

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 15th November 1859, No. 1556.

(Vide Judicial Proceedings from 11th to 19th November 1859, Nos. 44 @ 48.)

(Referring two estimates submitted by the Commissioner of Police, in view to orders being passed in the Marine Department, respecting the same.)

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1859, No. 586.

1 Constable—Surtout.....	20	0	0	
Badge and Crown.....	4	0	0	
				24 0 0
1 Jemadar	1 Silk Trowsers.	5	0	0
1 Duffadar Major.	2 Drill do	1	12	0
6 Conicopolies.....	8 Skull Caps...	4	0	0
	8 Cumblies.....	11	0	0
	16 Coats.....	19	0	0
	12 Garments.....	36	0	0
				76 12 0
10 Duffadars.....	340 Jackets.....	403	12	0
10 Naigues.....	340 Trowsers.....	297	8	0
150 Peons.....	170 Skull Caps..	85	0	0
	170 Cumblies.....	233	12	0
				1,020 0 0
9 Catmaran men.....	9 Cap Covers.....	6	12	0
				Rupees...1,127 8 0

The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the estimate, submitted by the Commissioner of Police, for clothing the Marine Police Force for the year 1860, amounting to one thousand, one hundred and twenty-seven Rupees and eight Annas. This sum, chargeable to the Marine Police Fee Fund, will be advanced to the Commissioner of Police in the first instance, and will be afterwards adjusted by a Bill duly passed by the Civil Auditor.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th October 1859, No. 133.

Home Department, Fort William, 29th April 1859, No. 1730.

* No. 1203.

1. With reference to the letter from the Government of Bengal, marginally noted, copies of which are appended, and the Order of this Government thereon, under date 24th September 1859, Judicial Department,* by which I am required to report in detail in respect to the manner in which I purpose to give effect to the instructions of the Supreme Government contained in the letter to your address from the Secretary of the Government of India adverted to, for the introduction of a much more economical system of clothing the Madras Police Force than that which now obtains, I beg respectfully in accordance therewith, to offer the following observations. The uniform now in use has been found during a long†

† Upwards of 30 years.

course of years to answer its purpose well, it resembles the dress of the citizens, and yet bears a distinctive character which is readily recognizable. The material is of a cheap and serviceable kind, of the quality and description in common use by persons of the same class, and it is presumed that it has become so, because it is the cheapest and at the same time the most comfortable and lasting, that the inhabitants of this city can purchase; it is also cool and well suited to the climate.

2. A small saving may in time be effected averaging Rupees 395-4 per annum, by substituting a waist belt for the shoulder belt worn by the Peons, which change would also render the use of a sash unnecessary, thus making a further saving of Rupees 221-8 per annum, practicable; but on the other hand it would necessitate the provision of an entire set of waist plates, involving a probable cost of Rupees 1,581, at 3 Rupees each.

3. The long jackets in use are made up of long-cloth of the quality which was procurable before the late increase of duty on goods imported from England, at 8 Rupees per piece of 40 yards. The cost of each is 1 Rupee and 3 Annas. If the style of dress of the Peons is altered, and it be made of the stout material (American drill) of which the Marine Police dress consists and of the same shape, the cost will be nearly the same, but a saving can be effected in the amount of the estimate by allowing Detectives short, instead of long, long-cloth jackets, the cost of the former being each 1 Rupee and 3 Annas, and the latter 14 Annas.

4. The turban is formed of the most serviceable country head cloth used for that purpose that can be had, and the color is the most lasting known. Objection has been taken to the shape in which this article is worn, but that is a matter which can easily be altered. A form which will cost the men less to make up, may be introduced, but it will produce no saving, if an article of the same kind and quality be still supplied, I therefore propose to substitute a common and scanty head dress of red color, such as is now worn by the Madras Native Sapper Militia; the cost of which will be Rupees 1½, instead of 2½ Rupees.

5. The trowsers now worn are made of American drill of the texture most in use, dyed red, which being an expensive color to fix, I purpose that in future the Peons shall wear black trowsers of the same description with those worn by Sepoys.

