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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 12 - 9 - 1862.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th September 1862.

No. 213. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General Madras Police, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd September 1862 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 9th instant, No. 1,697, Revenue Department, I have the honor, with the entire concurrence of the Magistrate, to solicit that the arrangements therein ordered for the organization of the Village Revenue Establishment of the Tanjore District, may be deferred until those for the entire Presidency are decided upon.

2. I have just visited Tanjore, and with the Magistrate, was in personal communication with the local European and Native officers, and the great bulk of the village Moonsiffs, whom Mr. Morris collected at different places to confer with us on the subject of the Magisterial and Police administration of the District. The result that we both arrived at is, that matters had better remain for the present as they are.

3. The new organization will involve a great reduction in the number of the village Magistracy. This, at a time when we are requiring a larger co-operation from the people in the administration of Justice and Police, may prove on trial to be inexpedient as well as inconvenient. It is gratifying to observe from the returns of the Sudder Court that the business done by these useful Officers, who are in fact the local Justices of the Peace, has largely increased during the past year, and it is still greatly on the increase. No step should be taken as yet which might check this important action. The recent Order of Government that Magistrates are to discourage the practice of burdening the files of Sub-Magistrates with cases that can be far better settled by the village Magistracy in the villages to the great relief of public business as well as of the people, could not be carried out so effectually if the number and accessibility of village Magistrates be suddenly diminished while their business is increased.

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Do. 214. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1862, No. 1,960.

The Governor in Council consents to the Inspector General's proposal that the execution of the Order dated 9th August 1862, No. 1,697, be deferred for the present.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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My dear Pycroft

Enclosed is a letter from Rs. Rivers in which he writes Early asks the letter we Christ he had formed the Concurrence of Messrs. Hendle & Maltby before he left Malvern.

Yours Sincerely

Rec'd 4/9/62
Ans'd 5/9/62

Office of Inspector General of Police
Calcutta 3rd Sept 1862

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To — A. D. Sim Esqr.
Secretary to Government

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Fort St. George
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1 Bd. of Revenue
5 Judicial Dept.
3 Accountant General
3 Civil Paymaster
1 Inspector General Madras Police. Dept. No. 12.

Extract of the Proceedings of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council of Fort St. George dated the 12th September 1862.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, dated 4th August 1862.

Communicating for the reasons stated therein his opinion that the proposition of the Commissioner of Police to raise the pay of a Police Constable from Rupees 6 to Rupees 7 per mensem, should be carried into effect.

Ordered that the proposition be sanctioned.

Ordered further that the Inspector General be informed that the Government have no objection to the Commissioner of Police drawing the pay of the Police Force direct from the Treasury.

(True Extract)

(Signed) Thomas Pycroft
Secretary to Government

(Signed) H. Bourchier
Secretary to Government

To
The Inspector General of Police

Pro. 9 August 62 No. 120.

Reported to England
25th November 1867
No. 8 Land Revn

29 Oct 67

No. 213 & 214 -

Revd 1862 Sept 12
Pro: 9 Govt for Sept.
No. 2555.

From
W. Robinson Esqr.
Inspector Genl of
Madras Police

Dated 3rd Sept 1862.
Received 8th Sept

No. 1960 - 12 Sept 62

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