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G.O., No. 2269.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

INCREASE TO THE POLICE RESERVE AT CALICUT.

Approving the proposed addition of two head constables and twenty constables to the Reserve at Calicut temporarily until the railway to Cannanore is completed, and directing the submission of the necessary proposition statements in due course.

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FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Ootacamund.

No. 3356

Dated 5th }
Received 6" } June 1895.
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Enc: "

CHIEF SECRETARY
6 JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Requesting that an addition of 2 Head and 20 Constables to the Reserve at Calicut may be sanctioned for the reasons herein given.

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Endorsement. No. 1386.

Referred to the Inspector General of Prisons for remarks with reference to the last paragraph of the letter.

(By order)

Lionel Davidson
14-6
Ag. Under Secretary.

Ootacamund
14th June 1895.

To The Inspector General of Prisons.

MR
13.VI.95

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS
15 JUN. 95
MADRAS.

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Department.

CURRENT NO. 2767

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE 21 SEP 95 MADRAS.

No. 3356 ~~Chief~~ Office of the Inspector-General of Police, Ootacamund ~~Madras~~, 5, June 1895.

From

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

Inspector-General of Police,

Madras.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, 16 AUG 95 MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

Enclosures.
None

In paragraph (c) of G.O. dated 6th July 1892, No. 1241, Judicial the Government remarked that "the addition of "1 Head Constable and 14 Constables to "the District reserve (at Calicut) for the "purpose of meeting the duties of escorting "prisoners to Cannanore, though probably "necessary, had better be omitted from "the present scheme. When experience "has shown what addition on this account "is absolutely necessary it can be so "separately sanctioned."

2. The sanctioned strength of the Calicut reserve is 9 Head Constables and 100 men. The permanent duties of the reserve which never vary from

day to day are these—

Collector's night guard	1 Head Cons.	6 Constables
Huzur Treasury guard	2 "	13 "
Sessions Court guard		3 "
Head Quarter Office guard	1 "	4 "
Orderlies		23 "
Armourer and assistant	1	1 "
Reserve Head Constable	1	
Bugler		1 "
	6 "	51 "

The orderlies referred to are as follows:—

District Magistrate	3 Constables
Deputy Magistrate	2 "
Assistant Magistrate	1 "
District Superintendent	2 "
3 Assistant Superintendents	6 "
Orderlies for duty in Head Quarter Office	4 "
In the Stores	2 "
In armoury	2 "
Hospital orderly	1 "

The only way in which this number could be reduced is (1) by making the Assistant Superintendent at Mallapuram find his own orderlies from the reserve there, but this plan would not do—as the reserve there must be kept up to full strength always. (2) by withdrawing the orderlies from the armoury. The arms, however, suffer much from rust in Malabar and it is probably good economy to keep two men constantly at work cleaning the arms there.

Armoury

3. The balance left for duty is 3 Head and 49 Constables. These men are employed on Prisoners' escort duty, Treasure Escort, Escorting men to Sessions Court, orderlies on duty in Hospital when Hospital has many patients, Station House officers' class and guard duty at the Shooting butts.

4. Mr. Fawcett the Superintendent, writing in September last showed that on the day he was writing the above duties occupied the constables thus—

In Hospital	2 Hd. Cons.	2 Cons.
On leave	1 "	7 "
Escort for Prisoners to Cannanore	1 "	8 "
To Cochin and to Mangalore in Charge of treasure	2 "	22 "
Station House officers' class		2 "
Escorting Prisoners to Sessions Court		4 "
Orderlies for Hospital		2 "
Butt guard		1 "
Witness in Court		1 "
	6 "	49 "

The result was that for the regular duties mentioned in para 2. Head Constables had to be replaced by constables in some cases. Mr Fawcett further showed that for duty in Calicut - that is, men available in case of a disturbance - he had on an average for the months from January to August 1894 only 1.2 Head Constables and 4.4 Constables daily. This, of course, is far too small a number for safety.

5. In January 1895 when there were rumours of a probable disturbance in Ponnani Taluk, the Superintendent had to send men down from the Calicut Town force as no men were available from the Calicut reserve.

6. When I took charge [illegible] of the office, I considered it best not to send on Mr Fawcett's application for an increase to the Reserve until I had been to Calicut and seen the Superintendent there. This I did, and after consulting him I came to the conclusion that the reserve should be temporarily increased until either the practice of sending all prisoners to Cannanore Jail is stopped or until the proposed railway

from

from Calicut to Cannanore is carried out.