6. I propose also that sandals and helmets shall be no longer supplied, and that tunics be allowed to the Preventive Force only, the Detectives being supplied with a new cumby every second, instead of every third year, and that the tunics be required to last five, instead of four years, and if care is taken to secure a supply of good broad cloth, I think this article of dress will last out five monsoon seasons, but in such case the cloth must be had out from England from a respectable House, because that which is usually procurable in the market here, is of very inferior quality, and would not last two years.

7. The cost of the clothing to the State may also be considerably reduced by the levy of a rate of a ¼ Anna per Rupee on the pay of each man, commencing in January 1860.

8. The probable cost of the clothing taken on an average of five years is given below, and following that you will find the items of the

Estimate for 1860.				Foot Police only.
	Rs.	A.	P.	
Former estimate..	7,424	11	0	}
Revised do	4,729	15	0	
Decrease...	2,694	12	0	

proposed new dresses of the lower grades of the Force, and the cost thereof. If this revised and economical system be adopted, the average annual saving on amount of former estimates, will be about Rupees 2,694-12-0.

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TABLE A.

Preventives.								Detectives.						
Constables.	Jemadars.	Dafadar Majors.	Dafadars.	Naigues.	Peons.	Conicopillays.	Overseers.	Total of Preventives.	Darogahs.	Talliar Naigues.	Talliards.	Hurkarahs.	Total of Detectives.	Grand total of Preventives and Detectives.
14	7	10	33	44	437	8	*2	555	11	24	120	24	179	734

* By oversight omitted in Return made in May 1858.

TABLE B.

Items and cost of the proposed Clothing of the Police Force during five years, shewing the average cost per year.

No.	Articles.	1860		1861		1862		1863		1864	
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
14	Surtouts.....	280	0 0	280	0 0	280	0 0	280	0 0	280	0 0
14	Lace badges.....	35	0 0	35	0 0	35	0 0	35	0 0	35	0 0
14	Crowns.....	21	0 0	21	0 0	21	0 0	21	0 0	21	0 0
1152	Long cloth jackets, long.	1,368	0 0	1,368	0 0	1,368	0 0	1,368	0 0	1,368	0 0
288	Do do short.	252	0 0	252	0 0	252	0 0	252	0 0	252	0 0
26	Pairs of 1st sort garments...	91	0 0	91	0 0	91	0 0	91	0 0	91	0 0
100	Do 2nd do...	300	0 0	300	0 0	300	0 0	300	0 0	300	0 0
240	Do 3rd do...	600	0 0	600	0 0	600	0 0	600	0 0	600	0 0
1060	Do drill trowsers....	927	8 0	927	8 0	927	8 0	927	8 0	927	8 0
532	Turbans.....	665	0 0	665	0 0	665	0 0	665	0 0	665	0 0
7	Do	17	8 0	17	8 0	17	8 0	17	8 0	17	8 0
445	Sashes re-coloring.....	83	7 0	.....	.....	83	7 0	.....	.....	83	7 0
527	Broad cloth shoulder belts for Preventives.	.....	.....	1,581	0 0	.....	.....	1,581	0 0	.....	.....
720	Cumblies for Detectives and Preventives...	.....	.....	990	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
443	Red cotton sashes for Peons...	.....	.....	221	8 0	.....	.....	221	8 0	.....	.....
144	Broad cloth waist belts for Detectives...	.....	.....	.....	.....	324	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Silk sashes for Jemadars.	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
87	Do for Daffadar Majors ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
532	Broad cloth tunics for Preventives...	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,418	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Lace shoulder badges for Jemadars...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	0 0	.....	.....
4	Do do for Daffadar Majors...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	0 0	.....	.....
181	Cumblies for Detectives.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	248	14 0	.....	.....
539	Do for Preventives.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	741	2 0
179	Skull caps for Detectives	89	8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total of each year...		4,729	15 0	7,349	8 0	8,561	15 0	6,798	6 0	5,381	9 0
Grand total for five years...										32,821 5 0	
Average for one year.....										6,564 4 2	

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TABLE C.

