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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th September 1858.

No. 34. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, dated 27th August 1858, No. 1317.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 23 of 1858.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Financial Letter, dated 8th April, (No. 49,) 1858.

In our Judicial Despatch of the 10th December (No. 51) of 1856, we negatived after such consideration and not without some hesitation, for the reasons then given, a proposal from the Government of Fort St. George similar to that now made, for the appointment of a fourth Stipendiary Magistrate for the Town of Madras.

2. The Governor in Council having again taken the question into his consideration, in consequence of a report on the subject from the Senior Magistrate of Madras, has repeated his former recommendation, and urged upon you, in the strongest terms, the necessity for increased magisterial assistance at Madras. You are not of opinion, however, that "a very strong case has been made out."

3. The jurisdiction of the Magistrates of Madras extending over an area of 26½ square miles, and containing a resident population of 700,000, has been divided into three divisions, each of which is presided over by a separate Magistrate. At present, however, the Court of the 2nd division is closed for three days of the week to enable the Magistrate of that division to assist his colleague of the 1st division. The Madras Government affirms that this arrangement, the best that can now be made, is insufficient to meet the wants of the city, in which "Justice cannot be rightly dispensed otherwise than by the establishment of a daily Police Court in each division" and that "one of those Courts demands the daily presence of two active presiding officers."

4. Under these circumstances and with advertence to the fact that Madras comprises a larger population and a wider area of local jurisdiction than either of the other Presidency Towns, we are unable to resist the cogency of the arguments in which the application has been renewed, and accordingly give our sanction to the recommendation of the Governor in Council, for the appointment of a fourth Stipendiary Magistrate at Madras on a salary of 800 Rupees per mensem.

We are, &c.,
(Signed) F. CURRIE,
(") Wm. J. EASTWICK,
and other Directors.

London, }
7th July 1858. }

No. 1317.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George, in continuation of Endorsement No. 592, dated the 13th April 1858.

Copy forwarded to the Financial Department with the remark, that a copy of this Despatch has also been communicated to the Government of Fort St. George.

By order,

Home Department, }
the 27th August 1858. }

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, No. 1313; dated 24th September 1858.
Ordered to be communicated to the Offices of Account and Audit.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cardedge.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 20th January 1857.

Read the following Papers.

No. 25. Letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th January 1857, No. 2.

SIR,

With reference to the Orders of Government, dated 2nd Instant, No. 2, Judicial Department, and 2d Para: thereof; I have the honor to report that the Magistrates have informed me that they will be ready to open the Vepery Police Court on the 15th Instant, and on that date, if the Government is pleased to approve thereof, the following Establishments will be ready for duty there.

Police Establishment.

- 1 Inspector.
- 1 Daffadar Major.
- 8 Peons.
- 1 Darogah.
- 1 Talliar Naiguc.
- 3 Talliars.
- Lock-up-House.
- 1 Naiguc.
- 3 Peons.

Office Establishment provided by the Magistrates.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Interpreter.	100	0	0
2 Minute Writers at 30 Rupees each.	60	0	0
3 Writers at 21 Rupees each.	25	0	0
1 Deputy Cash-Keeper.	10	8	0
1 Moochee.	3	8	0
1 Sweeper.	3	8	0
1 Scavenger.			
Total Rupees...	265	8	0

It will be necessary to forward an Indent for Furnitures, &c., for that Office, for sanction, that the Magistrates will do in due course, in the meantime a sufficient supply will be provided from the other Police Courts for present use.

No. 26. Letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th January 1857, No. 3.

SIR,

With reference to the 3rd para: of the Orders of Government, under date the 2nd January 1857, No. 2, Judicial Department; I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government, and for publication in the Government Gazette, a Memorandum defining the limits of the three Police Districts into which the Town of Madras will henceforward be divided, in supercession of the Notice published on the 7th of November last.

MEMORANDUM DEFINING THE LIMITS OF THE THREE POLICE DISTRICTS.

