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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., dated 29th August 1894, Nos. 2087, 2088, Judicial.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on proposals for the temporary addition to the District Executive Force pending reconsideration of the Railway Police scheme.

From the Inspector-General of Police, dated 16th March 1895, No. 1462.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting that certain allowances may be given to the Inspector and men employed on railway duty.

READ—also the following paper :—

From G. H. D. WALKER, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department (Railway Branch), dated Calcutta, the 18th March 1895, No. 832-G.

With reference to your communications marginally noted, I am directed to state that, under the circumstances represented, the Government of India have no objection to the proposals of the Government of Madras to appoint three Inspectors, eighteen head constables and sixty constables, for detective and preventive purposes on railways, at a cost of Rs. 22,968 per annum, as detailed in the accompanying statement, as a temporary addition to the District Executive Police force, pending a final decision as to the general Railway Police force for the Madras Railways.

2. The proposal for the grant of local allowance to head constables and constables and of horse or conveyance allowance to Inspectors, is approved, on the understanding that the allowances are limited to the travelling and detective staff only, that they are given in consequence of the peripatetic nature of their duties, and that no further travelling allowance will be granted them in respect of journeys by rail.

3. Of the cost of the additional establishment above referred to, it is noted that Rs. 9,555 will be recovered from Railway Companies and that the balance, Rs. 13,413, will be charged to Government. It is also noted that if the Madras Railway Company agree to bear their proper share of the cost of the establishment to be employed on that railway, a further sum of Rs. 5,037 will be debited to Railway revenues with the result that the State share will be reduced to Rs. 8,376. The Government of India will be glad to be informed of the result of the reference made to the Madras Railway Company by the Government of Madras on this subject.

4. As regards the questions referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 of your letter of the subject of the grant of local allowances to Superintendents and Inspectors of Railway Police and the employment of constables for watch-and-ward duty in preference to chaukidars, I am to state that, after perusal of the dissentient note by the Hon'ble Mr. Bliss, C.I.E., and the arguments advanced in paragraph 6 of your letter, the Government of India adhere to the opinions on these points previously expressed in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Public Works Department letter, No. 391, dated 2nd February 1894, namely, that local and conveyance allowance are not required for the duties of the general staff but for those only who have peripatetic duties, and that

of watch and ward are performed more economically and efficiently by an establishment of watchmen than by police constables.

It is requested that a revised scheme for the whole of the Police force required, drawn up on the basis of watch-and-ward duties being entrusted entirely to a staff of watchmen, policemen being employed only on law-and-order duties, may be prepared and submitted in due course for the consideration of the Government of India, after the share of the cost of the whole force, payable by the several railways concerned, has been arranged. The question referred to in the last clause of paragraph 7 of your letter under reply, as to whether constables should, or should not, accompany pay clerks and guard cash-chests, is being considered separately and orders will be communicated when the point is settled.

5. In conclusion, I am to add that the proposals now approved are accepted as a first step towards the establishment of a Railway Police force, in view to the embodiment in it of the present Police staff employed at railway stations. This need not, however, necessarily involve the absorption or replacement of the watch-and-ward force now entertained, as the Railway Police, it is considered, can well co-exist with a watch-and-ward force entertained by Railway Companies. It is finally observed that the introduction of the Railway Police system can only be gradual.

ENCLOSURE.

DETAILS of the addition to District Police sanctioned as a temporary measure for employment on Railways in Madras on preventive and detective duty.

Nature of appointments.	Number.	Inspectors.		Head constables and constables.		Total per mensem.	Total per annum.
		Pay.	Horse allowance.	Pay.	Local allowance.		
Inspectors, 1st class	1	Rs. 200	Rs. 15	Rs. ..	Rs. ..	Rs. 215	Rs. ..
" 1st "	1	200	15	..	..	215	..
" 2nd "	1	150	15	..	..	165	..
Head constables, 1st grade	2	..	..	25 each.	10 each.	70	..
" 2nd "	3	..	..	20 "	10 "	90	..
" 3rd "	5	..	..	16 "	7 "	115	..
" 4th "	8	..	..	14 "	7 "	168	..
Constables, 1st class	30	..	..	8 "	3 "	330	..
" 2nd "	30	..	..	7 "	3 "	300	..
Clothing	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,016
Contingencies, maximum against which detailed bills may be passed	..	..	..	..	..	..	780
Pensionary contributions	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000
						1,668	1,172
							22,968

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Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

18th March 1895. (Signed) A. D. G. SHELLEY, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D. (Ry Branch).

ORDER—dated 26th April 1895, No. 873, Judicial.

The Inspector-General of Police should now take immediate steps to introduce the provisional scheme advocated in Colonel Porteous' letter, dated 30th May 1894, No. 3033. There are, however, one or two points connected with its introduction upon which the Government desires further information. These are as follows:—

(a) The arrangements which the Inspector-General proposes to make for the supervision of the work of the three Inspectors and the subordinate staff to be employed on Railway duties? In replying to this question Mr. Hammick should state at what stations

he proposes to locate the head-quarters of each Inspector and whether he considers it advisable to arrange for the report of all Railway crime to some central authority such as the "Special branch" with Government, the posting and actual supervision of the special staff being entrusted to the several Deputy Inspector-Generals.

(b) Whether the introduction of the provisional scheme now sanctioned will in any way affect the force employed on platform duty? As the Government understands Colonel Porteous, he had no intention of withdrawing any portion of the platform force when he proposed his provisional scheme; the only effect of its introduction would thus appear to be to set free the Inspector, fifteen head constables and fifty-five constables now employed on detective and travelling duties on Madras railways (vide paragraph 4 of Mr. Hammick's letter, dated 16th March 1895, No. 1462). It should be explained if this view is correct.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of Mr. Walker's letter, the Inspector-General should at an early date prepare a complete Railway Police scheme revised, as desired by the Government of India, on the understanding that "watch and ward" duties are not to be performed by the Police.

3. With regard to the distribution of the cost of these schemes, the attention of the Inspector-General will be drawn to the latter portion of paragraph 3 of Judicial letter, dated 29th August 1894, No. 2038, relating to the charge for supervision, and the Public Works Department, Railway Branch, will again be requested to state whether the Madras Railway has consented to bear any portion of the cost of Railway Police, in order that the Government may be in a position to decide whether it is necessary to reconsider the question of the force to be employed on that line.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
" Public Works Department (Railway Branch).

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G.O., 26th April 1895, No. 873.

APRIL.

Railway Police.

Directing the Inspector-General of Police, with remarks, to take immediate steps for the introduction of the provision scheme for — recommended by Colonel Porous.

G.O. No. 837