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29th August 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 317. From the Under Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 12th July 1866, No. 2710.

Home Department.

Referring to the Statement noted in the margin, submitted to the Financial Department with your letter, No. 215, dated the 6th ultimo, I am directed to inquire (with reference to the 3rd item) on what account the Police therein mentioned are maintained at the Presidency.

Statement of fresh charges, &c., &c., sanctioned by the Madras Government, within the amount of the Budget grants, during the month of March 1866, appertaining to the Judicial Department.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police for his remarks.

2. Major Hearn's attention is called to Colonel Boulderson's letter of the 12th October 1857, No. 134, recorded in G. O., 28th idem, No. 1414.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd August 1866.

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

No. 318. From the Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th August 1866, No. 80.

With reference to letter, No. 2710, of the 12th July, from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, inquiring for what purpose the Mounted Police are maintained at this Presidency, I have the honor to state as follows.

2. The Mounted Police Force was raised in the Mutiny year, 1857, and consisted then of the following strength:—

- 1 Superintendent
- 5 Constables
- 5 Sub Constables
- 70 Troopers

The Mounted Police gave so much satisfaction in the performance of their duties, that, in 1859, when the immediate cause of raising the Force had passed away, it was still considered advisable to maintain it at a reduced strength, as follows:—

- 1 Superintendent
- 5 Constables
- 5 Sub-Constables
- 40 Troopers—

and no further change has since taken place, save that, in 1860, one Constable and one Sub-Constable were taken away, and an Inspector substituted in their place.

3. The most important duty of the Mounted Police is to patrol the outskirts of Madras at night. The city limits extend over an area of nearly 28 square miles, and the suburbs all round the inland border of these limits consist of scattered villages and the garden houses of European residents, interspersed amongst thick groves and cultivated fields. These outlying suburbs are peculiarly exposed to marauders from the Mofussil, and gang robberies used occasionally to be heard of within Madras limits. None, however, have occurred since the establishment of the

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Mounted Police; and the close and efficient patrol kept up by this branch of the Force (a duty which the space of ground to be covered renders difficult of performance by Foot Police alone) has been felt to be a great comfort and security by the inhabitants of Madras.

4. The Mounted Police are also employed in escorting Treasure and convicts, and in keeping order at public assemblies and ceremonies. They form a valuable reserve in case of riot or disturbance. A crowd seldom fails to disperse at the sight of a few Mounted Policemen.

5. The Mounted Police are composed almost exclusively of Europeans. There are a few Eurasians. Almost all have served in the Army, and employment is thus afforded to an indigent, but deserving, class, who are compelled by family ties to remain in India.

No. 319. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, Simla, dated Fort Saint George, 29th August 1866, No. 1353.

In acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Howell's letter of the 12th ultimo, No. 2710, inquiring on what account the Mounted Police is maintained at this Presidency, I am directed to refer you to the correspondence noted in the margin, and to the annexed copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Police.

To Government of India, 17th November 1857, No. 1490.
From do. 7th January 1858, No. 60.

2. It will be seen that the Force in question, composed entirely of Europeans and East Indians, was first raised in 1857; that, although then organized for the first time, its want had been previously felt; that the Force, consisting of 80 men originally, was afterwards reduced to 49, including 4 Constables, 4 Sub-Constables, and an Inspector; that the most important duty of the Mounted Police is to patrol and protect the outskirts of Madras at night; that the city limits, extending over an area of 23 square miles, and with scattered villages and garden houses of European residents all round the inland border, amidst thick groves and cultivated fields, are peculiarly exposed to marauders from the Mofussil, but that, since the employment of this Mounted Patrol, gang robberies have been successfully held in check; and that the close and efficient watch kept by this branch of the Police Force has imparted a feeling of comfort and security among the inhabitants of Madras.

3. The Madras Government were so alive to the importance of adding this Force permanently to the Police Establishment of the Town, that they strongly recommended the measure towards the close of the year 1857, but the Supreme Government sanctioned it only as a temporary arrangement. The experience of the last eight years has satisfied this Government that the present Mounted Force, reduced as it has been to the lowest possible scale consistent with efficiency, cannot be safely dispensed with, and I am directed, accordingly, by the Governor in Council, to take this opportunity of again soliciting the sanction of the Government of India for the permanent addition of the body of mounted men in question to the Police of the Town. The Government of India are aware that half the expense of the Police of Madras is now defrayed by the inhabitants.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To

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of India,

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To Govt of India, 17th Nov/57 No. 1490
From do. 7th Jan/58 No. 60

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4 Sub Constable and an Inspector, that the most important duty of the Mounted Police is to patrol and protect the outskirts of Madras at night; that the city limits, extending over an area of 20 square miles and with scattered villages and garden houses of European residents all round the inland border amidst thick groves and cultivated fields are peculiarly exposed to Marauders from the Mafsil, but that since the employment of this Mounted Patrol gang robberies have been successfully held in check and that the close and efficient watch kept by this branch of the Police force has imparted a feeling of comfort and security among the inhabitants of Madras.

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Genl. L. G. G. G.
29 August 1863

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