This District comprises Black Town, Royapooram, Washermanpettah, Tondiarpettah and all the villages between the North of the Black Town wall, and the limits of the Supreme Court on the North side, and is bounded as follows:

On the East, between the Cooum bar and the Northern limits, by the Sea.

On the North, from the Northern limits near the Sea, to the Canal, including a triangular piece of ground beyond the Canal, by the Chingleput District.

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On the West, from the Northern limits on the Canal, as far as St. Mary's Burying-ground Bridge, by the Canal.

On the South, from the Burying-ground Bridge, to the Coom bar, by that portion of the river which forms the Northern boundary of the Island.

This District comprises the following large villages, and all their adjacent hamlets. Veysurpaudy, Perambore, Porsawaukum, Vepery, Kilpauk, Chetput, Noongumbaukum, Pariamettoo, Chiutadrepettah, Narsingapooram, Comaleswaren Covil, and Egmore, and is bounded as follows:

Vepery Police Court,
or
2nd District.

On the East, from the Northern limits on the Canal over the Burying-ground Bridge, to the North West end of the Roman Catholic Burying-ground wall by the Canal, thence to the Government Bridge by the Coom Road.

On the North, from the Canal to the Northern limits at Yerkencherry, by the Chingleput District.

On the West, from the Northern limits at Yerkencherry across the Coom river, along the Bund of the Noongumbaukum Tank, to the Codumbaukum road, by the Chingleput District.

On the South, from the Government Bridge to the Cathedral, by the Mount road, thence by the Noongumbaukum and Codumbaukum roads to the Noongumbaukum tank, by the third District.

This District comprises the following large villages, and all the adjacent hamlets. Triplicane, Mylapoor, Kistnampett, Royapettah, Velalla Tanampettah, Cosapett, Poodoopettah, Chengleveroyenpettah, Shannar Coopum, Quibble Island, and Adyar, and is bounded as follows:

Royapettah Police Court,
or
3rd District.

On the East, from the Northern limits at the Burying ground Bridge, to Wallajah Bridge, by the Canal, thence by the bar of the Coom, including the Body Guard and the Island, by the Coom River, thence from the bar of the Coom near the Marine Villa, to Brunton's Villa on the Adyar, by the Sea.

On the North, from the Government Bridge to the Cathedral by the Mount Road, thence by Noongumbaukum road and Codumbaukum road to the Bund of the Noongumbaukum Tank, by the second District.

On the West, from the Codumbaukum road to the South bank of the Adyar River, by the Chingleput District.

On the South, from the Western limits to the Sea, along the South bank of the Adyar River, through Brunton's compound, by the Chingleput District.

Madras Police Commissioner's Office, } (Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
7th January 1857. } Commissioner of Police.

No. 27. Letter from Lieutenant Colonel H. COLBECK, Magistrate of Police, in charge of the Establishments; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th January 1857, No. 2.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that in accordance with the instructions contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation by Government, dated 3d Instant, that the increased Establishment for the Magistrates' Departments has been all arranged, and whenever the Right Honorable the Governor in Council shall deem fit to issue instructions, the Vepery Police Court may be opened.

Enclosed is the distribution for the three Courts which has been arranged in strict accordance with the Memorandum prepared by Mr. E. F. Elliott, with the single exception of the Clerk of the Peace, Mr. Lafond, who stood appointed to the Royapet Court, but was transferred to the Commissioner in exchange for a Writer upon a salary of twenty-five Rupees a month, and I believe this arrangement met the sanction of Government.

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Royapet Police Court.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Interpreter	150	0	0
1 Record Keeper	50	0	0
2 Minute Writers at 30 Rupees each	60	0	0
1 Writer	25	0	0
1 Deputy Cash Keeper	25	0	0
3 Writers at 21 Rupees each	63	0	0
1 Moochee	10	8	0
1 Sweeper	3	8	0
1 Scavenger	3	8	0
Total Co.'s Rupees	390	8	0

Town Police Court.

