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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bradley Mrs. P.I., Sub Assistant Inspectress of Girls' School -
Residence - Gambling - papers recorded.

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(f) that were the reasons which led to the Police withdrawing the prosecution; and Starred Question. -
 whether they will be pleased to call for Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:-

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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 Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state :-

(a) whether 11 persons including a clerk and a peon of the office of the Training - School for Mistresses and a dismissed Government servant were arrested by the Tanjore Police for gambling in the house of Mrs. Bradley, Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Tanjore, at - midnight on a certain day in June last;

(b) whether the 11 persons were charged before the First Class Bench Court, Tanjore for gambling and whether a sum of money was produced by the Police as having been found on - the gaming table at the time of the arrest;

(c) whether it is a fact that on the day - fixed for the trial of the accused, the Police wished to withdraw the prosecution;

(d) whether it is a fact that at a later - hearing the Sub Inspector of Police told the Court that it was the desire of the District - Superintendent of Police that the case should not be proceeded with and that the Police were not to let in any evidence;

(e) whether the Bench Court made a record of this and let the accused go free;

(f)

(f) what were the reasons which led to the Police withdrawing the prosecution; and

(g) if Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for the same?

T.N.G.

JRV
18.8.25

(1) What were the reasons which led to
the withdrawal of the Government?
(2) If Government have no information,
what steps will be taken to call for
information?

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Public Department.

Answer.

- (a) Yes, but the number of persons arrested was only 10.
(b) Yes.
(c) The case was adjourned owing to the absence
of the Inspector of Police, the first witness.
(d) and (e). Yes.
(f) The District Superintendent of Police was of
opinion that for an offence under Section 7 of Madras
Act III of 1889 to be made out the keeping of a common
gaming
gaming house had first to be established; and this
he did not consider to have been proved.

(By Order)

Fort St. George,

11th December 1925.

Under Secretary.

To the Legislative Council Office.

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The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble
Sir C.P. Ramaswami Ayyar K.C.I.E. and the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur
Sir A.P. Patro Kt.
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M.R.V.

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From the Inspector General of Police, R.C.No.

666/State of 25, dated 26th November 1925.

Reference:- Judicial Department Memorandum No.4959-1, dated
6th November 1925.

I have the honour to report that on 31st May 1925 at 10-30 P.M. the Tanjore Police arrested ten persons playing cards in the bungalow of Mrs. Bradley, Inspectress of Schools, during her absence on tour. Among the persons arrested were a clerk and a peon employed in the Training School for Mistresses and a dismissed clerk who had formerly been employed in Mrs. Bradley's office. This man was at the time employed by Mrs. Bradley as a private clerk.

2. After the case had been charged, Mrs. Bradley came to see the District Superintendent of Police and asked for it to be withdrawn. She alleged that there was a movement on foot to get her dragged into Court and brought into discredit on the grounds of her bungalow having been the scene of the occurrence and of her having employed privately a clerk dismissed from her office.

The District Superintendent of Police thought that Mrs. Bradley would be placed in an unpleasant position and that the credit of the Educational Department might suffer and that it would be advisable for the case to be withdrawn. Upon going into the law, he was of the opinion that an offence under Section 7 of Madras Act III of 1889 (Being found in a common gaming house) had not been made out as in his opinion the ingredients of keeping a common gaming house, which he considered should be first established, were not proved. He was therefore ~~convinced~~ convinced that the withdrawal of the case was justified and expedient.

That the matter has now been brought up in the Legislative Council gives colour to the view that there was more behind the case than meets the eye.

The District Superintendent's action was clearly bona fide and actuated by his view of the law and circumstances.

18th December 1925]

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" I know that in the answer it is stated that no serious damage has been caused or has been reported. So if *any* damage has been caused at all, do the Government propose to take the necessary relief measures ?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" The question was whether any serious damage was caused by submersion. That has not been reported to us. But if any other damage is reported to us, we will take the necessary steps."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Has no damage been reported at all to the Government by the district authorities ?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" By submersion."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" From any other cause ?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That does not arise out of this question."

Police.

Arrest of certain persons for gambling by the Tanjore Police.

