

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
from 18th to 27th May 1859.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th May 1859, No. 65.

1. Adverting to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, under date 24th March 1859, and with special reference to para. 10 of that Extract, it may not be irrelevant to give some account of the Mahomedan Beggars that infest the Town and Suburbs of Madras, and for whose relief Government has sanctioned an allowance of 400 Rupees per mensem.

2. The Mahomedans look upon alms giving as essential to Salvation, and hence they bestow their alms so indiscriminately that every place inhabited by wealthy Mahomedans is infested with Beggars, of whom there are three Classes.

The first are usually the Sons of (Priests) Mashaeks or Peers and they dwell in the Moozuf-fer Khanas and Verandahs of Mosques, and procure their subsistence through the charity of those who frequent these holy places. Of the second class of religious Mendicants there are two orders.

The Madaree who are very scantily clothed, and the Banava, who dress decently and are distinguished by Conical Caps. Both reside in the Makans of Burial Grounds they are called Fakeers and are considered by the vulgar as holy men who have retired from the world from religious motives. Persons of noble birth sometimes join these orders. Once a week they go about in parties of from two to ten and visit by turn the houses of the Mahomedans of the Town for the purpose of procuring alms, which is usually freely granted, but whether or not, they are not importunate.

The third and lowest Class, the really poor, perambulate the Streets daily begging from door to door, and from every passer by, destitution and poverty compelling them to do so. They lodge themselves in the Verandahs of Shops, and in the Court yards of the houses of those who will permit them to do so. The first and second Classes will not seek charity or any thing else in a way foreign to their own custom, it is not likely therefore that they will become inmates of our Lungar Khana, or seek relief therein. The relief that the Government propose to afford, will therefore be confined, in all probability, to the most indigent and helpless of this class and circumstances lead me to expect that their number may at first be very small, reports having been sent abroad that it is our intention to convert them, to mix unlawful Articles with their food, to deprive them of the use of Tobacco, and of Medical aid during sickness, and after death to bury them in some unlawful place.

3. One building formerly devoted to the purpose of Lungar Khana was erected at the expense of the late Nabob Begum, and is supposed to have been given by her, as a Sutgha, to the late Priest Haffiz Hyder, whose Son Khader Mohedeen now lives on the premises, which consists of a House, yard and out buildings, the latter were formerly devoted to the purpose of Lungar Khana and in which the poor were fed. These, Khader Mohedeen is willing to give us for a rent of 15 Rupees a month, but as they would not contain more than 40 persons, I shall, unless Khader Mohedeen gives the house also, give up all idea of renting them, and will look out for a larger building, and in the course of a few days I expect to be in possession of one eligibly situated.

4. The rate of monthly pay which I propose for the Establishment which will be necessary, is as follows, and it seems to me as low as it can be made to ensure efficiency and diligence

	Rs.	A.	P.
Superintendent and Purchaser...	30	0	0
Accountant ...	10	0	0
House rent...	20	0	0
2 Cooks at 5 Rupees each ...	10	0	0
2 Servants at 5 Rupees each ...	10	0	0
1 Puckally...	5	0	0
2 Women for grinding Rice, &c., at 3 Rupees each...	6	0	0
1 Toty ...	2	0	0
Oil, &c., ...	3	0	0

Total Rupees 96 0 0

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This leaves 304 Rupees for the purchase of Food and Clothing for the poor, and taking the Monegar Choultry data as a rule for guidance, I find we shall be able to feed and clothe 105 resident beggars.

5. With the aid of the Government Agent at Chepauk, the circumstances of most of the recipients, Goshaw females excepted, has been carefully investigated, and I am now engaged upon the enquiry of the claims of the latter; it will take time, and must be done with care and prudence.

6. I propose that the relief afforded this month by the Agent, shall be the last distributed by him, that in June it shall be granted to most the same persons, and that then each shall be asked whether he is willing to become an inmate of the Asylum and be told whether his name is continued in the list of Paupers or not.

7. In conclusion I beg most respectfully to state that the orders of Government shall be speedily carried into effect.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1859, No. 309.

The Government sanction the establishment proposed by the Commissioner of Police for the Lungar Khana in Triplicane on its revised footing, the cost being Rupees (96) Ninety six per mensem, inclusive of House Rent oil, &c.

2. The arrangement suggested by Colonel Boulderson in para. 6 of his letter will be carried out; it being however understood that none are to be admitted into the institution in its reformed state who are not absolutely destitute and prevented by age, disease or infirmity, from procuring their own livelihood.

3. The vacancies in the Lungar Khana on its revised establishment, caused by the rejection of such of the past incumbents as are not objects of Charity, will be supplied from those who have hitherto been supported by the Commissioner from the monthly grant made to him. The list of parties supported from that grant as thus reduced, will be then considered closed, no more admissions permitted, and those who are upon it will be gradually diminished in number by deaths or as casualties occur among the inmates of the Lungar Khana transferred to that establishment

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

*A Statement showing the Number of Paupers who
received Alms from the Police during the Month of April
1859.*

*Number
of
Paupers*

Probable age

*Amount
distributed Total*

Males

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1	Individual between 30 and 40 years of age	1	12	"
3	Do between 40 and 50 " "	6	"	"
26	Do between 50 and 60 " "	33	12	"
39	Do between 60 and 70 " "	75	8	"
14	Do between 70 and 80 " "	27	12	"
7	Do between 80 and 90 " "	12	8	" 15/4

Females

36 of whom are Goshaws

26	Individuals between 30 and 40 years of age	50	12	"
82	Do between 40 and 50 " "	148	8	"
119	Do between 50 and 60 " "	201	"	"
128	Do between 60 and 70 " "	228	12	"
45	Do between 70 and 80 " "	82	8	"
16	Do between 80 and 90 " "	30	12	" 7/2 4
496	Total No.	899	8	"

Madras Police

Commissioners Office

16th May 1859.

Commissioner of Police

Order thereon.

The Govd approve of
the Establishment proposed by
the Commissioner of Police for the
Lungar, Khana at a cost, viz. the
size of House rent and Oil, of
Rupees (90) ninety six per mensem,
and also of his intention to give
effect to the new arrangement
for the distribution of relief from
Lane next.

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28/3/59

To the Commissioner of Police
a Govd. Agent at Chepank
a District General
a Civil Auditor.

Political Department.

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To the Com^r of Police
Acct General
Civil Auditor

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