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Tanjore Commissioner's office

30 April 1857.

From

H. D. Phillips Esquire

Commissioner at Tanjore

To

J. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Sir,

1.

In my communication dated the

para 7

26th ultimo, I solicited the authority of Govern-

ment to retain at their posts, for the

Police duties of the Tanjore Fort and its

immediate suburbs, certain subordinates

of the Hoogoon Pamlake establishment,

and the requisite permission has, I

observe, been accorded in the Minutes

para 5.

of Consultations dated the 26th instant No 317.

2.

Anticipating the arrival of this

permission, I some days ago mustered more

thru

than half of the men who have been
doing police duty under the late Rajah's
putwull in the Fort, with a view to se-
lecting the able bodied effective men
and marking off the old and useless, as
well as the few boys and, in certain instances,
the females whose names are borne on the
putwull's list, but who have entertained
substitutes.

3. My communication with these
men, which was personal, patient and
deliberate, served clearly to show that
they are laboring under the impression
that the acceptance of service from the
Company's Government, will cancel their
right to future employment under Ma-
mukhee Boyce. Old and young distinctly
declared their intentions not to take the
situation of men such as I told them would
be.

available on the receipt of the instruc-
tions of higher authority to dispense with
the services of the Hoozyoon Pamloke peo-
ple and on my pointing out to several
of them, quite young lads, that they were
ruining their future prospects, their con-
fident reply was that there would be
a Rajah & that they had "their brother"
to look to -

4. The existence of these feelings
among so many of the Town Police men,
was a sufficient reason for my abstaining
from mustering the absent men, especially
as information I received, led me to suppose
that a similar result would follow
my communication with them.

5. Under these circumstances, two
courses appear to me to be available for
adoption; the one is to temporize & taking
advantage

advantage of the services of the Police men now mentioned, to let matters proceed, well or badly as the case may be, until the question of the abolition of the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Raj shall be settled; or now to entertain a fresh body of police peons who shall enter at once on the duties of the town, be under my own orders and control, and thus enable me immediately to dispense with the unwilling and worthless aid of the disaffected subordinates of the Dowlat and Hoozoon Panchoke establishments, doing police work at present.

6. I am strongly in favor of the latter plan. It will furnish me with a body of peons not new to their work when the Raj jurisdiction is at an end. It will serve

13. In arranging as I have above proposed, I provide for the Police duties of this part of my charge, but I have also to report that the persons who are employed as scavengers in and about the Fort, likewise belong either to the Hoozoon or Dowlat Panchoke establishments and that the indisposition to accept service is so general, that I feel bound also to secure myself against difficulty in that direction.

14. The scavenger establishment of the Raj comprises 62 persons, who draw an aggregate salary of Rs 195½ per mensem, in addition to small quantities of grain allowed to some of them by the Patnee.

15. The 27 carts, bullocks & buffaloes used for scavenger purposes form part of

of the Raj "Shutty Mahab" or cattle de-
partment, whence they are daily fed.
These will be available for work under
any circumstances until the decision
of the Supreme Court in the matter of
Kumatchee Boyer, but scavenger ser-
vants will be wanting.

16. I have therefore the honor further
to request permission temporarily to employ
as cart drivers and scavenger coolies, ~~whom~~
on a salary each of Rs 3½ a month, and
one Ministry driver, to whom I think 8 Rs
a month should be given: Total proposed
monthly expenditure Rs 148-0-0

17. A small tax is levied on the houses
in the Tanjore fort and near it as a set
off against the expenses of draining & cleaning, which some
conjectural estimates may yield some
50 Rs a month. But I am not yet acquaint-
ed with its real extent or precise bear-
ings

ings, as nothing had been done in regard
of collecting any of the items of miscella-
neous revenue raised by the late Rajah
until a few days ago, when the Supreme
Court's injunction was relaxed.

18. The police corps now applied for
as well as the scavengers, will, of course,
be kept on only until a permanent police
establishment has been formed for
service under such superior police
officer as the Government may eventually
decide in establishing here, in substitu-
tion for the late Rajah's Criminal Court
which is still in operation.

