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No. 9. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 16th February 1860, No. 332.

Home Department.  
Judicial.

In continuation of letter No. 1730, dated the 29th August 1859, regarding the clothing of the Police of the Town of Madras, I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 71 of 1859, dated the 22nd December.

2. The enforcement of uniformity in the system of paying and clothing the Police at the three Presidencies, it will be observed, is insisted on in this Despatch, and an opinion is expressed favorable to the adoption of the principle, that the Government shall provide all necessary articles of dress and equipment for the Police, regulating their pay with reference to the expense of living, and the wages of labor in the several Presidency towns.

3. The expense of the dress of the Police at Madras is already borne by the Government, but the attention of the Madras Government was called in the letter from this Department, of the 29th August 1859, to the necessity of adopting "a system of clothing for the Police on a very much more economical scale than that which obtains at present."

4. I am now directed to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, you will have the goodness to submit, for the consideration of this Government, the scale of clothing and equipment which His Excellency in Council considers necessary for the Police (European and Native) of Madras.

5. I am also to request that the pay of all ranks of the Police may be stated in replying to this reference.

6. Similar statements have been called for from Calcutta and Bombay, and on receipt of the statements from the three towns, the President in Council will be in a position to determine what scale of clothing and equipment it is proper to allow in addition to pay.

From the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, Bart., G. C. B., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated London, the 22nd December 1859, No. 71.

Judicial.

Your letter dated 24th September, No. 43, 1859, respecting the cost of clothing the Police at the Presidency towns of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, with its several enclosures, has been laid before me in Council.

2. In reply I have to observe (with reference to some remarks in the correspondence now submitted), that the object of Lord Stanley's Despatch of the 30th November 1858, was not to prescribe a general uniformity of dress in the Police Establishments of the several Presidency towns, but to point out the inexpediency of adopting different plans in providing for the necessary expenditure incurred in clothing the Police.

3. The expense to Government of clothing the Police at Madras appears to have been unnecessarily high, and your orders directing that immediate measures may be taken for the introduction there of a system on a very much more economical scale than that which obtains at present, are accordingly approved.

4. Your Lordship in Council has issued separate orders in regard to the three Presidency towns, but no decision has been arrived at in reference to the general system by which the clothing of the Police at those places is to be regulated. As the question involves, to some extent, the efficiency of the Police, it appears to Her Majesty's Government deserving of the further consideration of your Government, as does the suggestion of the Commissioner of Police

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at Calcutta, that, as a general rule, the cost of necessary articles for the Police as such should be borne by the Government, their pay being fixed with reference to the expense of living, and the wages of labor in the localities in which they are respectively employed.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. GREY,  
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1860, No. 310.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police, who will submit a statement exhibiting for each grade, European and Native, in the Police Force, the pay and allowances drawn, and the scale of clothing and equipment, which he considers necessary for them. He will also submit a separate statement, showing the description and cost of clothing issued to the Force in past years, the alteration recently made under the Order of the 15th November last, No. 1556, and the saving thereby effected.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

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Exd.-H. C. Mitta.