Average yearly cost of the dress of one Peon and one Talliar.

Average cost for clothing a Peon.			Average cost for clothing a Talliar.		
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
2 Jackets at 1 Rupee 3 Annas each...	2	6 0	2 Jackets at 14 Annas each.	1	12 0
2 Drill trowsers at 14 Annas each...	1	12 0	2 Garments at 2 Rupees 8 Annas each...	5	0 0
1 Turban.....	1	4 0	1 Skull cap.....	0	8 0
Half-cost of a sash.....	0	4 0	Half-cost of a cumby.....	0	11 0
Do of a shoulder belt...	1	8 0	One-third cost of a waist belt...	0	12 0
One-third cost of a cumby..	0	7 4			
One-fifth cost of a tunic...	1	4 9			
Total Rupees...	8	14 1	Total Rupees...	8	11 0

TABLE D.

Abstract of amount of pay drawn by those entitled to clothing, shewing the total amount per annum, and the sum that will be realized by the levy of a rate of 3 Pice per Rupee per man.

Number.	Rank.	Rate of pay of each man.	Total pay per month of each class.	Total pay per annum of each class.	Rate of stoppage at 3 Pice per Rupee.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
14	Constables...	50 0 0	700 0 0	8,400 0 0	131 4 0
7	Jemadars.	31 0 0	217 0 0	2,604 0 0	40 11 0
10	Duffadar Majors.	15 0 0	150 0 0	1,800 0 0	28 2 0
33	Duffadars.	11 0 0	363 0 0	4,356 0 0	68 1 0
44	Naigues.	9 0 0	396 0 0	4,752 0 0	74 4 0
80	Peons, 1st class.	9 0 0	640 0 0	7,680 0 0	120 0 0
357	Do. 2nd do ...	8 0 0	2,499 0 0	29,988 0 0	468 9 0
8	Conicopillays... ..	7 0 0	64 0 0	768 0 0	12 0 0
2	Overseers... ..	8 0 0	42 0 0	504 0 0	7 14 0
4	Darogahs, 1st class.	21 0 0	120 0 0	1,440 0 0	22 8 0
7	Do 2nd do ...	30 0 0	175 0 0	2,100 0 0	32 13 0
24	Talliar Naigues.	25 0 0	175 0 0	2,100 0 0	32 13 0
39	Talliards, 1st class.	12 0 0	288 0 0	3,456 0 0	54 0 0
39	Do 2nd do ...	9 0 0	351 0 0	4,212 0 0	65 13 0
42	Do 3rd do.	8 0 0	312 0 0	3,744 0 0	58 8 0
1	Head Hurkarrah... ..	7 0 0	294 0 0	3,528 0 0	55 2 0
1	Deputy do ...	7 0 0	210 0 0	2,520 0 0	40 0 0
22	Hurkarrahs.	17 8 0	17 8 0	178 8 0	2 12 8
		14 14 0	14 4 0	178 8 0	2 12 8
		10 8 0	231 0 0	2,772 0 0	43 5 0
Total...			6,874 6 0	82,492 8 0	1,288 15 2

9. I beg you earnestly to solicit the Government to sanction the revised estimate, amounting to Rupees 4,729-15

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Former average rate per annum inclusive of Troop....	11,181	9	6	for the ensuing year, now submitted, and should any saving be effected by an alteration in the shape of the dress under the Orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the amount would as a matter of course be paid into the Treasury.
Ditto ditto ditto exclusive of do.	9,227	6	5	
Revised average rate exclusive of Troop.....	6,564	4	2	
Decrease on former Estimate.....	2,663	2	3	

10. By table D. annexed, you will find, taking the Force at the present strength, that the sum of Rupees 1,288-15-2, will be realized yearly by the stoppage of 3 Pice per Rupee, and

by table B, that the annual cost of the clothing, taking an average of five years, will be about Rupees 6,564-4-2, and if a stoppage of a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an Anna be made from the pay of each man for clothing, the Government will on an average have to contribute yearly Rupees 5,275-5.