19. I would however, here mention
that the three Civil Courts have
been adjourned for two months
from

Can tell Mr. Torley about

from the 20th instant.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

H. D. Michie

Commissioner

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Fort Saint George

Comd.

Mr. P.

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serve to show those who hang about the
palace in the expectation of great events
arising from Mr. Norton's movements at
Madras, that the affairs of the Palace, of the
Town, and the District, are wholly inde-
pendent of opposition to the Government,
wherever its source, and that the local
authorities regard them not. It will also
place at my disposal a corps of men
whom I can trust and whom I can
act with, in the event of any attempt be-
ing hereafter made by the disappointed
adherents of the Rago's family, to coerce
the ladies of the Palace: and taking into
consideration the character of the prom-
ises held out to these adherents, the extent
of their expectations, the severity of their
coming disappointment, & their numbers,
such a course of procedure on the part
of Marathas, is by no means unlikely.

7. Also, I am averse to the retention for longer than may be strictly necessary, of the present Police peons, as I am perceive very plainly that their sympathies are with the ladies in the Palace and that they would act in their favor, in opposition to the authorities, if an opportunity of doing so offered itself without much personal risk. So lately as the day before yesterday, a circumstance occurred plainly indicating such an intention.

8. I have therefore the honor now to solicit authority to entertain a body of peons for the Police of the Fort and its suburbs, who will work under the present ~~footwall~~ and so long as it lasts, enforce the system observed under the late Regt. subject of course to my general supervision and control.

9.

The District Heads of Police will be required to send me in a certain number of the experienced peons of their charge, whom I shall retain so long as may be requisite, substituting new men for them in the talooks. The others will be recruited from the many active young men doing duty as substitutes and who are always found awaiting employment at the Hoozoon and other talukheries.

10.

The number of men I would employ and the rate of pay I would assign to them, is shewn in the following statement. Their aggregate is below that of the present Fort Police corps, but their total salary is higher than what has been received by the latter, some of whom have salaries below two rupees a month, though perhaps in such instances a grain allowance may have

about

have been made to them from the Palace.

11. As now existing, the Police subordinates under the Fort Culwall's orders, comprise 2 Sawubhuars, 4 writers, 16 naikvadies or superior peons, 75 peons and 22 Tom tom beaters who also do duty as peons. The salary monthly disbursed to them is Rs 336 independent of such grain allowances as very many of them receive from the Palace.

12. The gratuities to which they are entitled under late arrangements, amount to Rs 405; the persons assigned to them to Rs 146-4-0; assuming that they are to be kept up as a police corps, their monthly cost will be Rs 292-8-0.

Rs 47-8-0 less than the aggregate cost of the body of men I now seek authority to employ.

In

340-0-0

292-8-0

47-8-0

Statement showing the number and description of Servants proposed to be entertained for the Cutwall and Scavenger's Establishments within the Fort of Tanjore.

Description	Pay per Month.		
	R	a	p
<u>Police.</u>			
2 Duffadars at 7 Rs each	14	-	-
4 Naiks at 5 Rs each	20	-	-
80 Peons at 3 1/2 Rs each	280	-	-
4 Tom tombeaters at 3 1/2 Rs each	14	-	-
1 Canicopilly	5	-	-
1 Goomastah	7	-	-
	340	-	-
<u>Scavengers.</u>			
40 Scavenger Coolies and Cart drivers at 3 1/2 Rs each	140	-	-
1 Maistry for D.	8	-	-
	148	-	-
Grand Total Rs.	488	-	-

E. J. D. P.

Tanjore
30 April 1857.

