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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 23rd June 1857.

No. 17. From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 10th June 1857, No 183.

Sir,

1. Adverting to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th Ultimo, No. 374, referring for the opinion of the Company's Solicitor a proposition I had submitted for 30th April 1857. meeting the secession from their duties of the Peons hitherto employed in the Fort of Tanjore ; I have the honor to state that in the absence of any specific instructions in the matter, I have felt it incumbent on me to request the Sirkele to nominate at once a number of Peons, not exceeding eighty, for the conduct of the Police work of the exempted limits, and that I have also deemed it necessary to make a similar request in regard to a few Goomastahs required by him to carry on the ordinary duties of his own Office and of the several Departments in the Palace and Fort whose regular Establishments were pensioned from the 1st Ultimo.

2. As respects the Police Peons, this measure became unavoidable ; for referring to the tenor of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under reply, the exercise within the limits of the Rajah's jurisdiction of Police Authority by Peons of the Tanjore Magistracy, would have been of doubtful legality, and at the present time and in this month particularly, the continued withdrawal from their Talook of a large body of my own men, was likely to create inconvenience. The work for the Sepoy Guards at the Three Gates was likewise becoming heavy, the more so that when I first arranged with the Officer Commanding the detachment at Tanjore, that he should afford me their aid, I intimated that it would be required for only a few days until the orders of the Government should reach me. He was willing to extend the period and did so several times, but the absence inside the Fort of the regular Police was causing alarm to the Inhabitants and advantage might perhaps have been taken by ill disposed persons of the deficient number of the regular protective force, to commit acts which I could not promptly have suppressed.

3. Having given the difficulty my best consideration, I resolved on my own responsibility to take the step which I have now the honor to report and I beg the Government will be pleased to sanction it. The cost of the arrangement may, I apprehend, form an Item in the Indent monthly received from the Sirkele, of the cost of keeping up the several Departments of the Palace and Fort, and will be passed under my signature by the Civil Auditor in common with the other Items of Palace Expenditure.

4. The necessity for the entertaining certain Goomastahs has proceeded from the determined and still continued combination among the Servants of the Establishments recently dissolved, not to work for the amount of the pensions allotted to them and as much additional remuneration as would have raised their salaries to the sums they formerly received.

5. It has been found impossible to conquer the feeling, and the duties of the Sirkle's Office were falling into arrears, if not into complete abeyance, from his inability to induce the Pensioners to resume the positions which they had held under him. I trust that this measure also will receive the approval of the Government.

6. The payment of the Goomastahs whom the Sirkele has been able to persuade to aid him will be made in the manner suggested in regard to the temporary Peons.

7. Similar embarrassment has been caused by the refusal to serve of those domestics and other Servants whom it had been the wish of the Sirkele to retain in attendance on the Ladies of the Palace. But although they decline to be remunerated in the mode proposed, they have continued at their posts in the apartment of the Ladies, and I have no reason to believe that any domestic inconvenience has been the result.

8. Finding that it was hopeless to expect the ladies who are in opposition to the Government would communicate with the Sirkele as to the personal attendants they might desire to retain about their apartments, I myself twice addressed them by letter requesting they would intimate to me, from regard for their own personal comfort, whom they would like to see kept in the lists of retainers ; but I have not been favored with the slightest notice of my communications.

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9. This state of things results I believe from instructions received from Mr. Norton, the Agent of Kamatchee Bhojee Sahib, who, it is said, counsels passive resistance to every measure which may be proposed by the Government through its representative.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, No. 470; dated 18th June 1857.

Government observe that under date the 13th Instant instructions were sent to the Commissioner for entertaining a Police Force.

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*For Mr. George
18 June 1857*

*Copy
to the Commissioner of Sindh 18th*

At the same time 28 June 1857

From The Commissioners
To The Secretary
of the Department
of the Interior

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It is not that the
Commissioners have
been for some time
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may be taken
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