

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	226	Press ~~Mis~~
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7th February 1865.*

No. 100. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Government, (Police), under date the 19th January 1865, No. 599.

Read a letter from the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 1691, dated the 24th of November 1864, with two enclosures, proposing certain changes in the Police of that Presidency.

RESOLUTION.

The Government of Madras have submitted the following proposals:—

(a).—A revision of the establishment of the Officers of the Madras Police, involving a monthly increase of Rupees 3292. or Rupees 39,504 per annum, and providing for the establishment of two grades of District Superintendents, the higher on salaries of Rupees 800, and the low on salaries of Rupees 700 per mensem—for an additional Superintendent for the Jeypore country—and for 17 Assistant Superintendents of the 1st Class on Rupees 500, and six of the 2nd Class on Rupees 400 per mensem.

(b).—The allowance of batta to the subordinate ranks of the Police (to meet the present high prices for all the necessaries of life) at the rate of Rupees 2 per mensem to each Head Constable and Deputy Head Constable, and at the rate of 1 Rupee to each Constable in every District, except Ganjam and Vizagapatam, where rice and the other necessaries of life are cheaper than elsewhere.

(c).—Increase to the numerical strength of the Constabulary in Jeypore and other Hill tracts of the Vizagapatam District, by an addition of—

2 Inspectors,

150 Constables,

and 50 Village Watchers, at an additional charge of Rupees 1578

per mensem, or Rupees 18,936 per annum.

2. The entire increase of charge for which sanction is requested is Rupees 3,24,564 and this the Inspector General of Police hopes to meet by savings in the Budget.

3. The Governor General in Council will not withhold his sanction from proposals of the Government of Madras, but he desires that it may be clearly understood that the total charge for the Madras Police is not to exceed the sum of Rupees 39,00,000 per year, that being the amount sanctioned in the Budget for 1864-65.

4. His Excellency in Council observes that, in the concluding paragraph of the letter from the Government of Madras now under review, it is stated that a Draft Act is before the Governor in Council for providing for the cost of Police in towns as a Municipal charge, and that the suggestions made in the Resolution of the Government of India, dated the 31st August last, would receive careful consideration. This measure should be matured and brought into operation at the earliest possible date. It may be hoped that, when in operation, it will very sensibly relieve the imperial finances.

5. Irrespectively of the proposed transfer of the charge of the Police of towns to the Municipalities, advantage might be taken of the contemplated organization of the Village Police to effect such an absolute reduction of existing numbers in the

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regular Police Force as would seem to be feasible from the altered circumstances of the country, and the improved efficiency of the force.

6. The Governor General in Council remarks that the Madras Police establishments were originally formed on the exact English model, and that the system is still carried out to its fullest extent in regard to patrolling. Madras is the only part of India where the Police are expected to patrol every road and village at least once a day. Each Constable's beat, according to the Statement before the Governor General in Council, would be seven square miles; but in point of fact it must be a great deal more, a large proportion of the Force being exempt from patrol duty. This system has, to a great extent, been given up in Northern India, not only because of the great expense which it involves unless the men are worked far beyond what is proper, but also because its usefulness has been very much doubted. Constant visits made to every village by single Constables are irksome and disagreeable to the people, and give opportunities of oppression and extortion, which it is difficult to believe can be entirely repressed. The attention of the Madras Government should be drawn to the desirability of abandoning the system in that Presidency, with a view to a reduction in the number of the general Police, and an early report on the subject called for. The Governor General in Council remarks that the necessity for the minute supervision involved in the beat system ought to be obviated by the arrangements in progress for the extension of Village Watchmen.

7. With regard to the office of Deputy Inspector General of Police, the Governor General in Council observes that it has been abolished in the North-Western Provinces and in the Central Provinces. The Government of Madras is requested to consider whether it might not be advantageously abolished in Madras also.

8. The Governor General in Council is not aware of the reason of the Police having been introduced into Jeypore, which appears to be an independent Chiefship, so far as internal jurisdiction is concerned. Whatever our relations with the Chiefship may be, it appears to the Governor General in Council that, if the circumstances of the District render it necessary to increase the Police, the additional charge should be met from the local revenue. The Government of Madras should submit an explanation on these points, together with information regarding the revenue of the Principality, and the amount of tribute paid by the Chief.

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information, and for early consideration of the points on which a further report is required.

Copy of the Resolution, and of the documents on which it is founded, forwarded to the Financial Department for information and further orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. N. CUST,

Officiating Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1865, No. 226.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police, who will report on the suggestions made in the 6th and 7th paragraphs. Mr. Robinson will submit a detailed Statement of the increased charges incurred by him under the sanction now given. He will keep carefully in view the proviso which is attached to that sanction, viz.

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2. It is observed that Jeypore is not an independent State, but a Zemindary held on a permanent sunnud, for the Police administration of which the British Government is as responsible as it is for the administration of the Police in other Zemindaries.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.

„ Accountant General.

„ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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Extract Proceeding of M.
of India Home Dept
No. 399.

Dated 19/10/31 } Same/65-

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No. 234

Sanctioning with certain
remarks the change
proposed in the Police
of this Presidency.

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Judicial Department. 42

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Proceedings of the Government
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To the Superintendents of Police }
" Secy General } desd 11/2
" Cont Paymaster }

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Office 240. 106/67.
" 842. 572.
" 2242. 1692/68.
" 880/68.
" 1012-97.
Dated 7. 12. 1868.

Respecting the revision
of the Police

1868-1869