7. To show further the need for more men in the Reserve at Calicut the Superintendent took two Head Constables and two Constables and traced their work throughout 8 months from January to August 1894. He showed that they were present for duty in Calicut hardly ever more than three or four days in the month. On all the other days they were either on guard duty or escort work. This is not as it should be. Constables in the reserves should be present for drill at least 12 or 15 days every month.

8. It is no doubt a fact that in many districts where escort work is heavy the reserve is at times drained of almost all its men, but in Calicut it is specially important that there should be always a small body of men, who can be sent out at any moment for emergent duty - and this is now not possible. This is in the main due to the very exceptional duty which falls on the reserve there in escorting prisoners to Cannanore. The escort has to be a strong one and the number of days the

men are away is as much as 9 days. The following figures show the Reserve men employed on this duty in 1894

January		„ Head Constables	26	Constables
February		„	16	„
March	2	„	16	„
April	3	„	22	„
May	5	„	27	„
June	4	„	26	„
July	4	„	22	„
August	5	„	34	„
September	3	„	12	„
October	2	„	20	„
November	5	„	31	„
December	2	„	21	„

Duty like this falls on no other reserve in the Presidency and when it is coupled with the heavy duty of escorting treasure to Cochin, which falls on the Calicut Reserve also, the Reserve is rendered really almost useless for its proper purposes as a force always available in case of special disturbance.

9. The Superintendent has asked for an increase of two Head Constables and thirty Constables. But I consider this is too many. The Reserve would be strengthened sufficiently to meet the heavy

drain

drain of the Jail escorts if it were increased by 2 Head Constables and 20 men. Such increase should be granted on the understanding that it is specially for escort duty and the additional men should be removed when the necessity for the escort duty ceases. This will be when the Railway to Cannanore is taken in hand and completed.

10. When on tour on the west coast I thought that perhaps the additional men for Calicut could be found by reducing for a time the Reserve at Mangalore. I cannot, however, so recommend this course. Although the Mangalore Reserve has few duties to perform – the escort duty being very light there – it is important to keep the Reserve there up to full strength. The military have been taken away from that station, and Mangalore is so situated that during many months of the year it would be impossible to send military aid there without very much delay. The Reserve therefore must be kept thoroughly drilled and efficient in case of need and this woul not be possible if the Reserve was

reduced by twenty men.

11. The difficulty could be got over in another way viz. by sending the conviction from South Malabar to Coimbatore a few hours journey by rail. I believe however, that there are insuperable objections on ground of climate to this course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt,

Inspector General of Police.

[Form No. (4)—250—4-1-95.]

CURRENT No 3726

No. 4613
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS, MADRAS,
Dated Ootacamund, the 3rd August 1895.

From
A. G. CARDEW, ESQ., M.A.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,
MADRAS,

To
THE HONOURABLE MR. J. F. Price C.S.I.
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

one Enclosures.

In reply to Government Reference No 1386, dated 14th June 1895, I have the honour to state as follows:—

2. The average number of direct admissions of Convicts into the Cannanore Central Jail during the last two years has been 1185 per annum. Of these 1185 Convicts, 441 Convicts came from the Chirrakal, Kottayam, Kurumbranad and Wynâd taluks i.e from those taluks north of Calicut, which would naturally send their prisoners to the Cannanore Central Jail. The Calicut taluk contributed 195, Ernad 96, Walluvanad 146, Ponnani and Cochin 188, and Palghat 119. It is evident that the diversion from the Cannanore Central Jail to the Coimbatore Central Jail of prisoners from the Calicut taluk and taluks south thereof would have the effect of halfemptying the Cannanore Central Jail and probably of overcrowding the Coimbatore Central Jail and is, therefore, out of the question.

3. Apart from this consideration it would not be advisable on hygienic grounds to send prisoners from the damp coast taluks of Malabar to the dry climate of Coimbatore. Upto the year 1888 West coast

prisoners were sent to Coimbatore when the Calicut District Jail was overcrowded. In 1887 out of a daily average number of 102 west coast convicts confined in the Coimbatore Central Jail, 32 were admitted to Hospital, and 6 died giving a death rate of 58.82 per mille. The matter was brought to notice by the District Magistrate, and the Government in G.O. 20th April 1888, No. 943, prohibited these transfers in future. It would certainly not be wise to reintroduce the practice on any large scale.