* 1174 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether eleven persons, including a clerk and a peon of the office of the Training School for Mistresses and a dismissed Government servant, were arrested by the Tanjore Police for gambling in the house of Mrs. Bradley, Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Tanjore, at midnight on a certain day in June last;

(b) whether the eleven persons were charged before the First-class Bench Court, Tanjore, for gambling and whether a sum of money was produced by the police as having been found on the gaming table at the time of the arrest;

(c) whether it is a fact that on the day fixed for the trial of the accused, the police wished to withdraw the prosecution;

(d) whether it is a fact that at a later hearing the Sub-Inspector of Police told the Court that it was the desire of the District Superintendent of Police that the case should not be proceeded with and that the police were not to let in any evidence;

(e) whether the Bench Court made a record of this and let the accused go free;

(f) what were the reasons which led to the police withdrawing the prosecution; and

(g) if Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for the same?

A.—(a) Yes, but the number of persons arrested was ten.

(b) Yes.

(c) The case was adjourned owing to the absence of the Inspector of Police, the first witness.

(d) & (e) Yes.

(f) The District Superintendent of Police was of opinion that for an offence under section 7 of Madras Act III of 1889 to be made out the keeping of a common gaming house had first to be established; and this he did not consider to have been proved.

Memo No. 30 C/26-1 dated 9.1.26.

Gambling in the residence of Mrs. Bradley, Inspectress of Girls' Schools, Tanjore.

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A copy of Legislative Council Question No. ¹¹⁷⁴ ~~265~~ and the answer ~~prepared~~ ^{to be} given thereto together with the report of the Inspector General of Police on the incident referred to in the question is forwarded to the D.P.I. He is requested to make further inquiries about the incident and submit a report to Government.

To

The D.P.I. (with copy of question, answer and report of the I.G. of Police)

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12 JAN 1926

Reminder: One month after issue.

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* The question was answered on 18/12/26. There were no supplementary questions.

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Law (Education)

DEPARTMENT.

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Government Training School for women, Tanjore -
gambling incident.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

R. C.

No. 63 C/26

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From (Name) R. Littlehailes Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education)

Department.

Sir.

With reference to Memo No. 30 C/26-1 Law

(Education) dated 9-1-26, I have the honour to state that the matter was already brought to my notice by the Inspectress of Girls Schools, Southern Circle who had obtained statements from Krishna Ayyar clerk, Government Training School for Women, Tanjore and Manickam peon of the school, who were reported to have been arrested in connection with the gambling incident. Their statements are herewith submitted.

On receipt of the Government Memo referred to

above, I called upon Mrs. Bradley to submit a complete statement

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statement of facts vide my Proceedings R.C.No.63 C/26
dated 23- 1- 26 copy enclosed. A copy of her explanation is
herewith submitted. pp 6-12 infra

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

S. M. Bavel

for Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of Proceedings R.O.C.No.63 C/26 dated 23- 1- 26 from
the Director of Public Instruction to Mrs. Bradley, Sub
Assistant Inspectress of Girls Schools, Guntur Girls Range.

Mrs. Bradley is requested to submit a complete
statement of facts in regard to the gambling incident which took
place in her residence at Tanjore in June last, in connection
with which Ramaswami Ayyar a clerk dismissed from her office
Krishna Ayyar, clerk, Government Training School, Tanjore, Manickam
a peon of the same school and seven others were arrested by the
Police.

2. It has been brought to the notice of the Director
(i) that Ramaswami Ayyar a clerk dismissed from her office was
being employed by Mrs. Bradley as her private clerk and that
the key of her house was left in his charge in her absence. It
is also reported that she asked the training school clerk also
to look after her house during her absence.

3. That subsequent to the arrest, Mrs. Bradley
interviewed the District Superintendent of Police and requested
him to withdraw the case.

4. That Mrs. Bradley refused to give a statement
to the Inspectress when she was asked to submit her explanation
in connection with the incident and that she made a statement to
the Inspectress to the effect that she would not give any
information to the Inspectress until she got a reply from the
Director whom she had addressed on the subject.

5. That she did not at all address the Director
and thus made an untrue statement to the Inspectress.

Mrs. Bradley is requested to submit her full
and complete explanation on the above points she should also
state whether she made a statement to the District Superintendent
of Police that the case was brought up because she had employed

a clerk

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a clerk dismissed from her office as her private clerk. The explanation should be submitted within a week.

Sub Copy of letter dated 5- 2- 26 from Mrs. P. I. Bradley, Assistant Inspectress of Schools, Guntur Girls Range to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

With reference to your R.O.C.No.63 C of 26 dated 23- 1- 26 calling for a detailed statement about the gambling incident, I have the honour to submit the following for favour of your kind consideration.

2. In the first place I have the honour to state that I was absent at Trichur when the incident was said to have taken place. I took casual leave from 23rd May to 1st June 25 inclusive, and returned to Tanjore only on the 2nd morning. After coming back I heard about the incident.