W. J. P.
Commissioner

Consult Mr Forbes about

The only point that oc-
curs to me as needing
consideration here is
whether any exception
could be legally taken
to the acts of Revenue officers
by the Comptroller, performed
within the Rajah's limits.
It must be remem-
bered that we are dealing
with those who are called
-ing are an act, and
will take every advantage
of a slip & need, steps,
for any one action
for account will
be brought against

Artificial 1857 Report

Report to the Board of Directors

From the Commission

Tenure

To the Chief Secretary

and 30:00

Re 4 May 1857

Ch 100

Encl: 1.

S. C. No. 374

Ch 383

Submitting production
a list of letters & to
several other letters
is most required
from the first of January

For ordering
with others

Copy to the Honorable
Comptroller, Secretary
11/15/57 May 15/57

C. S. May
11/15/57

one of these persons to be
appointed by the Council, or
Lord or he himself a
vacancy or a choice
made against him,
unless the person pleads
that he is acting as
a Police Officer under
an appointment from Phillip
Tredgold?

As long as the Rajah's
limits are respected,
and as long as his
law is enforced,

I think it would be
better that all those
who are to enforce it
should hold their
office by appointment
from the Sirahle

Of course D. D. will
select the person, but
if they act under the
Rajah's regulations &
within limits, on D.
D.'s appointment, he
also must be
taken to question his
authority. D.D.

Means -

The Com^d at Tanjong reports that some
of the old Police establishment at
Tanjong will as was proposed to them
accept service under the Govt. He
proposes therefore dispensing with
the services ~~and~~ giving them the
pensions or gratuities to which they
may be entitled under the Rules &
entertaining an entirely new estab-
-lishment - and to be made up of
to Fort Seavenger - the arrangement
respecting both being however only
temporary until a final measure
is settled -

The Commissioner's propositions
seemed to me judicious, but I thought
it advisable to consult Mr Forbes about

it. It will be perceived that he has pointed out one difficulty that may occur if the Peons are directly appointed by the Commissioner & suggested that altho the selection be in fact his the nomination should ostensibly be the Act of his Sirkar.

The same should if done with the Peons, perhaps be done with the Teacupers too - altho the app^t of them by the Commissioner outright might be justified on sanitary grounds —

It occurs to me here to remark that altho the sanction of the Govt of India has been obtained and a bill is designed to be passed for bringing the Fore of

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Tanjore under the jurisdiction of the District Court of Combrum + for erecting a District Court there - nothing as far as I am aware has been said about bringing them under the Police Jurisdiction of the Magistrate - Possibly on the maxim 'Omne majus in se continet minus' & this may not be necessary - but in sending the draft bill to the Govt of India this might be pointed out -

Yrs
tr
J.P.

8/5/57

It is chiefly advisable - that the course proposed by Mr Phillips should be adopted - but the papers should be referred to the Govt Solicitor for his opinion.

on the point raised by Mr
Tucker - & on any other - which
may suggest itself to him.

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Political Department

No 374

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
Dated 12th May 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Commissioner
of Tanjore

Received 30th April 1857
No 383

Resolved that
the foregoing letter be
communicated to the
Company's Solicitor for
his opinion on the
measure proposed by
the Commissioner at
Tanjore for appoint-
ing a new body of
men to perform police
duties within the limits
of the Tanjore Fort.
The reasons given by
Mr Phillips make
the

the arrangement ap-
-pear desirable, but
before ordering it to
be carried out, Govern-
-ment wish to be
informed, whether
in the opinion of
the Hon: Comptroller
Solicitor it is open
to objection, as long
as the Rajah's law
is enforced within
the limits of the
Fort, and whether
that objection would
cease if the appoint-
-ments of the new
men issued from
the Sirkhele instead
of from the Com-
-missioner.—

RM

Copy to St. Solicitor with copy of
Mr Phillips letter & of it } Signed 12th
enclosure ———

Copy to Court at Tanjore Signed 12th

W. P. Bell

Entered the 24th 1857

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Abstracts of Laws

Feb 1: 427
Mar 1: 428
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Referring for the opinion
of the Hon. Sec. of the pro-
position of the Council of
Tennessee for appointing
a new body of men to per-
form police duties within
the limits of the Tennessee
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