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15th May 1867.

No. 137. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Tinnevely, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tinnevely, 13th April 1867, No. 127.

The Government lately declined granting the full powers of a Magistrate to the Deputy Magistrate now in charge of the Northern Taluqs; these Taluqs require the presence of a Magistrate, more perhaps than any other Taluqs, as they abound with cattle thieves, and notoriously bad characters. No Magistrate with full powers has resided there for some time past, and I beg to enclose a copy of a letter from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, pointing out the difficulties of getting parties to attend to prosecute before the Head Assistant Magistrate, 70 miles distant. The Head Assistant, Joint Magistrate, and I have our time fully employed, and I think it would be greatly to the interest of good government in these Taluqs, if a Deputy Magistrate with full powers could be appointed. The Head Assistant Magistrate has not been empowered to hear appeals, and I have 25 appeal cases from the Head Assistant's, and 23 appeal cases from the Deputy Magistrate's offices just received to dispose of.

SATTUR, 12th April 1867.

MY DEAR SIR,

I take the liberty of calling your attention to the fact of there being no full power Magistrate in any of the Northern Taluqs. Great inconvenience is caused thereby to the public and Police. Cases cognizable only by such Magistrate have to go from Strivilliputtur down to Tuticorin, some 70 miles. A case occurred recently, where, the Sattur Sub-Magistrate, unaware of the Deputy Magistrate not having full powers, sent a case up to him, which he was therefore compelled to re-refer to Tuticorin, of course much to the inconvenience of all concerned; should the case chance to be mere thrown out, I think it will have the effect of deterring the ryots from preferring complaints at all in many cases. If I wish to investigate any case of bribery or extortion against any of my Station-house Officers, I have to take them and the witnesses down to Tuticorin. Rather than submit to this, the aggrieved parties will put up with the lesser evil of the extortion, and will deny the transaction in toto.

2. The Tahsildar even of the Taluq has only 2nd Class powers, which occasions a perpetual reference of cases to the Deputy Collector.

3. I have been informed that in many cases, especially of cattle stealing, the ryots prefer putting up with their first loss to the risk of being referred to Tuticorin; and as none of the Magistrates on this side are empowered to issue warrant or summons without a written complaint, these cases are never heard of.

(Signed) F. R. TREVOR,
Asst. Supt. of Police.

(True Copy).

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Magistrate.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1867, No. 778.

Under the circumstances stated in the foregoing letter, and adverting to the favorable opinion expressed by the Magistrate regarding the qualifications of the Deputy Magistrate Vencata Row, the Governor in Council resolves to invest the latter Officer with the full powers of a Magistrate, and with power to hear appeals from the decisions of Sub-Magistrates within his range.

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2. The Acting Head Assistant Magistrate will also be invested with the power of receiving appeals.

3. The Government regret to observe that neither of the Assistants to the Collector and Magistrate, Messrs. Wallace and Crosthwaite, have yet passed the Assistants' examination according to the first standard. Mr. Wallace was appointed to the District on the 8th August 1865, and Mr. Crosthwaite on the 2nd May of that year. The Collector and Magistrate will urge upon these gentlemen the necessity of qualifying themselves without further delay for the discharge of more important duties than can at present be entrusted to them.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Tinnevely.

Ed. J. Tullock.

No 13

From Lieut. Col. R. J. Wilson

Inspector General of jails
To The Honble: A. J. Arbutnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir, I have the honor to bring to your notice that since I assumed charge of the Jail Department in February 1866 there has been a serious increase of business in every branch, and although I believe that this increase will to a certain extent be merely temporary yet it is likely to continue for two or three years longer, and I therefore request you will be good enough to submit for the favorable consideration of Government, this my application for the services of a personal Assistant during the present exceptional state of matters.

2 I shall avoid going further into detail than is absolutely necessary, and merely mention the principal causes to which the additional work is to be attributed, viz the simultaneous introduction of a new system of jail management into all jails, the considering and reporting upon the several recommendations for the improvement of existing Prisons, and those for the construction of new - the addition to the number of jails or of working gangs, and other special matters such as the question of subsidiary jails -

3 The correspondence for the last eleven months ending 31st ultimo is nearly double that for the twelve months immediately preceding, and even if I were able to give the whole of my time to the supervision of the general working of the jails, it would

would not more than suffice - moreover, many of the references from jails are at present of such a nature as to require speedy disposal, and other matters of importance are necessarily postponed in consequence -

4 My late tour of inspection in the Northern Circars involved an absence from Madras of five weeks although I availed myself of the quickest means of transport, and lost no time - The number of jails and of gangs now amounts to 39, and a thorough and effectual inspection conducted in accordance with the new rules requires at least twice the time which was formerly considered sufficient for the purpose -

5 Such being the case I have felt bound to represent that the work during the present transitional stage

2 Stage cannot be satisfactorily
detected performed without some such assist-
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I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedt Servant.

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No. 9/14.

From The Inspector General of Fails.

Dated 23^d April 1867.

FOR ORDERS.

I think that for the reasons stated
by Col. Mather on 23^d March 67
given him temporarily - although
I don't - whether in the end the
appointment will not have
to be made permanent.
The Inspector of Fails, will
be upon him to see about a pool
of water under some one in
Hend. Secant, during his

absence business must fall into
anarchy.

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It may be that if the Irish General
were as quick so much on the Irish
side, the difficulties now experienced
would be less felt; but there can be
no doubt that there is now more to
be done than was ever done by the late
Inspector General and that a personal
apostle seems necessary to prevent
delays in business, some of which
we have had to notice -

W.D.

I agree with Mr Phillips that it is to
be regretted that the Headquarters
of the Inspector General of Jails have
been transferred to Octaviano and

in case of any change in the place the
successor of Mr. Wilson should be recalled
to the Presidency but I don't think that
such a change would materially affect
the necessity for an efficient Inspector
of great importance that the Inspector
General should be give his personal
attention to the working of the Jail
system in the different districts &
direct Jails in the Presidency and
that his time and attention should
not be absorbed by routine duties
and correspondence. The presence of
superior and direction may in time
become lighter but some years will
have much to be done to put our Jails
on a high level through order both
in reference to immaterial labors

and reformatory arrangements. The
thoughts of the Col. Wilson ought to be
directed in the first instance to the
former. I would give him an
assistant without any limitation
of time. N.

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Judicial Department.
No. 798.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Home Department.
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Sir,

23 Apr 1867 798/13
I am directed to
submit for the consideration
of H.E. the Viceroy and
Governor General of India
in Council the annexed
copy of a letter from the
Inspector General of Sails
in this Presidency. re-
questing that the services
of a Personal Assistant
may be placed at his
disposal as a temporary
measure, the work of
his office having greatly
increased during the
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the introduction of a new system of Jail management into all the jails; the necessity of improving the existing jails and constructing new jails and the temporary arrangements which are frequently necessary to relieve overcrowded jails. During the frequent absence of the Inspector General from his head quarters on tours of inspection the correspondence of his office must of necessity fall into arrears unless he has an Assistant competent to aid him in disposing of it. It is of great importance

importance that much of his time and attention should be devoted to his inspecting duties and that it should not be too much absorbed by routine duties and correspondence. The pressure of supervision and direction may in time become lighter, but some years must elapse before our jails can be brought into thorough order.

2. I am accordingly to suggest that sanction may be granted for the appointment of a Personal Assistant to the Inspector General of Jails on a consolidated salary of

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