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As regards the facts mentioned in para 2 of your above reference I have the honour to state that I did not employ anybody as my private clerk at all. When I left Tanjore on casual leave I did not hand over the keys to any one but took them with me after having the house locked. Since the house then occupied by me was in a secluded place, I asked the Training School clerk and peon to have an eye on it. The house in question belongs to the S.P.G.Mission. As the subject of opening a hostel for Christian students undergoing training was under contemplation, I received information from the Mission to the effect that the building should be vacated from June 1925. As I had the absolute necessity of finding another house for myself I sent the key from Trichur on or about the 29th May to my servant with directions to secure another house for me by the time I returned to Tanjore. I also directed him to go to Ramaswami Ayyar and the Training School clerk in the hope that they would be able to secure a nice house for me as they had once done for me on a previous occasion. On my return

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return from Trichur I came to know of what had happened. As regards item 2 I beg to add that I wanted to know the real facts and so saw the Superintendent of Police and asked him about the case. He informed me of what had happened but was not able to give me any detailed information but said that he must look into the papers himself to know things in detail.

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Referring to item 4 I beg to observe that I did not refuse to give any statement to the Inspectress. The Inspectress asked me to give a report in detail about the gambling case and I replied that I did not know anything in detail as I was not in town at the time which fact is the obvious truth. The only thing I could definitely state was that I had asked the Training School clerk, Krishna Ayyar to have an eye on my bungalow.

The memo issued by the Inspectress Miss. Schofield and a copy of the reply submitted by me can be seen from a perusal of the records sent in by the Inspectress. I did not refuse to give any information. I also saw her in person and related what I know about the case. After getting my reply she again asked me the same questions and I wrote back to saying that I was not able to give her any further information than what I had already stated.

As regards item 5 I beg to state that the Inspectress often and often asked the same question, I wrote to her to the effect that I was unable to furnish any further information on the subject till I write to the Director of Public Instruction. Subsequently as the case was withdrawn under the grounds that no gambling was actually committed, I did not think it necessary to address the Director on the subject. The Inspectress herself while camping at Tanjore called the Training School clerk, Krishna Ayyar and examined him and finished with the case after warning him to be more careful in future. On account of the above stated facts, I thought it unnecessary to address the Director of Public Instruction as the Inspectress herself concluded the enquiry in the above stated manner. Thus it will be clearly seen that I in fact knew nothing of what

what had happened in my absence and did not at all make any untrue statement to the Inspectress. The key was sent to have my things shifted but not to make use of the house for themselves. For the high handed action of the clerk, Krishna Ayyar in having used the house in my absence, I am not at all responsible. When I questioned him about it, he said he used the house for some special ceremonious occasion and that he did not gamble.

In conclusion I beg to submit that I made no sort of statement to the Superintendent of Police on behalf of anybody as I myself knew nothing of what had actually happened.

My casual leave book is herewith enclosed in support of my absence from Tanjore at the time of the incident for favour of your kind perusal. Soon after my return from Trichur I proceeded forthwith to camp and did not even know that the case had been withdrawn till my return to head quarters.

(True copies)

E. R. Banes
for Director of Public Instruction

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To

The Headmistress,
Government Training School for Women,
Tanjore.

The explanation of Manickam, Peon, of the above school.

On 31-5-25 at 11 p.m. at the request of the school Writer, I went to the Sub Assistant Inspectress's bungalow carrying the Writer's bed and was sleeping on the verandah. I did not gamble. At midnight, the police came and ~~work~~ woke me up and told me that I was under arrest. I do not know gambling at all. I was under police custody till the next morning. I was let on bail on the ^esurety of one of my friends.

Further some people were playing at cards in the bungalow. I was subsequently given to understand that the police at first thought that these people were gambling and arrested me along with them as I happened to be sleeping there, and that they subsequently withdrew the case against me as soon as they came to know of my innocence.

I have not made any statement before any other officer.

Tanjore,
23-8-25.

(Sd) C. Manickam,

E. R. Banes
For Director of Public Instruction

பெண் கவர் போதுகொண்ட பரி
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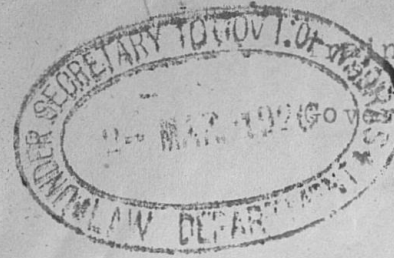
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 23-8-25

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Copy of letter from R. Krishnan, clerk, Government



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Training School for Women, Tanjore Palace to the Headmistress
Government Yraining School for Women, Tanjore Palace.

