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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From Lieutenant Colonel T. K. GUTHRIE, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Madras, 7th June 1884, No. 3069.

I have the honor to forward further proposals of the Commissioner of Police (G.O., 7th February 1884 No. 55 Marine.)

2. Considering the open state of the foreshore and pier I do not think the force asked for by the Commissioner too strong.

3. Mr. Harrington formerly Superintendent now Inspector, has always performed his duties with perfect steadiness and honesty, and I hope Government may be pleased to mark their sense of approval by adding a gratuity to a small pension on the abolition of his appointment.

4. With reference to the Commissioner's last paragraph, Government have to decide how this party of Police is to be paid, whether from Provincial funds entirely, or in part, (G.O., 14th July 1883 No. 370 Marine Mr. Barlow's letter therein paragraph 3) and regarding this there appears to me to be some confusion.

5. Mr. Barlow points out that at Calcutta $\frac{3}{4}$ of the expense of the Harbour Police fall upon the Port Trust, and he gives as one reason for this "that much of the Police duty is on shore, on the quays and sheds, which duty the Madras Harbour Committee propose to conduct." It will be seen from the rough sketch accompanying the Commissioner's letter, that this is precisely how the Harbour Police here are to be utilized, and are now utilized, so that the Harbour Committee and the Commissioner appear to be at variance. The late Commissioner (Colonel Drever) also seems to have contemplated a similar use of the reduced force, *viz.*, "for beach and water patrol" (G.O., 25th June 1883 No. 333 Marine).

6. On reference to the Commissioner, Colonel Cox explains that the Harbour Committee have "watchmen at the gates, but they have no police powers, and if provision has to be made for the prosecution of thefts of goods lying about on the beach, there must be a constant and effectual patrol of police." In this view I concur and recommend, however the question of payment may be settled, that the Harbour Police be amalgamated with and form portion of the Madras City Police. Act I of 1881 has not been repealed nor any authority given to stop Boat Constables or fees.

ENCLOSURE.

From Lieutenant Colonel H. W. H. COX, Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras, to the Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated 29th May 1884, No. 298.

With reference to G.O., dated 7th February 1884, No. 55, Marine, I have the honor to report that I do not think that any further reduction can be made in the strength of the Marine Police, but I consider that a third class Inspector may be

employed instead of a first class Inspector, and that one second Grade Head Constable, one third Grade Head Constable and two fourth Grade Head Constables should be substituted for the four fourth Grade Head Constables now employed.

2. Should the Government approve of the change in the grade of Inspector to be employed, I trust they will take the case of Mr. Harrington, late Superintendent and now first class Inspector of Marine Police into their favorable consideration and grant him a Pension and a small gratuity as has been in other cases when appointments have been abolished. He has completed 11 year's service and has always proved himself an efficient and useful officer for the peculiar work he has had to do; but it would be impossible to find any suitable work for him in the General Police Force.

3. To enable you to judge of the necessity for the employment of the present number of Police of all ranks, I append a rough sketch of the locality with explanatory notes:—

By day there are ten beats and fixed points employing three Head Constables and thirty Constables in three reliefs of four hours, *i.e.*, from 6 to 10 A.M., from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., and from 2 to 6 P.M. At night there are no beats or fixed points, but 20 of the Day duty men are employed in patrolling in parties of 2 in reliefs of 3 hours each, supervised by two Head Constables. From 6 to 9 P.M., 8 men are on duty, but during the other 3 reliefs (from 9 to 12, from 12 to 3, and from 3 to 6.) only four men are thus employed.

Beat men thus have seven hours on beat, ten hours at the Station House, and seven hours at home each day for two days, and on the 3rd day four hours on beat, four hours at the Station House, and 16 hours at home and so on.

Provision has to be made for Station Watch, Station Writer and a Reserve of men for duty afloat, and for this I consider that one Head Constable and ten Constables sufficient, and yet not in excess of requirement.

It is absolutely necessary that either the Inspector or the Sergeant shall be present at the Station House day and night to meet any emergency, or to perform any duty that ought to be entrusted to a European.

4. If there is no financial objection to the change, I recommended that the Marine Police be abolished as a separate force and that the men now employed in it be amalgamated with the Town Police and assimilated to the latter in uniform and accoutrements.

From T. E. MARSHALL, Esq., Acting Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, to the Honorable E. FORSTER, WEBSTER, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated 18th June 1884, No. 5736.

I have the honor to return the papers marginally noted, forwarded for report under your endorsement No. 1272, bearing date 11th June 1884, with the following remarks:—

2. The Acting Inspector-General of Police, in paragraph 4 of his letter to Government, raises the question as to the mode in which the cost of the Marine or Beach Police Establishment is to be defruct, whether entirely from Provincial Funds, or partly Provincial and partly Port Funds. On a perusal of the correspondence referred to by him, I find that it was never at any time contemplated by Mr. Barlow or the Harbour Committee that any portion of the expenditure for the upkeep of a Beach Police should be met from the Harbour collections. Mr. Barlow in his letter marginally noted writes as follows:—

No. 8, dated July 7th 1883, recorded in G.O., No. 370, Marine, dated July 14th 1883.