4. In these circumstances it appears impossible to reduce the number of Convicts proceeding from the Southern taluks of Malabar to the Cannanore Central Jail to any material extent and until the Railway is extended to Cannanore the difficulties detailed by the Inspector General of Police will continue to be experienced.

5. The cost of moving a prisoner to Calicut and Coimbatore respectively from the several points on the Madras Railway is as follows:—

From		To Calicut		To Coimbatore
Olavakkot	-	13 as.	-	5½ as.
Shoranur	-	9 as.	-	9½ as.
Tirur	-	4 as.	-	14½ as.

It will be seen that from all stations west of Shoranur the cost of a railticket to Coimbatore is greater than to Calicut and that there is thus only one Taluk from which it would be markedly cheaper in point of rail-fare to send prisoners to Coimbatore. This is the Palghat taluk which is the most easterly taluk of the District and which directly adjoins the Coimbatore and Pollachi taluks of the Coimbatore District. The dissimilarity between the climate of Palghat and that of Coimbatore is less than that between the climate of other taluks of Malabar and Coimbatore, while the saving in expense which would result from sending Convicts from the Palghat taluq to Coimbatore instead of to Cannanore is greater. The

number

number of prisoners thus abstracted from the Cannanore Central Jail and added to the Coimbatore Central Jail would not be so large as to affect greatly the total population of the two Jails. I think, therefore, that the experiment might be tried of ordering the Committal of all Convicts and Civil Prisoners from the Palghat Taluk of Malabar to the Coimbatore Central Jail. The effects on the health of such prisoners would have to be carefully watched.

6. The papers received with the Endorsement under reply are returned.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most obdt. Servant
A.G. Cardew
Inspr. Genl. of Prisons

CURRENT NO. 3726

JUDICIAL. Dept

JAIL (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Dated 3rd }
Despatched } August 1895.
Received }

Recd 6-8-95

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 25 AUG 95

No. 4613.

ENCLOSURES. 1. ~~One~~ C.N°. 2767 x W.

Subject.

Returns the papers received under Mr Davidson's Endorsement N°. 1386 of 14th June 95 and remarks that it would not be advisable to send prisoners from the damp coast taluks of Malabar to the dry climate of Coimbatore and, ~~that~~ for reasons stated, suggests the experiment of ordering the Committal of all Convicts from the Palghat Taluk of Malabar to the Coimbatore Central Jail.

10/8

Over

Refce N°/. 1386/95
& papers
G° 943: 20.4.88 [illegible]

C.S.

Endorsement. N°. 1905

Referred to the Inspector General of Police for report as to what reduction would be possible in the increase to the force applied for, if the proposal of the Inspector General of Prisons to commit all Convicts and Civil Prisoners from the Palghat Taluk of Malabar to the Coimbatore Central Jail were adopted.

(By order)

12/8/95

Lionel Davidson
Ag. Under Secretary 12/8

Ootacamund }
14th August 1895 }

To
The Inspector General of Police.

10.8.95

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Enclosure No. 1

To letter No. 5124 [illegible]

From Inspector-General of Police.

10,000—11-93.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, MADRAS 21 SEP 95

No. 1487

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
Malabar District,
Calicut 17th September 1895.

FROM

F. Fawcett Esq.
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
Malabar District,

TO

THE Inspector General of Police
Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures. 2

I have the honor to reply to your Endorsement Ref. on C.N°. 475 dated 17th August.

2. The Subject is "Increase of the Calicut Police Reserve".

3. The question on which I am called on to report is: "What reduction would be possible in the increase of the force applied for, if the proposal [of the Inspector General of Prisons] to commit all Convicts and Civil prisoners from the Palghat Taluq of Malabar to the Coimbatore Central Jail were adopted".

4. The answer is: none.

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FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,

District,

To

THE

DATED

No.

SUBJECT.

Enclosure

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL 21 SEP 95

5. As we escort Criminal prisoners only, and not Civil ones, the former only are considered here. The figures

	For 1894	For First 6 months of 1895
The number of prisoners for Cannanore from Palghat Taluq are	110 —	84;

or, the prisoners from Palghat Taluq augmented the gang to be sent weekly from Calicut to Cannanore by 2.1 in 1894, and in the first six months of the Current year by 3.2, (on the average), in each week.

