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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

C.O. No. 639

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No. 87. Read the following letter from the Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th May 1870, No. 2668 :—

Account.]

With reference to G. O. of the 13th October 1869, No. 1412, I have the honour to report that the amount annually fixed by Government for the maintenance of the Police in each Municipal Town is, under Section 35 of the Towns' Improvement Act, payable by the President of the Municipal Commission *into the District Treasury*, and is not recoverable by the Superintendent of Police. This amount includes the estimated cost of clothing, accoutrements, and all other charges. But the Superintendent of Police, Madura, erred in not charging for clothing and accoutrements in his annual statement furnished to the Municipal Commission of Dindigul under Section 30 of the Act. This has been pointed out to Captain Guthrie.

2. With reference to the Vice-President's remarks regarding the alleged difficulty in obtaining accounts of the Police charges, I have the honour to enclose an extract from a letter from the Superintendent of Police, dated 4th November 1869.

3. I am informed that the Vice-President adjusted his accounts some months ago with the treasury.

4. The delay in replying to this reference has been caused by a letter from my office, dated December last, not having been answered by the Superintendent till the 18th ultimo. Captain Guthrie states in explanation that the letter was mislaid by a clerk.

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Extract from a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Madura, to the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, dated 4th November 1869, No. 448.

Para. 5. With reference to the said difficulty in furnishing accounts, I beg to point out that not the slightest difficulty exists in supplying the Municipality of Dindigul with accounts.

6. The difficulties mentioned by Mr. Bliss, Acting Vice-President, were entirely of his own making. On my account being submitted (for the second time though first to him) he found fault with certain charges made on account of Constables, who he said had been so many days on escort duty, on leave, as orderlies to Sub-Magistrates, &c., endeavouring to show that they had not done town duties, and could not, therefore, be charged.

7. The charges thus questioned belonged to the year ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN, and in order to reply to the Acting Vice-President I had to go over records eighteen months and two years old in my office, Rosters, Station Reports, Long Roll, Order Book, all had to be hunted up in order to check the objections. No information outside these documents could be got, there being a new Inspector and Station-House Officer at Dindigul; and since the transactions took place, I am the third Superintendent. I, therefore, leave you to judge the correctness of the Acting Vice-President's remarks and logic, when he says he has not addressed the Superintendent of Police "because it seems to me hopeless to do so; while I can get no proper account of the expenses of the Police for the eighteen months preceding the year under report," thereby implying that as he could not get a reply as quickly as he would have wished regarding matters eighteen months old, (which had to be carefully searched for through numerous documents,) he could not obtain correct accounts. I consider this a most unjust statement, illogical, and unwarranted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. S. HEARN,
Insp.-Genl. of Police.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1870, No. 639.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Account.

No 2668.

Chief Office of Inspr. Genl.
of Police,
Madras, 5th May, 1870.

From,

The Inspector General
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To,

The Honble B. S. Ellis, C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

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Your most obed^t. Serv^t,

Cham
Inspector General of Police.

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The Supr: General
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To, the Chief Secy to Govt.
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