"I may conveniently explain here that Captain Taylor's proposal was based, he informs me, upon the understanding that prior to Act XXVIII of 1858, which provided for a Police force for the Port of Madras, the Police charges (for what was simply the Marine Division of the Town Police) were not from Provincial Funds, and that upon the Harbour Dues Act coming into force, and Act I of 1881 being suspended, the former position of the Police would be reverted to, the whole sum of (3) three annas a trip, or as described by the Committee (1½) one-and-a-half anna a ton being available and sufficient for all the protective duty of the trade, and also for the collection of dues on goods.

"It has been ascertained by telegraph that the Harbour Police of Bombay is entirely paid from Provincial Revenue, and that of Calcutta, three-fourths from Port Trust, and one-fourth from Government, but as regards Calcutta it should be observed that the Port Trust is excessively rich and much of the Police duty is on shore, on the quays and sheds, which duty the Madras Harbour Committee propose to conduct, as the responsibility will fall upon their executive."

3. Considering therefore that the distribution proposed by the Acting Inspector General of Police was never contemplated, and considering also that the Police force proposed for the patrol of the beach forms part of the general patrol duty, which devolves upon the Police all along the numerous roads and bridges of such a straggling city as Madras, I am respectfully of opinion that the beach police will be part and parcel of the Madras City Police, and should be paid for as such.

4. The Acting Inspector General of Police draws attention to the late "Colonel Drever's suggestion to utilize the Marine Police in its reduced capacity for *water patrol*." I would explain that no regular patrol is needed by day or night afloat, nor am I aware that any such police patrol takes place. Preventive Officers are sent round on patrol afloat by this Department, when several steamers are working, and the staff of peons belonging to the Harbour Dues Department keep watch at the sheds, the entrances to the enclosures, and along the Pier both by day and night. All merchants' goods lying about the beach have night watchmen placed over them by their respective firms, and these men are constantly on the alert.

5. I do not see how the want of Police powers on the part of our peons can interfere with a criminal prosecution for theft, as all such cases were, I believe, always conducted by the B division, and not by the Marine Police. On any thief being caught in the act, he is handed over to the first police man available, and the officers of this Department have to appear to prosecute.

6. Finally, I would observe that it is extremely necessary that a notification should appear in an early Gazette withdrawing the port of Madras from the operation of Act I of 1881, and with this view I take the liberty to submit for approval draft notification under the Act.

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of Section 14, Marine Police Act I of 1881, the Governor in Council is pleased to direct the withdrawal of the port of Madras from the operation of the said Act from and after the date of publication of this notification.

(Signed) T. E. MARSHALL,
Acting Master Attendant.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

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G.O., dated 2nd July 1884, No. 287.

JULY.

Marine Police, Madras.

Withdrawing Madras Port from operations of Marine Police Act No. I, of 1881, and calling upon the Inspector-General of Police to report as to mode of debiting cost of —, with reference to Master Attendant's remarks thereon.

22ND SEPTEMBER 1884, No. 427, MARINE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 2nd July 1884, No. 287, Marine.

ABSTRACT.—Withdrawing Madras port from operations of Marine Police Act No. I of 1881, and calling upon the Inspector-General of Police to report as to mode of debiting cost of Marine Police, Madras, with reference to Master Attendant's remarks thereon.

READ—also the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel T. K. GUTHRIE, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th July 1884, No. 4304.

In reply to G.O., dated 2nd July 1884, No. 287, Marine, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that I consider the cost of the beach police might be equally divided between Port dues and Provincial funds.

2. The sum required being Rs. 571 this would be Rs. 285-8-0 from each source monthly.

3. The beach police have, as the Marine police had, the watch and ward of the whole line of beach from the late Mr. Coleman's house to the outlet of the sewer at north-east angle of Fort St. George; besides this they must attend to calls for aid from the shipping in harbour and roads and from the harbour authorities. They must look to the cleanliness of the shore and keep order among boatmen outside, if not inside, harbour limits. Cargo is discharged on the beach outside the harbour as well as in it.

4. The Marine police, over a period of 26 years, has cost Government Rs. 3,195 a year, but, owing to the introduction of lighters carrying up to 11 tons of cargo, the average yearly difference between collections and disbursements for police for the last 15 years has been Rs. 5,010 debited to Provincial funds.

5. My quotation from the late Colonel Drever referred only to the words "the beach," which should have been underlined for italics. There is now no need for a water patrol.

From the Chairman, Harbour Committee, dated Madras, 8th September 1884, No. 89.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding papers relative to the beach police.

ORDER—dated 22nd September 1884, No. 427, Marine.

The modification proposed in the beach police establishment is sanctioned, the charge being equally divided between Port dues and Provincial funds.

2. The question of granting Mr. Harrington a gratuity will be considered in the Pension department.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

„ Inspector-General of Police.

„ Master Attendant, Madras.

„ Harbour Committee.

„ Pension department.

Exd. C. Howarth.

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G.O., 22nd September 1884, No. 427.

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SEPTEMBER.

Order of the Govt. No. 1243

The beach police application
has been submitted - *W. J.*

Marine Police,
Marine Police, Madras.

Sanctioning the modification proposed in the
beach police establishment, and directing that the
question of granting Mr. Harrington a gratuity
be considered in the Pension department.

Order is wanted
Taken up with the
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