6 The prisoners are sent weekly from Calicut to Cannanore, as you know. Now the addition of two or even 3 prisoners to the gang of prisoners to be escorted weekly makes no practical difference in the strength of the Guard. It counts for nothing whether the prisoners number 38 or 40, the Guard is the same.

7. Therefore, an arrangement of sending prisoners from Palghat Taluq to Coimbatore instead of to Cannanore would

not in the very least degree remove the necessity to increase the Calicut Police Reserve.

8. I turn now to the latter clause of paragraph 8, and to paragraph 9 of your letter No. 3356 to the Chief Secretary to Government. You consider the Reserve to be at present "almost useless for its proper purposes as a force always available in case of special disturbance"; and, I gather, it is your opinion that the present condition of uselessness may be remedied by an increase of 2 Hd. Constables and 20 Constables. With all deference allow me, Sir, to give my opinion that the remedy which you propose would really not at all redeem the Reserve from uselessness as a body available in case of need.

No. 2767/95

9. In my first letter for an increase to the Reserve it was shown that escorts were sometimes refused. The facts were not perhaps available at the time, and at all events they were not put into figures. But they are at hand now; and I am able to give you some,

some idea of the number of Escorts which have been refused since the 1st June. That is, Escorts were demanded by the Treasury Officer, or by the Magistrate in charge of the Jail, Calicut, for Escorts on the dates noted below, and such Escorts were refused for the sole reason that there were no Constables available to form them. Some of the demands were urgent; but all had to wait; and as soon as men arrived from one duty they were at once despatched on the other. (I have already alluded to the ceaseless round of the Reserve Police man's work.)

10. Here are the figures:—

Guards demanded and refused, since 1st June 1895.

Date of demand	For what purpose.
(1) 13th June	To Escort Copper Coins to S. Canara
(2) 28" —do—	—do— 30,000 to Chirakkal (Cannanore)
(3) 6" July	—do— 30,000 to Vayitri
(4) 10" —do—	—do— Coins to Wynaad & Kottayam (Tellicherry),
(5) 29" —do—	—do— 51 prisoners to Cannanore.
(6) 8" August	—do— Stamps, Coins, notes to Ernad.
(7) 10" —do—	—do— Stamps to all Taluqs of the District
(8) 31st —do—	—do— 40,000/- to Vayitri
(9) 16" September	—do— 25,000/- to Coimbatore.

weekly Escort of prisoners to Cannanore, refused:-

(51) 5th June
(2) 19th - do -
(3) 26th - do -
(4) 3rd July
(5) 17th - do -
(6) 5th August
(7) 12th - do -
(8) 4. September.

+211. But these figures are not Conclusive. Very often the Treasury Officer makes informal inquiry as to whether a guard is available, he wanting one, and he is told there is not and it would be no use to ask for one. The 8 figures given do not therefore show the number of Escorts which were wanted, but only those which were formally refused: if every guard wanted were asked for, the number would be far higher.

12. It is not too much to say that things as they are are not safe. There are today in the Sub-Jail Calicut 62 prisoners, of whom 45 are to be sent to Cannanore. Of these, 11 are decoits just

Convicted, and there are besides these 15 prisoners sentenced to terms of two years and over. We have 20 men ready to form the weekly Escort to Cannanore tomorrow and these prisoners, dacoits and all, must wait at least a week where they are. The Guard is a small one and if today there happened an emeute in the Subjail we have no body of Reserve men to be used to put it down.

13. That the present Circumstances are not exactly rare I will show you. On the 21st August demand was made for Escort of 83 prisoners to Cannanore. On that day there were locked up in the Subjail 135 prisoners; "Several men were more or less sick" — "The Subjail was much crowded".

14. If, observing the absence of this demand among those in para 10 of this letter, explanation be sought, here it is. — There were so many as 83 prisoners who ought to have been in Cannanore in the Calicut Subjail at one time because we were unable to furnish the usual weekly Escorts.—

15. Now, constituted as it is at present

for the Safe-guarding and keeping within its walls of prisoners, I do not think the Calicut Subjail a safe place for 83 long sentenced prisoners and 52 others, many perhaps on the Eve of Conviction to long sentences. The Guard is but 2 Hd. & 8 Cons. of whom but 1 Hd. & 4 Cons. are present between 6 A.m and 6 P.m And, let me add, the Same Guard is armed with the old Smoothbore Carbines which miss fire often enough in places ordinarily damp but which in Malabar is not a weapon to be depended on at all; more Especially now that we have not for sometime back, expecting in Vain our Complete Supply of breechloaders, indented for and received a new Supply of ammunition.

