Regents Department

minutes of annual meeting

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செப்பனிடுபவர் பெயர்
செப்பனிடுவதற்காக எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள்—
செப்பனிட்டு முடித்த நாள்—
சரிபார்க்கும் முனிசிபாலிட்டி உதவி கையொப்பம்
ஆராய்ச்சி உதவியாளர் கையொப்பம்

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 24th November 1857.

No. 28. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 29th October 1857, No. 3704.

Read again letter from the Collector of North Arcot
In Consultation 23d Ms. 1857. dated 7th May 1857.

Read also letters from the same officer dated 1st and
In Consultation 29th October 1857. 25th August 1857.

(Here enter Nos. 192 and 218.)

1. In the first of the letters recorded above, the Collector reports in reply to the Board's enquiry as to the truth of the rumoured prevalence of crime at that period in North Arcot, that 14 Bandies containing property belonging to Her Majesty 43d Regiment and some Commissariat stores, under the charge of Unarmed Europeans, were attacked and plundered by a large gang of robbers on the morning of the 26th January 1857 when at a distance of 2 or 3 miles from Ranepet; that on the 26th March the bandies of the 39th Regiment N. I. were attacked by robbers within the limits of the Bangaroe Pollem; and that on the night of the 29th of the same month one of the carts of this Regiment was also plundered of property to the amount of Rupees 65-14-0.

2. In the first case of robbery of the 39th Regiment bandies, the Collector states that the escort of sepoys could not have been sufficiently alert; for before they came up the women in one of the advanced carts had been robbed of jewels and cloths of the value of Rupees 22-14, and that the other was a case of petty theft.

3. These cases have already come under the notice of Government, and it is only necessary for the Board to remark that although only 3 in number their gravity consists in the fact of 2 of them having been committed on bandies under Military escort.

4. In his communication of the 1st August, the Collector reports the measures adopted to discover and apprehend the persons concerned in the robberies mentioned. With regard to the robbery of the bandies of the 43d Regiment, Mr. Whittingham explains that he directed a Moorsuz with two Magistrate peons to proceed to the spot and use his best endeavours to detect and apprehend the offenders, but that through the negligence of this officer, who has been degraded to the situation of a talock Duffadar, the robbers have not been discovered. A reward was offered for their apprehension, and Mr. Pechin, the Head Assistant, in whose division the robbery was committed, exerted himself to discover the offenders, but without effect.

5. The Collector believes that if the Head of Police of Conveypauk, in which talock the robbery occurred, had been an active energetic officer he might have been successful in apprehending the offenders, seeing that a detailed list of the property stolen was furnished to him soon after the robbery, the greater part of which was particularly easy of recognition.

6. The Board remark that it is the duty of the Collector, if satisfied of the general inefficiency of the Head of Police, or of his neglect in particular instances to propose his transfer to a situation of less difficulty and responsibility.

7. With regard to the robbery of the bandies of the 39th Regiment, the Collector states that 4 suspicious characters, who were believed to have formed part of the gang who attacked the bandy in which some of the families of that Regiment were, have been apprehended, but that no satisfactory evidence could be obtained of their guilt. They have however been imprisoned as vagrants. From the deposition of a Dubeyet, who was deputed to detect the offenders in this case, it appeared that the Monigars of two villages of the Bungaroe Pollem in the immediate vicinity of the place where the robbery was committed had been guilty of great neglect of duty in not having taken steps to apprehend some suspicious characters known to be prowling about. At the request of the Collector the Peliga has dismissed these officers, and appointed others in their stead.

8. The Board concur with the Collector that the most effectual way of preventing highway and gang robberies is to make the village Police officers efficient and sensible of the necessity of an active performance of their duties. This subject will be fully considered on the receipt of the Collector's promised report on the revision of the emoluments of the village police of the whole district.

ditional expenditure can only be sanctioned under very urgent circumstances, and when it is shown that the most is made of existing means.

17. The Board remark that in the Bengal Presidency a certain number of the most trustworthy and intelligent peons were selected by the Magistrate, armed and to a certain degree trained and disciplined to enable them to cope with gangs of armed robbers. They wish to know whether Mr. Whittingham would recommend a similar course in North Arcot, and *generally* what is the condition of the arms supplied to his Police.

18. The Board trust that the Accountant General has arranged to carry out the suggestion made by Mr. Barbary some time ago that facilities should be extended to the native merchants for remitting money by bills from one taluk to another instead of now sending it in coin and thereby holding out inducement to robbery.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings be submitted for the information and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to the Board's Proceedings of 5th May, and the Extract Minutes Consultation of 25th June 1857, Revenue Department, No. 649.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 1150; dated 21st November 1857.

Ordered that the above Proceedings and the letters enclosed be forwarded to the Judicial Department, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department dated 15th June 1857, No. 685.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.



emoluments of the Village Police of the whole District.

9. With regard to the steps adopted for detecting offenders in these and similar cases the Board would call the Magistrate's attention to the importance of requiring the Village and Regular Police immediately cognizant of the occurrence of an offence to spread the information as rapidly as possible. The deputation of a Duffadar and a few Peons is of advantage but not in itself sufficient, for some time must elapse before they can reach the locality and when a duty is thus specially imposed on particular persons, the rest of the Establishment are apt to think their individual responsibility removed and to relax in their exertions. The Board conclude that advantage is fully taken of the Press to circulate information regarding crimes.

10. It will be seen from one of the Statements furnished by the Collector that the total number of Peons employed at the Huzzoor and in each Talook and Police division is 1579, exclusive of the temporary Police force 33 in number sanctioned for the Tripatty and Polor Talooks. Of this number 981 Peons are employed in the Revenue and 598 in the Police Department. The number of Villages in the whole

Enclosure of letter dated 1st August in C.no. 29th Oct 1857.

District

District is 512, and the Population 1493665 Souls. The Police force in each Talook consists of only 1 Duffadar and 11 Peons.

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11. With his letter, dated 15th August the Collector submits one from the Joint Magistrate reporting the number of Revenue and Police Peons attached to the Polor Talook, and the manner in which they are employed. From this it will be observed that the Revenue and Police Force of Polor, exclusive of the Extra Establishment, consists of 3 Duffadars and 64 Peons, and that some of the Revenue Peons are employed as Police Peons.

Revenue Dept. 2 Duffadars [illegible] Peons. Police Depart. 1 Duffadar. 11 Peons.

12. Mr Whittingham states that if the Government sanction the employment of [illegible] instead of Talook Peons for Tappal duties, 59 Peons of the Principal and 33 in the Sub division will be available for Police duties, and that the distribution of these in some of the Talooks where heinous offences are very prevalent would greatly diminish the present inefficiency of the Police of the District.

13. The fact that the entire Establishment of Peons, Revenue and Police, is less than 1 to 900 of the Population and is scattered over so large an area, seems to the Board quite sufficient to warrant the permanent employment of the 33 Police Peons temporarily sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation 26th June 1857 in the Revenue Department.

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