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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2208 Press
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Dated 5-12-1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th December 1863.

No. 89. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th November 1863, No. 3,192 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Order, dated 30th October 1863, No. 1,957, I have the honor to report that the duty in question will be undertaken by the Police of the respective Districts.

2. It is my duty, however, to remind Government that the Estimates, &c., for the Madras Police were carefully made, item by item and District by District for the Police work proper of the country. They were prepared in communication with the District Magistrates by whom every station was fixed. There was no lump and average work in these provisions.

3. Measures, therefore, of the character now directed, merely amount to a transfer to State purposes of a certain portion of the provision, made for the protection of life and property of the people. The transfer of a portion of the Police, now entertained to patrol and watch the country, to the frontiers for Custom purposes, involves of course a reduction of the numbers employed for the proper Police duty of the country.

4. I must leave it and the Government to decide whether it will push fiscal charges further at the present time, at a sacrifice of the completeness of the Police arrangements for the protection of life and property and prosecution of crime.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1863, No. 2,208.

1. The Government understand the intention of the Supreme Government to be that the sum ultimately sanctioned for Police purposes is to cover all Police charges, including under the latter designation, Customs and Salt Preventive force, Jail guards, &c., &c., and that the sum so sanctioned will be fixed with direct reference to each and all of these requirements. This supposition is borne out by the fact of the Supreme Government having recently sanctioned a sum of Rupees 1,19,802 per annum for Salt Preventive guards, which sum or rather so much of it as may be actually required will each year be entered in the Police Budget.

2. The sum required for Land Customs guards during the rest of the current year is so small that the Supreme Government probably concluded it might be met, as indeed it can be, out of casual savings, and hence no separate provision was made for it.

3. The Government cannot suppose that the Supreme Government ever contemplated throwing extra charges of this nature on the Police Budget, meaning by Police, the force maintained for the protection of the lives and property of the people and the prevention and detection of crime. The force maintained for these purposes has, the Government know, been fixed at a minimum, and to throw on this body other duties, not properly appertaining to the Police proper of a country, without a corresponding grant of money, would be most injurious. The result would be either that these duties would be imperfectly performed, the revenues of the State thereby suffering and malpractices being encouraged, or the Police work of the country would be neglected, and crime pass unrepressed. Such a system too has a direct tendency to encourage over-estimation of charges in order to meet the contingency of extraneous work being arbitrarily imposed on the Department. The Inspector General has certainly sought no more funds than his service requires, and as the wording of the order of the Supreme Government will bear the construction which he has put on it, the Government think it right to forward his letter to that authority in order that they may be assured that the injurious policy which he apprehends is not really contemplated by the Governor General in Council.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.
" Board of Revenue.
" Inspector General of Madras Police.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Judicial Department.
" Financial do.—

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 2208.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5th Decr. ~~December~~ 1863

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Reports that the duty in question as per G. O. No. 1967 dated 30th October will be undertaken by the Police of the respective Departments.

(Received 26th Novr. 1863. No. 3192.)

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11 — Bd of Revenue
4 — Inspector Genl Madras Police
3 — Accts Genl
3 — Civil Paymasters
5 — Supt Depts
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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dated 5th December 1863.

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Letter from the Inspector General of Madras Police requesting the Preventive guards for frontier Customs with Canara

No. 89 & 90.