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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Police.

Read the following paper:—

No. 132. *From Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 13th January 1877, No. 149.*

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of Government, a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, regarding the furnishing of Police guards over grain depôts. G.O., No. 2471, dated 29th November 1876, directs that money or grain stores at relief works are to be guarded by temporary watchmen or Kattubadis, but no official instructions have been issued regarding the guarding of grain depôts such as those mentioned. It appears that Captain Briggs has already furnished Police guards over some of these depôts, and the question is whether these guards should be withdrawn and watchmen substituted, or whether the principle of guarding such depôts with extra Police should be affirmed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Capt. R. G. BRIGGS, Acting Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range, dated 10th January 1877, No. 22—24.

I have the honor to request *early* sanction to proceed with further enlistments, if the Police are to guard the grain depôts which are being organized at the rate of two and three per taluq throughout this district, in addition to the supply depôts at Railway stations.

2. I have applied to the Revenue authorities more than once for approximate information as to the villages which will be selected, but they appear not to be in a position as yet to inform me on the point.

3. I recently mentioned in a weekly departmental report that Messrs. Arbuthnot's Agent had applied for guards over Government granaries in Bellary where two buildings are already occupied for the purpose (also thousands of bags lying about Railway compound) as well as over Government granaries at Tadpatri, Ghooty, Goondacul, and Adoni. I stated that I had, as a temporary measure, furnished these guards from the reserve which can ill-afford the extra call upon it.

4. As the question was raised on my departmental report whether the grain belonged to Government before being made over to the Revenue Department, I addressed the Collector officially, and he replied in his letter, No. 8, of the 4th instant, that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. were merely Brokers, and that the grain was in actual Government possession before it left Madras.

5. Major Hicks, the Government Grain Agent, yesterday applied officially to me for a guard over Government granaries at Ghooty and Adoni probably through misconception, as they have been for weeks furnished, but from the fact of his applying I infer that he considers the grain, as it doubtless is, Government property.

6. My Famine Work Police enlistments have for some time past been completed, and the majority of this levy sent out to the Famine Relief Officers as directed.

7. Nearly sixty men are awaiting enlistment, and I am unable to decide whether to send them away (at the risk of great difficulty and delay in inducing others to come forward if required)

or to keep them until sanction for further levies is received, and I therefore request, if approved of, that telegraphic sanction be accorded to go on enlisting.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1877, No. 193.

The Governor in Council considers that Kattubadis should generally be employed for this duty of watching grain stores.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
" Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department
" Collector of

Ed. J. Wright.

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To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

&c., &c., &c.

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