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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th September 1864.*

No. 85. Read the following Circular from Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 16th July 1864, No. 47 :—

Abolition of Cash payments for Police Guards.

The following copy of Financial Department Resolution, No. 3,496, dated 31st July 1863, abolishing Cash payments for Police Guards by Departments employing them, is circulated for information and guidance.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(Signed) E. C. S. WILLIAMS, Captain, R. E.,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

*Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department,
No. 3,496, dated 31st July 1863.*

Read the following papers regarding the revision of the Oudh Police, and the mode of estimating and charging for that portion of the expense of the Police, which is incurred for the service of other Departments.

Home Department's endorsements, Nos. 1,939, 2,315, and 2,544, dated 24th March, 8th April, and 18th April 1863.

Letters from the Inspector General of Police in India, Nos. 27 and 45, dated 12th and 19th February 1863, and a further letter dated 7th May 1863.

RESOLUTION.—The point referred for the consideration of the Financial Department by the Home Department's Resolution of the 24th March 1863, is the mode of estimating and charging for that portion of the expense of the Police, which is incurred for the service of other Departments.

2. At present the various Departments are required to pay in cash for the Police Guards supplied to them out of a Budget provision in their own departmental estimates.

3. These Cash payments between Departments have, after two years' experience, proved so embarrassing in practice that the President in Council directs that henceforth the pay of the whole of the officers and men of each force shall be drawn in one bill, or, if found more convenient, in separate bills for each district; but the debit against the Police Budget grant will be, in the aggregate, for the charges in the entire Presidency or Province, and not according to the district distribution of the charges.

4. The only case in which any demand for re-payment will have to be made, will be when special services are performed for private companies, theatres, &c., or when payments are authorized by the Police Act.

5. As a rule it is not desirable to introduce changes of system and extensive transfers in account after the Budget has been settled and payments according to the Budget allotment have begun; but cash payments for Police supplied to Departments have proved so inconvenient that the general rule must in this case be set aside.

6. Accordingly it is directed that the sums noted in the accompanying statement, which have been taken for Police in the other Departmental estimates for this year, be transferred to the Head of Police of the respective Presidencies and Provinces, and that the necessary adjustments of payments already made by Departments be arranged by the Deputy Auditors and Accountants General.

7. The Police estimate for next year should include the whole of the expenditure for that branch of the service.

8. The Hon'ble the President in Council at the same time desires to preserve an equivalent for any economical check that may have attended the inter-departmental cash payments which are now abolished.

9. This check will be ensured by throwing more responsibility than has hitherto been done on the Department providing for the service.

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10. The Officers of Police are the proper authority for determining the strength of a treasure or prison escort, or the number of men sufficient to guard a jail or a lock-up, for in all such cases, the Police Department is responsible for the safe custody of the people or property placed under their charge; and the Home Department will accordingly be requested to give directions that every application for Police Guards shall be scrutinized by the proper Officers of Police.

11. In the event of dispute or difference as to the strength of Guards required or as to their employment at all, the matter should be settled by the Head of the Department from whom the requisition has come, in communication with the Inspector General of Police, a final reference being made, if necessary, to the Local Government.

12. The abolition of inter-departmental cash payments should be accompanied by a careful revision by each Inspector General of Police of the Guards of every sort now supplied to Departments.

13. The reductions effected in this direction in the Oudh Police, encourage a hope of similar economy by a like careful revision in other Presidencies.

14. Further, with a view of watching over the demands of the several Departments for Police Guards, the Police Department should be required to keep up carefully prepared distribution lists of the entire Police Force.

15. By a reference to these lists, it may be immediately ascertained whether an undue increase has taken place in the number of guards required for any particular service.

16. These Distribution Lists will also enable the Government to form a correct Estimate of the cost of Police under the several Heads of Jail Guards, Treasure escort, &c.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department, and that it be also sent to all Local Governments and Chief Commissioners for their information and guidance, in reference to the preparation of the Estimates and Accounts of the Police expenditure.

Ordered, also, that a copy be published in the Calcutta Gazette for general information, and for the guidance of the Civil and Military Pay and Audit Departments; likewise that a copy of the Proceedings of the Home Department, dated 24th March 1863, be communicated to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General and the Civil Paymaster, North Western Provinces.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1864, No. 2,567.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers and to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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