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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 234. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kotagherry, 27th January 1865, No. 230.

Account Department.

I beg to submit a letter from the Superintendent of South Malabar, with reference to the Police in Wynaad. It cannot be kept together, without an increase of wages.

2. I have recently visited both Divisions of Malabar, and satisfied myself that it is so. The matter is emergent.

3. I have deferred writing on this point, in hopes that sanction would before this have been accorded to the recommendations made in my letter of the date

7th July 1864, No. 1339.

shown in the margin.

4. I must now request that the increase proposed to Head Constables, Deputy

Head Constables, and Constables,* may be sanctioned in anticipation. When the

* Of Wynaad.

general sanction is received, the re-adjustment may take place.

5. I obtained from the Collector of Canara a statement of the increase in cost of ordinary articles of food in that District, which I append. It shows a very large and progressive increase. Wages of ordinary unskilled labor have risen with prices; and public establishments cannot be kept together, much less maintained in efficiency and of respectable material, at rates of wages below what an ordinary cooly realizes.

6. Circumstances are worse in Malabar, and in Wynaad exceptionally so. The men are pinched by want, in an inclement unhealthy climate, where nature requires more than usual support to maintain life and vigour.

From Captain A. M. DAVIES, Superintendent of Police, South Malabar, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Calicut, 17th January 1865, No. 21.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the insufficient rates of pay now given to men serving in Wynaad.

2. The pay given by planters in Wynaad to coolies is higher than that given to the Police. Laborers can command 5 Annas a day, or more; Constables receive Rupees 7 (or 8), per mensem.

3. The climate is so unhealthy that nine Constables and Village Watchmen* died during the months last year from January to June, and it is at present impossible to get men to volunteer for duty in Wynaad. It is only the fear of being prosecuted for disobedience of orders that prevents them from refusing point blank to proceed there. In addition to the number who died, four men resigned from the Wynaad portion

* 1114 1st Class Constable, P. Govinda Paniker,
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756 Do. do. A. Ittinan Nair.
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672 Do. do. C. Ookoo Nair.
2 Village Watcher, P. Kanaren.
4 do. Kristna Paniker.
6 do. C. Kanaren.

of the Force during the above time. Sickness is now commencing again; four Constables arrived yesterday sick with fever.

4. I therefore beg that a request be made to Government for an increase of 50 per cent. for all ranks in Wynaad—Inspectors, Head, Deputy Head Constables, and Constables.

5. The Watchers, 12 in number, have not been found useful, and I would suggest that these men be discharged, and an increase of 1 Head, 1 Deputy, and 10 Constables be made to the Wynaad

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Force, increasing its strength—from 2 Inspectors, 3 Heads, 5 Deputies, 51 Constables—to 2 Inspectors, 4 Heads, 6 Deputies, 61 Constables. This increase is necessary to meet the gradual requirements of Wynaad. Fresh ground is being opened out daily, and the cultivation of Coffee and Cinchona is rapidly extending.

6. The Magistrate of the District, and the Deputy Magistrate of Wynaad entirely concur in the necessity of the above measures.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1865, No. 310.

The Governor in Council observes that the orders recently passed by the Government of India, with reference to Mr. Robinson's letter of the 31st May last, will enable him to carry out the proposal made in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.

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George Morris-
Collector

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the foregoing letter
General

Police.

(Here read 27th January 1865 No 230)

Order thereon 2nd February 1865 No 311.

The governor in Council
observes that the orders recently
passed by the Government of
India with reference to Mr
Grimmons letter of the 31st
May last, will enable him
to carry out the proposal
made in the foregoing letter.

W. J. G. M.

To the Secy: Genl. of Home. Disp 28/2/65.

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Judge General & F
Police to the Chief Secy
to Government dated
4th February 1865 No 230.

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