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[Despatch Abstract.]

Police employed on the Southern Mahratta Ry.—

Proceedings, Financial Department, directing a return to the arrangements previously in force as regards the payment & adjustment of the Salaries of the —, Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Erode, 3rd October 1890, No. 5654.

No. 2758, dated 23rd August 1890, from the Accountant-General, Fort St. George.
No. 5129, dated 8th September 1890, from the Inspector-General of Police, Madras.
No. 3006, dated 13th September 1890, from the Accountant-General, Fort St. George.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the marginally-noted correspondence between the Accountant-General and this office regarding the payment in the first instance and subsequent adjustment of the salaries of Police men employed on the Southern Mahratta Railway.

2. The present practice is for Police Superintendents to pay the men through the Divisional Inspectors concerned, their salaries being drawn in district pay bills under a distinct head, *Railway Police*, and to forward monthly bills to the auditor of the Railway Company for the share of salary, clothing and contingencies, pension and supervision charges payable by the Company and to obtain credit for the amount.

3. The Accountant-General has directed that, in future, payments of the Railway Police men should be left to the Railway Company, the share payable by Government being recovered by them afterwards.

4. I beg to submit that it is not desirable that the control of Superintendents in the matter of paying these men should be removed so long as their enlistment, discipline, &c., rests with them. It will, besides, necessitate unnecessary correspondence between Superintendents and the Railway authorities, as all the orders of the former sanctioning leave, promotion, punishments, &c., must be communicated to the latter. The submission of salary bills by Superintendents to the Company's auditor with a view to obtain money will cause delay in paying the men. I beg also to add that note 116 on page 652 of the Civil Account Code, Volume II, allows payment of the whole salary of Railway Police in the first instance by Government, the Railway Company's contribution coming in by deduction from expenditure. The charges on account of Railway Police now appear under a separate head.

5. In these circumstances, I have the honor to request that Government may be pleased to order that the practice hitherto followed, as described in paragraph 2 above, may be continued for the present. From paragraph 2 of the Accountant-General's letter, No. 3006, dated 13th September 1890, it will be seen that he has apparently no objection to continue it.

ENCLOSURES.

From H. G. COWIE, Esq., Deputy Accountant-General, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated Fort St. George, 23rd August 1890, No. 2758.

Government, in Order, No. 8, Financial Department, dated 7th January 1890, accorded its sanction, subject to the approval of the Railway authorities, to the arrangement proposed by this office for the adjustment of the cost of the Railway Police between the Railway Company and Government, viz., that the former should pay the charges for Police (including clothing and contingent charges) in the first instance, and afterwards recover from Government in quarterly bills passed by the Public Works Examiner (Railway Branch) the share payable by Government *minus* the contribution for pension, &c., payable to Government.

2. In reply to a reference made by me to the Examiner of Railway Accounts, Dharwar, the Consulting Engineer for Railways (Bombay) has forwarded to me a letter from the Agent and Chief Engineer, Southern Mahratta Railway Company, accepting the arrangement, and stating that the procedure can be adopted with effect from 1st August 1890.

3. I request, therefore, that you will be good enough to instruct the Superintendents concerned to leave the payment of the salaries due to the Police supplied to the Southern Mahratta Railway for the current and subsequent months to the Railway. They will, however, be required to furnish the Examiner of Railway Accounts, Dharwar, every quarter with a statement showing the net amount payable to the Railway Company, to enable that officer to check the bills before passing them for payment.

From Colonel C. A. PORTEOUS, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Accountant-General, dated Madras, 8th September 1890, No. 5129.

With reference to your letter, No. 2758, dated 23rd August 1890, I have the honor to inform you that clothing is supplied by Government free of charge to Police men, and for purposes of recoveries from other departments or private individuals its value is calculated at Rs. 10 per man per annum. For contingent charges, a fixed percentage, viz., 5 per cent., is levied. The cost on these two accounts for the men employed on the Southern Mahratta Railway has to be credited to Government like the contribution for pension and supervision. The Railway Company can therefore disburse only the salary of the men in the first instance and afterwards recover the share payable by Government *minus* the contribution for pension and supervision and clothing and contingent charges. But this system will be productive of very great inconvenience. The appointment, discipline, promotion, grant of leave, providing for absentees' duties and maintenance of long rolls (service books), &c., of the men are all in the hands of the Superintendents of the several districts, and the removal of their control in the matter of paying them will, of course, affect the proper discharge of the above duties on the part of Superintendents. If a constable is promoted, fined, granted leave with or without pay, is suspended, &c., all will have to be reported to the Railway authorities to enable them to pay what may be due to the men. This will doubtless cause unnecessary labor both to Superintendents and the Railway authorities. In other Presidencies, where the method of adjustment now proposed is in force, the Railway Police are under separate Superintendents and subordinate officers, and till the formation of a Police in this Presidency similarly constituted, which is in contemplation, I consider that the present system of adjustment, which, so far as I am aware, has not hitherto produced any inconvenience, should be continued. I therefore request your further instructions on the subject.

From T. W. RAWLINS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated Fort St. George, 13th September 1890, No. 3006.

In reply to your letter, No. 5129, dated the 8th instant, I have the honor to state that the arrangement existing in Bombay, under which the Railway Company in the first instance pays the charges in connection with the Police, was suggested for adoption in this Presidency, with the view of preventing unnecessary exaggeration of the debits and credits under the head of Police in the accounts and of securing the exhibition of the Railway Police separately from the rest of the district executive force.

2. As, however, you consider that owing to the different conditions which affect the Railway Police in this Presidency, it would be objectionable to follow the system approved by Government in Order, No. 8, of the 7th January 1890, Financial, you had better move Government to reconsider the order.

ORDER—dated 17th November 1890, No. 821, Financial.

As it is evident that the system introduced at the instance of a former Deputy Accountant-General is not at all suited to this Presidency, the Government directs a return to the arrangements previously in force.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

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