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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
7th December 1867.*

No. 80. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 23rd November 1867, No. 2781.

Sanctioning the transfer of the payment
of the Taliaries in the South Arcot District from the Inspector General of Police to the Collector. (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Dept., dated 23rd November 1867, Nos. 432—435).

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1867, No. 2004.

To be recorded.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government. Revenue Department,
23rd November 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 432. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1866,
No. 7,250.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 26th September 1866, No. 1,606.

1. Rupees 22,000 are charged to the Police Budget for the pay of Taliaries in the South Arcot District. It is the only district in which the hereditary Village Establishments are a charge in the Police Budget. The arrangement causes not only a heavy charge, but endless difficulty is experienced in carrying it out. Some Taliaries receive only a few Annas as their quarterly wages.

2. The anomaly arose out of Mr. Maltby's Settlement, the details of which are in the Board's Office. The charge is, I believe, the equivalent for resumed fees now carried to general revenues. The Taliary should be paid by the Collector realizes the commuted fees.

3. I beg that the Board will be good enough to take up the question, and take measures to relieve the Police Budget, and for the disbursement of the Taliary wages by the Revenue Officers, as is done in all other districts.

Forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot for early report.

No. 433. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1867,
No. 3,955.

Read again letter from the Inspector General of Police, dated 26th September 1866, No. 1,606, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 9th October 1866, No. 7,250.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gingee, 17th January 1867, No. 7.

1. In acknowledgment of the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th October last, No. 7,250, in the matter of the suggestion of the Inspector General of Police for the disbursement of the Taliary wages by the Revenue Officers, I have the honor to state that the proposed arrangement will, in my opinion, create considerable confusion and difficulty if ordered to be carried out, while on every account alteration in the existing system seems to me undesirable.

2. The Board are aware that, during the last six years, the Police have had charge of the Taliary Establishment, and the wages of the Taliaries have, without inconvenience, been disbursed by that department, to which this class of servants are exclusively subordinate, and the power of appointing and removing them, likewise, entirely rests with the Superintendent and his Assistant; so that I can see no reason why the duty of paying these petty Police servants, with whom the Revenue Officers have no concern whatever, should devolve on any department but that to which they strictly belong, and the arrangement is one likely to lead to mistakes and much consequent correspondence, all of which is now avoided. I, therefore, recommend that no alteration be made in the present state of things.

3. As regards Mr. Robinson's observations that the pay of the Taliaries is a heavy charge on the Police Budget, I would beg to point out that this is inevitable under any arrangement, as it is actually a charge in the Police Department.

1. In the first letter recorded above, the Inspector General of Police requests that the money payments made to the "Taliaries" or Village Police in the South Arcot District may be made in future by the Revenue Department, and that the Police Budget may be relieved of this annual charge, amounting to Rupees 22,000.

* Ext. Mins. Con., 30th March 1852, No. 289. 2. In accordance with the instructions of Government,* the Village Police System in the greater part of the South Arcot District was revised in 1858, as it had been represented that these officials were very inadequately remunerated.

3. A careful investigation was made into the sources of their emoluments, and new lands were granted where necessary, and supplemented by a small money payment in every case, and this latter is the charge to which the Inspector General now refers.

4. Mr. Maltby, the then Collector, in estimating in 1851 the assets available from which to meet the increased charge consequent upon the revision of the system, included a sum of nearly Rupees 70,000, the average annual value of the resumed Cavelly fees, but this sum was not taken credit for in the final Order of Government on the subject† for, as pointed out by the Board in their Proceedings, under date 16th February 1852, the amount had been long since credited to Government, and the increased payment for the village Police must be regarded as a direct charge upon the State.

† 26th April 1858, No. 528.

5. Mr. Reade, the Collector of South Arcot, in his letter above recorded, objects to any change in the present system which has been in force for the last six years, and under which the village Police have been exclusively subordinate to the Police Department.

6. The Board, however, do not understand why such an exceptional state of things should exist in South Arcot merely because a portion of the emoluments of the "Taliaries" are paid to them by the Police Department. Though under the Police Act the village Police are placed under the authority of the Police Department, they still remain an important part of the village establishment. In the opinion of the Board it was a mistake to remove them at all from the control of the Magistrate, and to break up the village Municipality, by rendering one of the chief village servants independent of its head; but this does not affect the question at issue. The Board think it preferable that the pay of the Taliaries should be disbursed by the Revenue Department, (which must be done wherever the Village Cess Act is introduced,) and they recommend that this course be pursued in South Arcot, an entry of Rupees 22,000 being hereafter made in the Revenue Budget under the head "Village Service". As already stated, the Survey assessment included a far large amount of resumed fees.

7. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Order of Government, under date 26th April 1858, No. 528, the Collector will be requested to report whether the revision of the village Police system has yet been carried out in the old talooks of Cuddalore, Mannargoody, and Chellumbram, and if not, he will be good enough to explain the delay which has taken place in carrying out the orders of Government. They also wish to know how it happens that any of the Taliaries receive such a pittance as a few Annas quarterly.

No. 434. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1867, No. 5,019.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 9th July 1867, No. 174.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 27th ultimo, No. 3,955, I have the honor, in reply to paragraph 7, to state that the revision of the Village Police System has not been carried out in the old talooks of Cuddalore, Mannargoody, and Chellumbram, the reason being, apparently, the non-completion, at the time of the receipt of the orders of Government, of the revision of assessment, whereas in the rest of the district it had been completed; and in those three talooks subsequently the revision seems to have been considered unnecessary, because immediately the Revenue authorities had been entirely relieved of all Police duties, and their entire management, together with the nomination and dismissal of all village Taliaries, as well as the fixing and disbursing wages, &c., became solely vested in the Police Department as distinct and separate from the Revenue.

2. The Board ask how it happens that any of the Taliaries receive such a pittance as a few Annas quarterly. In reply, I beg to state that in cases of the kind it had been a mamool fee deducted from the Jummahbundy Beriz without any alteration from time immemorial, and was continued to be paid until the radical change of system was introduced in 1860. Like deductions were made up to 1861 and 1862 inclusive, and were kept in deposit for remittance to the Police on demand, but no demand being made, and it being understood that the Taliaries had received their wages in those years, agreeably to the arrangements organized under the new Police Department, the amount was subsequently carried to the credit of Government under the head Extra Revenue or Sevoy Jummah, and all deductions of the kind have ceased since 1863.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 3,955, dated 27th June 1867. All that seems necessary now is that the Collector should take over the payment of the Taliaries in the old talooks of Cuddalore, Mannargoody, and Chellumbram, in the same way as that of the other Taliaries throughout the district, and continue to them the same amount of remuneration as they have been receiving from the Police Department, submitting a scale of the emoluments for the Board's consideration.

No. 435. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1867, No. 2,781.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board submit, with their recommendation, a proposal from the Inspector General of Police, that the payment of the money portion of the emoluments of the Talaris of South Arcot, now made by his department, should be transferred to the Collector, as is the case in other districts.

2. It does not clearly appear why the payment of the Village Police Establishment, as sanctioned by the Government of India in their Order No. 2,870, recorded in the Proceedings of this Government, No. 925, Revenue Department, dated 3rd July 1858, has, for the last six years, been made in the Department of the

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Inspector General of Police; but it is evidently anomalous that this Village Police expense should be charged against the Budget grant made for General Police purposes, and the Government accordingly approve and sanction the transfer of the payment to the Collector, the necessary provision being made by the Board in the Revenue Budget, under the head of "Village Service".

3. The Collector will, with as little delay as possible, make in the resumed Jaghire of Checkadi, in the six villages transferred from Chingleput, and in the Cuddalore, Mannargoody, and Chedambram talooks, the revision of the Talari Establishment on the principles approved, sanctioned, and carried out in the 'Hulus' talooks.

4. The Inspector General of Police will report whether any and what action was taken by him on the sanction of Government for the improvement of the South Arcot Village Police, conveyed in G. O. No. 692, Judicial Department, dated 30th May 1860, paragraphs 9 to 12.

5. It is observed that all these Village Police charges are properly a set-off against the resumed mén-cavil emoluments, to be enhanced by the enfranchisement of the Kattubadi Inams. The Inam Commissioner will report what has been done in this latter matter in the South Arcot District.

6. The Board will consider whether the proceeds of this enfranchisement should not be credited to the Village Service Fund, a corresponding reduction being made in the provision in the Revenue Budget.

7. The change, if deemed proper, might be made in future years as the enfranchisement proceeds.

(True Extract.)

L. Munro
Secretary to Government.

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To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Inspector General of Police.
.. the Collector of South Arcot.
.. the Inam Commissioner.
.. the Accountant General.
.. the Judicial Department.

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