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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
8th September 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 56. From the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 9th July 1869, No. 52-805.

I have the honour, by desire of the Directors, to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, with Order thereon, 19th June 1869, No. 1026, and in regard thereto to refer the Government to its own Proceedings with Orders thereon, 20th February and 6th April 1861, Nos. 90 and 180, respectively.

2. I am desired to point out that, at the period referred to, neither the Treasury nor the Bond Department of the Accountant General's office had been made over to the Bank. The reasons by which the Government of that day was influenced have, therefore, acquired increased importance now, the value of the Government specie held by the Bank amounting, at the present date, to upwards of sixty-five lacs, and its constant transit to and from railway and steamer rendering the necessity for an efficient guard very apparent.

3. The Directors would, therefore, express their earnest desire that the Government will be pleased to reconsider its Resolution, as they are strongly of opinion that the existing guard is safer and more reliable than one composed of native Policemen.

No. 57. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 14th August 1869, No. 5234.

Account.

With reference to G. O., No. 1026, of 19th June 1869, I have the honour to forward a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police, reporting the arrangements proposed for substituting Police for Military guards on the withdrawal of a Native Regiment to Palaveram.

2. As the watchmen over the tent godown, alluded to in paragraph 3 of Captain Tennant's letter, are only temporarily required, they need not be included in the estimate. Deducting these and the strength of the existing Police guard at the Mint, the additional Police Force to be provided will stand as follows :—

3 Head Constables.

4 Deputy Head Constables.

9 1st Class Constables.

12 2nd do. do.

20 3rd do. do.

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3. The charge can be met from the savings on the budget estimate for the current year, and will be entered in future estimates under the proper head.

4. Police guards supplied to the Branches of the Madras Bank in the Mofussil are paid for by the Bank. It will be for the consideration of Government whether the Police guard now required should be paid for by the Bank or not.

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From Captain T. E. TENNANT, Acting Commissioner of Police, to the Inspector General of Police; dated Madras, 13th August 1869, No. 626.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 14th June 1869, No. 2229, Military Department, forwarded with your indorsement, No. 4123, dated 1st July 1869, I have the honour to subjoin a list of the Police guards I would recommend to substitute for the present Military and Civil guards at the places named in paragraph 2 of the above Order of Government.

2. The Officer in charge of the Mint wishes to have a watchman at the outer as well as the inner gate of the Mint. I have, therefore, included men for this duty, but am doubtful of the necessity.

3. The Deputy Commissary General wishes a watchman placed over the godown in which some tents are being made for Government. This will probably be only temporary, and the strength of the guard may eventually be reduced by three men. Three watchmen are allowed for the granary on the beach. These men can be supervised from the Central Office of B. Division, which is close by.

4. I would propose that the guards at the Mint and the Bank of Madras be furnished with the usual Police carbines:—

Name of Guard.	Present strength of Guards.								Proposed strength of Police Guards.							Remarks.
	Military.					Police.										
	Subadar.	Havildars.	Naigues.	Privates.	Total.	Head Constable.	Deputy Head Constables.	Constables.	Total.	Head Constables.	Deputy Head Constables.	Con-stables.			Total.	
												1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.		
The Mint... ..	1	1	2	18	22	1	2	11	14	1	2	2	4	9	18	A guard has to go daily with money to the Madras Bank.
Commissary General's Office and Stores ...		1	3	18	22					1	1	3	4			
Bank of Madras.....		1	1	15	17					1	1	3	4	5	14	Guards for escorting treasure from the beach and railway constantly required.
														6	15	
Gun-Carriage Manufactory... ..		1	1	12	14											A guard to go daily with stamps to the Mint.
Stamp Office			1	6	7					1	1	3	3	3	11	
											1	1	2	3	7	

(Signed) T. E. TENNANT, Captain,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 58.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1869, No. 1485.

With reference to the correspondence above recorded, the Government approve of the arrangements proposed by the Inspector General of Police for substituting Police for Military guards at the places marginally noted. The Government consider, however, that close European supervision is required for the guard over the Bank, and direct that two European Head Constables form part of that guard. With this alteration the Government sanction the additional Police Force required to carry out the Inspector General's proposal.

The Mint.
Commissary General's Office and Stores.
Bank of Madras.
Gun-Carriage Manufactory.
General Stamp Office.

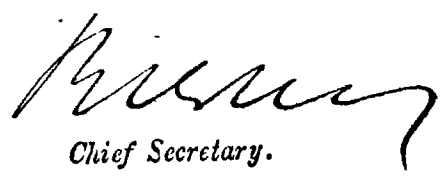
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2. The Government are not of opinion that the Bank should be required to pay for the Police guard.

3. With reference to the remarks contained in the letter from the Secretary to the Bank of Madras, the Government observe that the orders of Government of 1861, quoted by the Secretary, were passed before there had been any considerable experience of the ability of the Police efficiently to guard Government treasuries and property. The experience of the last few years has been such as to satisfy the Government that there is no risk in intrusting the protection of the Bank premises to a well-armed Police guard.

4. The Inspector General of Police will take the steps necessary for giving immediate effect to these orders.

(True Extract).


Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
„ Military Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Directors of the Bank of Madras.
„ Assay Master.

Exd. J. Wright.