11. I do most earnestly entreat the Government to hesitate to do any thing which may tend to injure the morale, discipline, and good feeling of the fine Force which is now doing the heavy Police work of this populous city and its suburbs, and that they will bear in mind when this subject is before them, that every article of food and clothing, &c., has greatly increased in price since the year 1856, that the wages of artizans and labourers have also considerably risen, and that the lower order of Officers in the pay of Government, such as Peons, do not receive at the present time, so high a rate of wages as is paid by Householders and Tradesmen to those whom they employ, and that there is no prospect of improvement in that respect, but rather the contrary. I trust, therefore, that after mature consideration, the Government will be pleased to sanction the average yearly expenditure of Rupees 6,564-4-2 at the cost of the State, instead of adopting my counter proposal to levy a rate on the pay of the men, to supply a portion of the necessary funds.

12. A revised estimate for the clothing of the Marine Police Force, is also herewith forwarded, and when you submit it for sanction to His Excellency the Governor in Council, I beg you to favor me by calling to his recollection that the chief portion of the cost of this body is defrayed by the levy of a rate of 3 Annas on each cargo boat, under the provisions of Act No. XXVIII of 1858.

13. For reasons below given, I consider that clothing should be furnished to this establishment at the expense of the State entirely, and that no stoppage should be made from the pay of the men to cover any portion of the charge.

1st.—The service is not sought for, nor is it popular, and it is most desirable that it should not become less so.

2ndly.—It is already very difficult to get good men to enter it, and to retain them when enlisted; this arises from the constant exposure during all weathers, the frequent serious accidents which occur in crossing the surf and the great strictness with which the duty is necessarily enforced, in order to secure efficiency and give satisfaction to the mercantile community. Since the Force was raised [this time last year] one man has died of injury received when afloat, several have been severely, and some seriously hurt. The liability of these men to sustain serious injury may be judged from the fact, that during the last six weeks no less than 51 boats have been broken when crossing the surf.

3rdly.—The heavy wear and tear of the clothing, from the men being constantly afloat, wet and frequently capsized.

14. With respect to the clothing of this Force, therefore, I do earnestly beg you to impress upon the Honorable the Governor and the Members of the Government, that unless entire freedom from expense on that account is accorded to the members of the Force, I fear I may not be able to keep it up in its present efficient state. It is now a credit to the Government, and is considered by the mercantile community to be of invaluable service to them by preventing pilage by boatmen in the transit of goods between the vessels and the shore and vice versa. It is my hope and expectation that the supply of clothing gratis to this body will secure the services of good and trustworthy men, and considering the responsible duty which this Force has to perform, I feel sure the Honorable the Governor in Council will be disposed to grant to it the privilege which I now solicit.

* All for the year 1860.

15. You will find appended revised estimates* for the clothing of the Peons employed at the Mint, and at the Clothing Board Offices, the cost of which will be debited to those Departments, and one also for the clothing of the Police Troop which has not been altered. With reference to this latter, you will observe, that I have indented for clothing for 12 Troopers under the sanctioned number, for the reasons given in my letter to Government, under date 22nd September last, in which I informed you that His Excellency the Governor had directed that 12 vacancies, which existed in the Troop when he inspected it, should not be filled up. I have carefully examined the cost of each article of clothing, included in this estimate, and find I am unable to suggest any reduction, the articles supplied to the men

	Rs.	A.	P.
Biennial cost.....	4,601	10	10
Average annual cost	2,300	13	5

are few in number, and considering that they are out on duty every other night, it is necessary they should be strong and serviceable, and keeping these necessary requirements in view, they are of the cheapest kind procurable.