	Rs.	A.	P.
2 Interpreters at 100 Rupees each	200	0	0
3 Minute Writers at 30 Rupees each	90	0	0
4 Writers at 21 Rupees each	84	0	0
1 Deputy Cash Keeper	25	0	0
1 Moochee	10	8	0
1 Sweeper	3	8	0
1 Scavenger	3	8	0
Total Co.'s Rupees	416	8	0

Vepery Police Court.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Interpreter	100	0	0
2 Minute Writers at 30 Rupees each	60	0	0
3 Writers at 21 Rupees each	63	0	0
1 Deputy Cash Keeper	25	0	0
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Total Co.'s Rupees	265	8	0

(Signed) H. COLBECK,
Magistrate of Police,
In charge of the Establishments, &c. &c.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 80; dated 19th January 1857.
The Right Honorable the Governor in Council thinks it of consequence that the Memorandum submitted by the Commissioner of Police with the second of his letters above recorded should be forwarded to the Honorable Company's Acting Solicitor, that the description of the boundaries of the three Police Districts may receive his consideration before it is published. Any error in the description of these limits may be productive of trouble or inconvenience hereafter.

2. Some of the boundary lines as noted in red ink on the margin of the Memo: do not seem to have been accurately described, nor is it distinctly stated, as it should be, to which District, the branches of the river or the canal running between two Districts should be held to belong.

3. On the description of the boundaries being settled the Governor in Council will be prepared to pass orders respecting the opening of the Vepery Police Court and the distribution of the increased Magisterial Establishments. Maps of the three Police Divisions on a large scale will also be prepared in the Chief Engineer's Office for the use of the Magistrates, the Police and Government.

4. Meanwhile the present is a fitting opportunity for laying down some rules respecting the method of procedure to be adopted by the Magistrates of the three Courts, so that there may be no clashing of duties and no misunderstanding with regard to responsibility.

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5. The Government therefore resolve:

1. That a Magistrate shall be appointed to each District, and that he shall be entirely responsible for the administration of Justice, the supervision of the Establishment, the charge of the Records, &c. of the Police Court of his District.

2. That each Magistrate shall communicate direct with the Chief Secretary on any of the abovementioned points on which he may require assistance or information.

3. That in case of any Magistrate being unable to attend his Office, he shall, report the fact to the Chief Secretary and state what arrangement he may have effected for supplying a substitute.

4. That in each Office, there shall be kept a Diary Book, in which the Magistrate shall enter in his own hand, the time of his arrival at, and his departure from Office on each day.

5. That the Police Courts shall be open from 11 A. M., until the business of the day is closed. The Courts in Districts 1 and 3 shall be open every day except Sundays and holidays authorized by Government. The Vepery Police Court shall until further orders be open three days in each week, or on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. On other days the Magistrate shall assist the Magistrate of the first District, or shall be available to supply the place of the Magistrate, in the third District in the event of his being prevented by illness or other urgent cause from attending Office.

6. That each Magistrate shall forward at the end of every week to the Chief Secretary a return in a form to be supplied, which shall show the hours of arrival at and departure from Court in each day of the week, the number of cases heard and disposed of, distinguishing Summons from full Cases. Copy of these returns shall also be forwarded by the Magistrate simultaneously to the Commissioner of Police for his information.

7. That although all the three Magistrates of Police for the Town of Madras are on a perfect footing of equality as regards position, yet that the Senior Magistrate, that is the Magistrate of longest standing for the time being, shall sit in the Court of the third District, in which Court also shall be deposited all contracts of Apprenticeship, Endorsements upon them made and assignments certified under Act, No. XIX of 1850, and in which also shall be deposited or registered any other Documents which have heretofore usually been deposited or registered in the Office of the Chief Magistrate. The second Magistrate in point of standing for the time being shall sit in the Court of the first District, and the remaining Magistrate in the Court of the second.

8. In case of any Magistrate having to call in the aid of another Magistrate, the Magistrate of the District shall be the presiding Magistrate in his own Court.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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