

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 505

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Dated 31—3—1865

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

31st March 1865.

No. 254. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 11th March 1865, No. 543.

General Department.

With reference to Government Order, dated 22nd February 1865, No. 289, Judicial Department, I have the honor to explain what occurred with regard to the Court guards.

2. In the estimates for the Police establishment of the Madras Presidency, as originally sanctioned by the Government of India, due provision was made for Court guards ; and standing guards were maintained at each Court, for some time, after the Police was established.

3. The Budget of 1863-64 was disallowed, and retrenchment ordered to the extent of about four lacs of Rupees. This Government was left to apportion the retrenchment, and it was determined not to weaken unduly the Police of the country, but to meet the retrenchment by reducing standing guards whenever it was possible. These are never so usefully employed as other Police engaged on general duty.

4. No valuable property is kept in Court Houses. Any money that had been so kept was transferred to the Collectors' Treasuries ; the buildings were strengthened by good bars and locks, and their custody at night was then placed under the general watch of the town watchmen and neighbouring Jail guards. The watchmen are in the habit of visiting all these buildings frequently throughout the night. They try all locks and doors at intervals throughout the night, and watch the premises in common with all other public buildings.

5. The system has not answered badly, judging by results. The Police has done its duty well, and public property has not been risked.

6. I admit that I do not think that standing guards are usefully employed at public buildings containing nothing of value and securely locked and barred. However, in obedience to the Orders of Government, guards have been ordered to be posted to each Court as heretofore.

7. Of course the guard can only be furnished from the reduced District force ; but their employment weakens by so much the force for general duty, and for the protection of life and property.

No. 255. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Fort Saint George, 31st March 1865, No. 505.

I am directed to transmit to you, for submission to the Government of India, the annexed copy of a letter from the Inspector General of Police, dated 11th instant, No. 543, reporting that, in conformity with the orders conveyed in your letter of the 27th January last, No. 850, Constabulary guards will, as formerly, be furnished for the protection of the Court Houses in the Provinces.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

Sept 4/94

Judicial Department.

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To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Home Department.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you, for submission to the Govt. of India, the annexed copy of a letter from the Inspector Genl. of Police, dated 11th Sept. N^o. 543, reporting, that, in conformity with the orders conveyed in your letter of the 24th Jany. last N^o. 850, Constabulary guards will as formerly be furnished for the protection of the Court

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Court Houses in the
provinces, & pointing
out that the men
to form these guards
must be taken from
the force employed
in the general police
duty of the districts — a
duty for which even
as the Constabulary
now stands, it is found
to be numerically
insufficient.

John St. George
31st March

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