16. The Subjail with the Guard thereof is intended for about 153 prisoners. Added to the danger of outbreak which it would be unwise to place beyond possibility, Congregation of so many prisoners together means also that a large number who should be doing hard work are doing very Easy work. And there may be other Objections more Suitable for Consideration

from,

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from a, Police View.

17. It is plain that the Reserve is now too small for its work. Will an increase of 2 Hd Constables and 20 Constables make it not only equal to its ordinary work in Escorts Etc. but leave say, 1 Hd and 15 Constables available to proceed anywhere at a moments' notice, as in the affair at Pomani last autumn? I think, Sir, it is also quite evident that it will not.

18. My request for 2 Hd Consts and 30 Consts was, I think, the least number which the circumstances demand. It was hoped that this additional number would suffice for all Escorts and leave a handful of men ready for Emergencies and, what is just as necessitous, allow that this handful of men be always under training, so that, in the regular way of changes, the whole Reserve would be maintained efficient.

19. The Reserve was mobilized in this year. Then the men were thoroughly

drilled for 15 days, and when they were got together, it was proved that they were a right good body of men. They drilled well and marched particularly well. We make all Orderlies and Certain men of Guards fall in for the morning parades on Tuesday and Friday, but of course in the absence of training persistently regular it is not to be expected that the Reserve is always as efficient as well drilled, as it should be. I doubt whether it will be really possible to complete the shooting (the annual Course) within the year. It can be done only in some hardship to the men: the range is over 5 miles away, the men march there and back and, many of them have to return to duty in the afternoon after their march out at 4 A.M, and their return about 11 or later.

20. I venture therefore most respectfully, to urge that there is genuine necessity for an increase of

at least 2 Hd. Constables and 30 Constables to the Calicut Reserve.

21. The papers received with the Endorsement are returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

H. Fawcett
Superintendent of Police.

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1895
Jud. Dept.
Enclos. No. 1
To
C. No. 4716

No. O. 49.

Department.

CURRENT NO. 4716

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

No. 5124.

MADRAS, 4th October 1895.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Ootacamund.

SIR,

Enclosures.
1.

With reference to Endorsement 1905 J.D. 14th August 1895, Subject. Malabar Police Reserve. I have the honor to return the papers and to submit a letter from Mr. Fawcett on the subject.

2. Mr. Fawcett shows that no practical relief will be granted by sending the Palghat Taluk prisoners to Coimbatore. The number sent from that Taluk is too small to make any difference. The escort of prisoners from Calicut to Cannanore must continue, and three or four prisoners less or more a week will make no difference.

3. Mr. Fawcett takes the opportunity of representing that the additional force I named will not be enough. I agree with him that it will be better to increase

the force by 2 Head and 30 Constables but I do not consider that it is absolutely necessary to do so. The increase I have named will, as a matter of fact, grant considerable relief to the reserve and improve matters very much. If Government can grant the increase Mr. Fawcett asks for, no doubt the reserve at Calicut will be made much more efficient than it now is but with the addition I asked for there should be always available at Calicut about 2 Head Constables and 25 men for special duty, which though not really sufficient would be a great improvement on the present state of things. It must be remembered that with the additional force lately sanctioned for Ernad and Walawanad Taluks and the strong reserve at Malapuram, the calls on the Reserve at Calicut should not be very frequent now.

4. I will set matters right about the weapons in use by the guard of the Calicut Subjail. I have been waiting for the permission of the Government of India for the issue of the additional breach loaders lately asked for. As there seems not much likelihood of our getting them at once, I will transfer the muzzle loading

weapons

weapons now in use in Calicut to some district, where Breech loaders are not so much required.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,

AWHammick

Inspector General of Police.

CURRENT NO. 4716

Jud^l. (1895) DEPARTMENT.

1040/95
555/95

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Ootacamund.

No. 5124.

