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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	323	Press Mis.
Dated	13-3-	1871

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

13th March 1871.

No. 73. Read the following letter from the Officiating Magistrate of the Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Kykalur, 7th February 1871, No. 137:—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Kistna District, requesting distinct instructions as to the principle on which he is to detach a Police Force on the occasion of the chief festivals in this district, in consequence of a remark made by the late Acting Joint Magistrate, that the Force in attendance at the Kotappakonda festival last year was insufficient, of which Government took notice in their Order, dated 22nd June 1870, No. 778, Public Department.

2. The Superintendent of Police points out that, in consequence of the reduction in the Force, and the inconvenience of withdrawing a large number of men from their regular duty, it will be necessary, if the strength of the Police attending festivals is to be increased, to employ an extra guard for the purpose, and requests sanction accordingly.

3. In my opinion, the arrangements hitherto made have been generally very satisfactory, but I beg to be favoured with the instructions of Government.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1871, No. 323.

As it appears from the concluding paragraph of the foregoing letter that the arrangements hitherto made in the Kistna District, in respect of the Police Force detached to fairs and festivals, were “generally very satisfactory,” the Government see no necessity for the issue of detailed instructions on the subject.

2. The number of Policemen to be employed on such occasions should be determined in consultation by the Magistrate and Superintendent of Police.

3. It will be pointed out to the Officiating Magistrate of the Kistna District that the Order of Government, dated the 22nd June 1870, No. 778, does not refer to any insufficiency in the strength of the Police Force detached to the fairs and festivals held in that district.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary,

To the Officiating Magistrate of the Kistna District.

„ Inspector-General of Police.

„ Magistrate of

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE OFFICIATING MAGISTRATE
OF THE KISTNA DISTRICT
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 1871.

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G. O., 13th March 1871, No. 323.

MARCH.
Nos. 73-74.

Passing orders in respect of the Police For
detached to fairs and festivals in the Kist
District.

No. 5.

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Office of the Superintendent
of Police Kistna District
Masulipatam
31st January 1871.

From The Superintendent of Police
Kistna District

To The Magistrate
of Kistna District

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 5207 dated
20th December 1870, requesting that a large force of
police should be employed at the festivals of Kotappa
Kondah and Mangalagiri this year than was the case
last year, I have the honor to state that I have
made arrangements to mass a force of 104 men at
the former place, and 41 men at the latter, being
an addition of quite 50 per cent.

2. At the same time I beg to report that as special
Reserves for detailing such a large body of men
do not exist, they are collected chiefly from different
Talugs; and Stations are thus nearly ~~devoid~~ of men,
and many of the ordinary duties of the police are suspended
over a large part of the district.

3. The disadvantage of providing guards for festivals
by breaking up stations appears to have been appreci-
ated by Mr. Thornhill, when he was district Magi-
strate, for on the introduction of sanitary arrangements
at festivals he asked me for what extra guard I
wished the sanction of Government to be obtained.

4. But as I understood that the police arrangements were to be left entirely to my discretion I conceived that it would be better to avoid extra expenditure by drawing from Taluqs just a sufficiency of men to keep the peace at festivals as had been done for years previously.

5. The result has been that without incurring any extra expense for the police, I have, although at some inconvenience, been able to carry on the duties of Station Houses as well as ~~at~~ guard festivals. Every Magistrate who has attended at any of ~~the~~ festivals has expressed his satisfaction at the successful working of the police in prevention and detection of crimes.

6. Last year Mr. Hornburgh the Joint Magistrate somewhat qualified his approval by saying the police were insufficient. But as only a few petty cases of theft occurred and nearly all were done a large force could scarcely have done better, and therefore so long as the force was efficient, and served its purpose I don't think there should be any complaint of their being insufficient.

7. I have also now ^{I observe} been directed by Government, although I have not received a copy of their Order to detail a large force, that is to say I have to trench on the strength of Taluk Stations to a greater extent. It happens that the district force is weaker than it was last year as enlistments have been stopped in anticipation of a reduction. It is now 126 men less than last year.

8. It is of more importance to prevent and detect grave cases like dacoities and robberies than the petty thefts which occur at festivals. The escort of wandering gangs from station to station range, as they move through the district, is one of the chief duties of a Station House. The temporary absence of the escort from a gang of Yerukalas recently gave them the opportunity, which they took advantage of, to plunder the Bangly Mail. Drawing more men away from Station Houses must increase such risks.

9. There are 21 festivals in this district (Vide Proceedings of Government attached to ~~order~~ No. 1421 dated 17th November 1868) and the people who attend them are estimated at ~~more than 100,000~~.

10. It is the practice to provide guards in rural parts in the proportion of one police man to 1000 persons. A guard of 60 police men was supplied last year for 60,000 persons at Kotappah Kondah, as estimated in the above proceedings. But when it is pronounced insufficient without a fresh scale being laid down, the action of the police is liable to take an undecided turn, and a waste of men occur in some parts.

11. I have thought it necessary to lay the difficulties of position before you, and now as the ordinary arrangements have not sufficed, I beg to revive the proposal of Mr. Thornhill for the employment of an extra force hereafter on the occasion of the Kotappah Kondah.

and Mangalagerry festivals; and to solicit
that you will be so good as to submit
it for the favourable consideration of Govern-
ment.

12. A copy of this letter will be forwarded for
the information of the Inspector General of Police.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
(Signed)

W. H. Hoskins Captain
Superintendent of Police
Kistna District.

1 True Copy /

L. Hoskins

Officiating Magistrate

1871
Enclosure 1.

In a letter from the
Officiating Magistrate to the
Kistna District at a
1st February 1871. No 17.

Ms. 2713 Series of 171
in B. S. 173

Copy of a letter addressed
by the Superintendent of
Police of Kistna to the
Officiating Magistrate of Kistna
District.

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Yours truly

My dear Ellis

There appears to
have been some special
Orders of fort: recently
passed on a letter from
Mr. Boswell directing
an increased strength
of Police at these forti-
fied. This G.O. I have

not seen.

Capt. Hoskins complains
that he was not consulted.
maintains that the
former strength of Police
Force furnished on such
occasions was sufficient
& states that it will be
difficult to withdraw
such large numbers

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from their ordi-
nary duties and the
Force is reduced.

Mr. Rosewell appears
to be wrong in stating
that G.O. 778 of 22nd
June 1870 made allu-
sion to insufficiency of
Police.

I think the number
of Police to be employed
should be determined
by the Mayor & Police

Officers in communication
with each other -
that the District Force
should furnish the
men without enter-
taining extra Police
which cannot be ne-
cessary.

J. L. S.
C. L. S.

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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No 137.

Order thereon 13 March 1871 No 323.

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the Police Force detached to the
Fairs & Festivals held in that
District.

to The Officiating Magistrate of the
Madras District
Inspector General of Police
Magistrate of all Districts and

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To
The Off. Surg. of the House of

Dated *March 13* } 1871, No. 328
Recd.

Nov. 23, '74.

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