

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

**Government of Madras.**

*Political* **DEPARTMENT.**

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| G.O. No. | 455   | Press              |
|          |       | <del>Mis.</del>    |
| Dated    | 13.6. | <del>10</del> 1887 |

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*Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 16th June 1857.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from the Honorable Company's Solicitor ; to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 9th June 1857, No. 313.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Extracts from Minutes *Mins. Cons. dated 12th May 1857, No. 374, Political Department.* of Consultation noted in the margin.

I am of opinion that under present circumstances, the most adviseable course that Government can pursue, will be to authorize the Commissioner at Tanjore, in his official capacity, to entertain a fresh body of Police Peons for the protection of the Fort of Tanjore, and its Suburbs and the preservation of the Public Peace, &c., within those limits, paying such Peons from the Public Treasury.

I think that with the supervision and control which the Commissioner can and doubtless will exercise over this Force whilst the present system prevails, no great mischief or evil is likely to result from the proposed arrangement.

I consider it in the highest degree desirable that the present system of administering Civil and Criminal Justice within the Fort of Tanjore should be put an end to *as soon as practicable*. I have already troubled Government with my views on this subject, and I am aware that the matter is now under the consideration by the Government of India.

I think it would be very inexpedient to permit the proposed Peons to be appointed (directly or indirectly) through or by the Sirkele : for I am still of opinion that his authority *as Sirkele* ceased with the Rajah's death, that it is extremely undesirable that the people of Tanjore should be led or, where it can be avoided, allowed to suppose that any of those persons who were connected as public Functionaries with the late Raj now have *any* authority ; and that any measures or arrangements calculated to have this effect and thereby to keep alive that hope for or looking forward to the restoration of the Raj which the Commissioner mentions as being now prevalent at Tanjore, should as far as possible, be avoided.

I do not apprehend any inconvenience from the arrangements above referred to in para : 2, which cannot be easily overcome, and I am decidedly of opinion that in the present state of affairs, it is the course least open to objection and best calculated to attain the desired end.

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON,  
*Honorable Company's Solicitor.*

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 455 ; dated 13th June 1857.

1. Resolved that a Copy of the Company's Solicitor's letter be furnished to the Commissioner of Tanjore, for his information and guidance, with reference to his communication of the 30th April last, No. 166.

2. Under the opinion expressed by the Company's Solicitor, the Government authorise the Commissioner to entertain a fresh body of Police Peons of the strength and description specified in the Statement, appended to his letter at a cost of Rupees (488)

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|                         | Rs. |  | Four-hundred and eighty-eight per mensem, for the protection of       |
| <i>Police</i> .....     | 340 |  | the Fort of Tanjore and its Suburbs, and the preservation of the      |
| <i>Scavengers</i> ..... | 148 |  | Public Peace, &c., within those limits. This Force will be paid       |
|                         | —   |  | from the Public Treasury, and will be subject to the supervision      |
| <i>Total Rupees</i> ... | 488 |  | and control of the Commissioner whilst the present system of adminis- |
|                         | —   |  | tering Civil and Criminal Justice within the Fort continues.          |

Political Dept

No 455.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
under date 13 June 1857.

Read again letter from  
the Commissioner of Tan-  
jore dated 30 April and  
recorded in Coun. of the  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1857.

Read also letter from  
the Company's Solicitor.

Dated 9 June 1857. No 3131

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To the Commissioner  
 of Tanjore  
 a Secy. General  
 a Civil Auditor  
 a M.C. Solicitor

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