Dated 4th } October 1895.
Received 6th }
Rgd. 7th
Enc: 1 & C. Nos 2767 & 3726 etc.

CHIEF SECRETARY
-6 OCT. 1895
SUBJECT.
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Stating that no practical relief will be granted by sending the Palghat Taluk prisoners to Coimbatore — with reference to the increase of force asked for for the Calicut Reserve.

20 555/95 not available at present.

[G/25]
650—23-7-95.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

C. Nos 2767, 3726 & 4716/95.

FOR ORDERS.

I suppose we must sanction the 2 Hd. Cs & 20 Cs asked for by the I.G. — It can be a temporary force as he proposes & may be raised at once.

When this order has gone out, however, please look up the papers about the abolition of the Calicut dist. jail. What was the saving thereby & was it anticipated at the time that such large numbers of persons wd. have to be sent out from Calicut to Cannanore? It seems to me quite possible that the best thing to do wd. be to reopen that jail. x Also under cover of G.O. 1241 6-7-92 marked with tape.

I think if the P.s from Palghat that were sent to Coimbatore instead of to Cannanore, there wd be some saving in rail fares & possibly some saving to the Palghat Police in respect of escort duty, while the health of Palghat men is not very likely to suffer — The I.G. may arrange this as he thinks best.

HS
28/10/95

In his scheme for the general increase of the District Police force, the I.G. of Police shewed the sub Jail at Calicut as a separate Jail uncombined with any treasury and ~~proposed~~ made no provision for guarding the sub Jail: vide Statt. No. III marked with tape in G.O. of 6 July 92, No. 1241, Judl.

The Govt. before passing final orders on the scheme, requested the I.G. in its memo.x No. 163 of 28 Jany. 92, to report whether the omission was unintentional & if so what arrangements he would propose for guarding ~~it~~ the sub Jail. It also remarked ~~then~~ at the same time that the I.G.'s proposals for the increase of force at Calicut would probably have to be revised as the Govt. had since decided on the abolition of the Dt. Jail at Calicut & on the location of the sub Jail in a portion of the Jail buildings.

Col. Porteous explained in reply that the failure to make any provision for the sub Jail was due to ~~the~~ want of ~~the~~ information as to what portion of the Calicut Dt. Jail would be utilized as a sub Jail ~~&~~, recommended a party of 2 Head Constables & 8 constables for guarding the sub Jail & stated that the abolition of the Dt. Jail required an addition of 1 Head Constable & 14 Constables to the Dt. Reserve Force on whom the additional duty of escorting prisoners from that station to Cannanore devolved.

Thereupon the ~~then~~ Govt. while considering the guard of 2 H.Cs. & 8 Constables for the sub Jail moderate, held ~~stated~~ that the addition of 1 Head Constable & 14 Constables to the Dt. Reserve for the purpose of meeting the duty of escorting prisoners to Cannanore, though probably necessary, had better be omitted from the general scheme & remarked that the increase ~~question~~ could be separately sanctioned when experience has shown what addition was absolutely necessary. vide clause (c) of para 1 of G.O. ~~20 Jany 93, No.~~ 6 July 92, No. 1241 Judl.

Mr Hammick now raises the question.

FOR ORDERS.

Cn. 2767/95

In the first of the currents read abov he points out the necessity for increasin the reserve at Calicut by 2 Head constable & 20 constables. The sanctioned strength of the reserve is 9 H.Cs & 100 constables. six of the former & 51 of the latter, the I.G. says have got permanent duties which never vary from day to day; the rest – 3 H.Cs & 49 constables having various duties to perform – i of escorting prisoners from Calicut to Canna-nore, ii to the Sess: Court; iii escorting treasure to Cochin & so forth. The I.G. observes that owing to ~~these engagements~~ this, the legitimate work of the reserve, viz; ~~of~~ serving as a special assistance in cases of urgent necessity; is hardly secured & points ~~out~~ as an instance to the rumoured disturbance in Ponnani taluk early in the year when constables had to be sent for from the town force for want of available men in the reserve. He also points out that the reserve could not ~~at~~ under the present circs attend to drill properly. He therefore suggests that a temporary increase to the force of 2 H.Cs. & 20 constables should be sanctioni until such time as the proposed Ry. from Calicut to Cannanore is completed; the additional hands being appointed expressly to escort prisoners from Calicut to Cannanore

As an alternative measure he also suggested that all convicts from South Malabar may be sent to Coimbatore – a few hours journey by rail, but believed that there were insuperable objections to this course on ground of climate.

