been reprinted in the Leg: Dept: among the papers relating to the Police. ~~A few additional~~ ~~it has now been~~ ~~added to this note,~~ ~~which will be inserted~~ ~~at a future date.~~

These Pros: are similarly omitted from the papers relating to the Mofussil Towns Bill, as printed in the Leg: Dept.

May that paper be added to this list?

*Yours truly
Wm. A. R. M.*

*L. A. M. can
another person*

Ministerial Department.
No. 1318.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Sir,

Adverting to the Resolution of the Govt. of India under date the 31st August 1861, No 2245, I am directed to submit for the consideration of H.E. the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, copies of the papers noted in the margin which show in detail the steps taken by this Govt. in pursuance of the instructions conveyed in the Resolution in question for the purpose of relieving the State from a portion of the expense now incurred in connexion with the Police employed in Towns in this Presidency.

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sentt, 9 May 1864. No 668.
10 Jan 3. 1865. No 36.
18 " " " No 109.
28 Feb " " No 336.
12 March " " No 445.
4 April " " No 525.

W. A. R. M.

2. It will be seen that
two Acts have been passed
by the Local Council for
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