With reference to your memo dated 23- 8- 25, I
beg to submit the following:-

I have been requested by Mrs. Bradley to have an
eye on her bungalow during her absence. On the night of
31- 5- 25 accompanied by peon Manickam I was sleeping in the
Verandah . The person who had the possession of the key
of the bungalow that day was also there with some of his
friends. They were playing cards as a free game. The
police under suspicion arrested them and I too was included
in the list of arrests. I was under police custody till
next morning when I was left on bail, my brother standing
as surety. Subsequently the police authorities cleared
themselves of their doubts and withdrew the charges.

I have not given any kind of statement before any
officer since I had not the necessity to give the same,
as the prosecution was withdrawn prima facie.

The above facts I have already brought to your
notice as soon as the school was reopened after the mid
mid summer vacation. I have not gambled and there is no
case against me to offer any further explanation. The
fact that the police authorities have withdrawn the case
itself proves that there was no gambling.

Tanjore dated 23-8-25

(True copy)

Public Department.

From the Inspector General of Police, R.O.C. No. 513/Stat dated 30th October 1925.

The I.G. has not submitted a report of the case but has supplied only answers to the question. For orders whether he should be asked to submit a full report.

2. A draft answer is submitted. (Judl.(Police) is primarily concerned with the question. Further action on the question may be taken in that department.)

V.P.E.M.
5-11-25.

Draft answer submitted for approval. The I.G. may be asked for a report in Judl.(Police).

A.C.H.
5-11-1925.

The answer to (f) is insufficient; call for a further report.

A.Y.G.C.
5-11-25.

Judicial Department

U.S.

Draft Memo. to the I.G. is submitted.

R.V.S.
6-11-25.

A.C.H.
6-11-25.

Memo. to the I.G. of Police No.4959-1 dated 6-11-25.

From the I.G. of Police R.C.No.666 Stat dated 26-11-25.

U.S.

The I.G's report in regard to clause (f) of the question is at pages 9-10 G.F. Perhaps the draft answer to the clause (f) already suggested may stand. Law (Edn.) may also see.

R.V.S.
1-12-25. I have revised (f) in accordance with I.G's latest reply. But I am not certain that the original answer is not sufficient.

A.C.H.
1-12-25.

A.Y.G.C.
1-12-25.

Law (Education) u.o.

Law(Edn.) Deptt.

The case may be perused and returned to Judicial.

2. After the question has been answered, a copy of the I.G.'s report may be sent to the D.P.I. for information along with a copy of the question and answer.

C.R.

3-12-25.

V.T.K.

4-12-25.

Judicial u.o.

Judicial Deptt.

U.S.

For orders as to circulation.

R.V.S.

5-12-25.

A.C.H.

5-12-25.

A.Y.G.C.

6-12-25.

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I consider that the D.S.P. acted wrongly and should be so informed. The I.G. also thinks likewise. Draft approved

C.P.R.

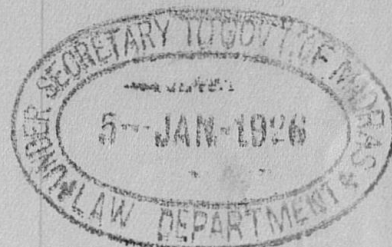
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D.P.I. may be asked to enquire further.

A.P.P.

10-12-25.



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(Issued as Memo No. 30 C/26-1 dated 9-1-1926)

C.No. 575 C - From the Director of Public Instruction,
R.C.No.63 C/26, dated 22-2-1926.

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The D.P.I. submits without any comment ~~statements~~ ^{Statement} from Mrs Bradley and the peon and the clerk involved in the gambling incident. Mrs. Bradley states that she was absent in Trichur ~~for~~ ^{on} casual leave from the 23rd May to the 1st June, and that she took with her the key of the bungalow and that she sent it by post to her servant on or about the 29th May with a view to its being vacated as required by the S.P.G. Mission to whom the building belonged. She does not specifically contradict the D.S.P.'s statement that she personally induced him to withdraw the case, but states that she merely asked him about the case and that he was not able to give any detailed information without looking into the papers himself. According to her statement Ramaswami Ayyar, the clerk dismissed from her office, was not employed by her as her private clerk but his services were only requisitioned to get a suitable house for her.

For orders whether any further action is necessary.

There seems to be no need to go further.
Mrs Bradley's report on page 10 & 12 is full.

I agree that there is nothing more to be done. May be recorded.

V.T.K.

4-3-26

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