~~On referring~~ The I.G., Prisons to whom the latter suggestion was referred ~~to the I.G. of Prisons, that officer~~ states that the diversion from the Cannanore Central Jail to the Coimbatore Central Jail of prisoners from the Calicut taluk & taluks South thereof would have the affect of half emptying the Cannanore Central Jail & probably ~~of~~ overcrowding the Coimbatore Central Jail & that it is therefore out of the question. Apart from this, ~~consideration~~ he considers it inadvisable on hygienic grounds to send prisoners from Malabar to Coimbatore, the Govt. having once prohibited this transfer in G.O. of 20 April '88, No. 943, Judl. For these reasons he thinks it impossible to reduce the number of convicts proceeding from the southern taluks of Malabar to the Cannanore Central Jail to any material extent & is of opinion that until the Ry. is extended to Cannanore the difficulties brought to notice by the I.G. of Police will continue to be experienced. He however proposes that all convicts & civil prisoners from the Palghat taluk alone (of Malabar) might as an experimental measure

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be committed to the Coimbatore Central Jail, the effects on the health of such prisoners being carefully watched.

Enst on Cu. 3726 Cu.

The I.G. of Police was thereupon called on to report as to what reduction would be possible in the increase of the force applied for, if the proposal of the I.G. of Prisons to commit all convicts & Civil prisoners from the Palghat Taluk to the Coimbatore C. Jail were adopted.

In Cu. 4716/95, the I.G. of Police submits the Supdt's (Mr. Fawcett's) report showing that no practical relief will be granted by sending the Palghat taluk prisoners to Coimbatore & repeats his recommendation for an addition of 2 H.Cs & 20 Constables.

For orders as to whether this may be sanctioned?

Special attention is invited to Mr. Fawcett's letter, which it is submitted, assigns valid reasons for an increase of at least 2 head constables & thirty men. There appears to be no advantage in directing the transfer of Palghat Taluk convicts to Coimbatore except on the score of the economy in rail charges which this would involve; & this economy would.

MR
19.10.95

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up by the ill-health resulted from the sudden of convicts
transfer ~~[illegible]~~ from Palghat
to Coimbatore, &, ~~under Cannanore~~
fears of the change of climate ~~[illegible]~~
in Cochin

The only question for consideration appears to be whether 30 or 20 constables shld be sanctioned; there can be no doubt that it is better to sanction the larger number, if the financial objection is not insuperable.

Two 4th grade H.C. & 20* Constables wld cost Rs. 2100 ~~[illegible]~~ per annum, on account of pay, & it will be necessary to provide arms & accoutrements & probably hutting for them.

10† extra constables wld. cost Rs 876 ~~[illegible]~~ per annum, plus extra charges on account of arms &c

A reminder ~~has been~~ was sent to the Govt. of India on the 2nd inst. asking for ~~[illegible]~~ sanction to the supply of the 980 breech loaders referred to in G.O. of 4 July 1895 No. 1398

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* 7 1st class
13 2nd class

† 3 1st class
7 2nd class

Increase to the Police reserve at Calicut

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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
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Current No. 2767 of 1895, dated 5 June, from the I.G. of Police.
" " 3726 " 1895, " 3 Aug., " . . Prisons.
" " 4716 " 1895, " 4 Oct., " . . Police.

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The Govt. approves of the proposed addition of 2 Head constables & 20 constables to the Reserve at Calicut, temporarily until the Railway to Cannanore is completed. The necessary proposition statements should be submitted in due course.

2. ~~The Govt. considers that~~ if the prisoners were from Palghat ~~were~~ sent to Coimbatore instead of to Cannanore, it would be possible to effect some ~~a petty~~ economy in railway fares & perhaps ~~possibly~~ some saving to the Palghat Police in the matter ~~respect~~ of escort duty, while the health of Palghat convicts is not very likely to suffer by confinement in the former Jail. The I.G. of Prisons may, however, exercise his discretion in this matter.

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To
The I.G. of Police 2767 + 4716 & 3726 A.to 3
" Prisons 2767, 3726 & 4716 P.to.
" Jail Dept. P.to.

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D.S. Jail please – vide Home
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