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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th December 1862.

No. 262. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th December 1862, No. 1,489/96:—

SIR,

In June last the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in Trichinopoly applied to me for permission to employ two Police Constables to guard his Office, on the grounds that it was situated in a crowded part of the town, and that irreparable mischief would be done if the valuable records which it contained should be destroyed by accident or design. As Mr. Puckle undertook to defray the cost of the Constables by dispensing with the services of two Peons, I gave my consent to the arrangement, not being aware that any other authority was required. I have subsequently received a communication from the Office of the Inspector General of Police requesting to be informed if provision for the Police guard in question has been made in my Budget Estimate for the coming official year, and calling my attention to the Order of Government dated 23rd June 1862, No. 969, Judicial Department (which had not been communicated to me), requiring the previous sanction of Government for the entertainment of Police guards in other Departments. The necessary provision has been made in the Budget, and I have the honor to request authority for the employment of the guard. The enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Puckle, dated 1st instant, No. 83, explains clearly the necessity for the arrangement, and the superiority of the Police guard over one of ordinary Peons, as well as its greater economy.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, Trichinopoly, to R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Trichinopoly, 1st December 1862, No. 83.

SIR,

1. In reply to your Proceedings Nos. 1,450/189, dated 24th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the records of all Salem and Trichinopoly, and of a portion of South Arcot, are deposited in my Office, which is situated in a crowded thoroughfare of the fort, some three miles distant from my place of residence.

2. These records represent a sum of 8 lacs of Rupees, which have been expended in their preparation, and should they be accidentally destroyed by fire, the whole of the field work in Salem and Trichinopoly must be gone over again.

3. I cannot trust the Peons of my own establishment to keep awake during the night, but the two Constables on duty in the court yard of my Office, are visited at intervals throughout the night by the Police Inspectors; and they have received the strictest orders not to allow a light, on any pretence, to be brought into the Office after dark.

4. I could not maintain so efficient a guard myself without incurring a far greater expenditure, for owing to my Office being situated in the immediate vicinity of the Town Police Station, both guard and supervision cost the trifling sum of 13-6-0 monthly.

(True Copy.)

(Signed.) R. E. MASTER,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1862, No. 2,634:

The arrangement made for providing a guard of two Police Constables for the Office of the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in Trichinopoly is sanctioned.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Pro. 26th June /62 No. 396

Judicial dated 5th January 63. C. of 43.

No. 262 & 263.

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Pro: of Govt for December
No. 3343.

From,

The Offg Director of
Revenue Settlement.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Despd 31st Dec/62
Recd 5th Jan/63

No. 1489
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Requesting, for reasons given, authority to employ two Police Constables to guard the office of the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in the Shiekinpoly district; and stating that the Charge has been included in the Budget.

No 2634 - 18th Dec.

With an order

No. 2634

The arrangement made for providing a guard of two Police Constables for the office of the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in Shiekinpoly is sanctioned.

First Vt. Secy
18th December 62

To Offg Dy. of Rev. Settlement Sheikinpoly
3 Accts Civil Paymaster
5 Judicial Depart.