From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th October 1859, No. 134.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 5th Instant, No. 1359, Judicial Department, I have the honor to forward revised estimates for the Police Force noted in the margin, prepared on a more economical scale, in accordance with the instructions of Government communicated with Orders of the 24th Ultimo, No. 1293.

1. Foot Police.... 4,729 15 0
2. Marine do. 1,127 8 0
3. Mint Guard.... 105 2 0
4. Clothing Board 33 15 0
5. Mounted Police 2,612 5 5

2. I beg also to forward the estimate for the clothing of the Troop which has not been altered, amounting to Rupees 2,612-5-5, the amount of this estimate is higher than usual occasioned by the increased duty on articles exported. I request that the Sub-Treasurer may be directed to advance me the amount of these estimates, subject to adjustment on my furnishing bills for the actual charges passed by the Civil Auditor in each separate account.

3. I would beg leave to suggest, that clothing for the mounted men be made hereafter by the Agent for Army Clothing, that Officer will be able to make it up much cheaper than I can.

4. Broad cloth for the men of the Troop for the year 1860, has been got out from England by Lieutenant Mitchell, but it has cost more than was anticipated, but the quality is so good that I consider it ought to last 16 months instead of one year.

ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1859, No. 1556.

In his letter of the 15th Ultimo, recorded above, the Commissioner of Police reports in detail upon the manner in which he would propose to give effect to the instructions of the Supreme Government, that the system of clothing the Town Police should be on a very much more economical scale.

2. The Honorable the Governor in Council entirely agrees with the Commissioner of Police that the high degree of security and confidence in which the population of Madras of all classes are living, cannot be too much appreciated, and that it would be unwise and short-sighted policy, in reliance upon the existence of this state, to impair the means by which it has been attained.

3. Without, however, impairing the efficiency of the Police, there are several savings which may be made. The most important of these is in their dress. The dress of the City Police should be re-modelled on the general plan of that of the Marine Police, which is not only cheaper, but, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, more suitable and effective than the other.

4. But the Government would on no account place the Police under stoppages for their dress. The plan of furnishing them, as part of their wages, with a plain suitable dress, such as is worn by the class of society to which they belong, is attended with much advantage; and including this they are by no means overpaid. It would besides be a breach of faith to take stoppages from the existing Policemen—and if it were insisted upon, in reference to new appointments, a trifling saving would be obtained at the expense of chronic discontent.

5. The only reduction in the number of the Force, which the Government at present contemplate, will be effected by not filling up vacancies, until the extra number, who continue to be kept in pay under the Order of the 2nd July last, No. 905, are absorbed into the authorised establishment.

6. With respect to the Mounted Force, the Commissioner, it is observed, has already reported a reduction from 70 to 58 Troopers, by not filling up vacancies. He will now, as he proposes, further reduce the force to 50, including Constables and Troopers, by eliminating the least valuable members of the Force, giving them proper gratuities.

7. The Agent and Superintendent of Army Clothing will be requested to state whether he can undertake to supply clothing to the Mounted Police, which will in future be but 50 strong. Colonel Boulderson thinks that this can be done more cheaply by the Agent.

Proceedings, 24th October
1859, No. 1436.

8. With these remarks, Government resolve to return the estimates submitted with the Commissioner's letter of the 17th Ultimo, excepting those for the Marine Police, respecting which, Orders will be passed in the Marine Department. Colonel Boulderson will submit fresh estimates prepared in accordance with these Orders. Government also sanction the estimate for the Mounted Police, subject to such saving as will result from the reduction of the strength to fifty men.

(True Extract.)

/ Signed / T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police, with 5 Estimates returned.
 „ Marine Department, with two Estimates.
 „ Inspector General of Police.
 „ Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.
 „ Civil Auditor.
 „ Accountant General.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

List
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will be afterwards adjusted
by a bill duly passed
by the Civil Auditor.

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13 copies of order

with abstract of
the paper read.

The Commissioner

of Police. ~~with estimate~~

" Sub Treasurer.

" Civil Auditor - with Estimate.

" Asst. Genl.

} Disfranchisement