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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th September 1864.

No. 399. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the papers containing the reports of the Agent to the Government of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam, and the Deputy Inspector General of Police in the Northern Range, on a tour made by them in the early part of the year through the Jeypore country. } (Here enter 13th September 1864, No. 1,358.)

No. 400. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1864, No. 2,718.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

2. In accordance with paragraph 2, application has been made to the Government of India for a grant of Rupees 10,000 for the current year, for the construction of roads, and the clearing of jungle in the Jeypore country.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
13*th September* 1864.

Read the following papers :—

From the Agent at Vizagapatam.

(Here enter 26th March 1864, No. 46.)

From the Inspector General of Police.

(Here enter 6th and 27th July 1864, Nos. 1357 and 1567.)

ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1864, No. 1358.

The papers above recorded contain the reports of the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam, and the Deputy Inspector General of Police in the Northern Range on a tour made by them in the early part of the year through the Jeypore country. The Deputy Inspector General also visited the Golgondah Hills, but the Agent was prevented by an attack of fever from accompanying him in this part of the tour.

2. These reports show that fair progress has been made in reducing these wild and lawless tracts to order, due consideration being given to the difficulties necessarily attending the attempt to introduce law and order among an uncivilized and lawless population and in a country, the climate of which is so unfavorable to the maintenance of any public establishments recruited in the plains. As regards the communications, it appears that with the grant of Rupees 2000 sanctioned last year for the purpose of clearing broad tracks through the jungles, the path traversed by the Agent in 1863, which was then only wide enough for a single traveller, has been cleared to a track of from 35 to 40 feet in breadth. Smaller tracks have been cut from Parvatipur to Gunapur, Narayanapatnum and Singapur, and from Gunapur to Ramanagudda and Dûrgo. The construction of the line of road to Jeypore by the Petta Ghaut has been undertaken by the Assistant Agent, Lieutenant Smith, but what progress has been made in it is not stated. The Governor in Council has no doubt that construction of roads and clearing of jungle in these wild tracts may be best entrusted to the officers of the Agency, and he accordingly directs that an annual grant of Rupees 10,000 shall be placed at the disposal of the Agent for this purpose. As the working season commences in November and ends in May an immediate application will be made to the Government of India, in the Department of Public Works, for authority for a grant of the above sum for the current year, there being no funds available from the Public Works Reserve. The Agent will furnish through the Superintending Engineer, detailed accounts of the expenditure of this grant, and in his annual report on his tour he will state the number of miles of road of jungle track actually completed during the working season. Each report should be accompanied by a rough map of the country in illustration of the facts stated in the report. The map referred to in the 30th paragraph of Mr. Carmichael's letter as being in course of preparation by Captain Tennant has not been submitted to Government.

3. The operations of the Police and Agency in the detection and punishment of crime appear to have been tolerably successful but from the facts stated both by the Agent and by the Deputy Inspector General of Police it is clear that a considerable addition is required to the Police force. The Inspector General is accordingly authorized to employ the additional force proposed in his letters of the 6th and 27th July last, involving an annual increase of expenditure of Rupees 18,936. This charge, Mr. Robinson states, can be met for the current year from savings on the amount sanctioned in the Budget. He will report whether any portion of the additional charge can be met by reductions in other Districts.

4. In connection with this subject, the attention of the Inspector General is requested to the suggestions made in the 28th paragraph of the Agent's report that an additional Assistant Superintendent should be appointed to the Vizagapatam District and posted at Narsipatam, and that the men of the force should be medically examined as to their physical qualifications for Police work. The Inspector General, it is observed, is fully alive to the necessity for recruiting Hill men for service in Jeypore and the other Hill tracts.

5. The Governor in Council concurs with the Agent as to the expediency of transferring to the jurisdiction of the Civil and Session Court the whole of the tracts now under the Agency which are below the Ghauts. This proposal is approved by the Civil and Session Judge, and it is obviously desirable that the Agent should be relieved as much as possible of his judicial duties in all parts of his District which can be safely placed under the jurisdiction of the ordinary Courts. Mr. Carmichael will submit a draft Notification of the proposed transfer. The Government also agree with Mr. Carmichael as to the expediency of raising the salary of the Assistant Agent employed in Jeypore to the rate assigned to the Assistant Agent employed in the Hill tracts of Ganjam. A recommendation to this effect will be made to the Government of India. Both Lieutenant Smith and Captain Galbraith are entitled to the thanks of Government for their meritorious exertions in the introduction of law and order, and the repression of crime in these wild tracts.

6. The Governor in Council defers to the arguments advanced in the 29th paragraph of Mr. Carmichael's report, against the establishment at present of Courts of Civil Justice in the Jeypore country. It appears to be questionable, with reference to the state of things described in that report, whether the time has yet come for the establishment of such Courts. For the present, the District and Village headmen should be incited to settle small disputes of a Civil nature. In such a community the disputes regarding the title to property cannot be important or numerous, and the mediation of neighbours (or Punchayets) under the supervision of the headmen is, in the opinion of the Government, the best mode of adjusting them at present.

7. The contingent charges incurred by the Agent during his late tour, amounting to Rupees (562) five hundred and sixty-two, are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Agent at Vizagapatam.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Public Works Department.
" Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" High Court.

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