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Friday Morning
6 a m

Dear Mr Crawford.

Mr O'Grady seems to think that were his explanation to be written down and given you last night to most unfortunate occurrence might be hushed up entirely. If such is your opinion also will you in your magisterial capacity let the same be taken in your presence.

Mr O'Grady repeats his protestations of sorrow at the whole affair.

Very faithfully Yours
Hugh J. E. Barrett

The accountant

No 298
1868

Commercial Office
Alleppey 12th June 68.

Alleppey June 12th/68

My dear Sir

I have just got your Telegram. I feel sure you will allow that I have not taken a rash step in this case for the Bank the Shareholders and the Public generally the Chief Agent to whom I should have at once put in communication but being in charge of the Bank I had considered it my duty to act as I did and having taken possession of the Books and Cash I thought I could do so with safety as he expressed deep contrition and at my advice retired to his bungalow. His Accountant was so much afraid of him that he came to me for protection not knowing I had disarmed him; I now hear that Mr Gray from his unfortunate temperament is in constant trouble with the Police wherever he has been at Mangalore and Cochin - where he has been fined & censured again & at once arrest them & bring them in confinement - I then

Commercial Office
Alleppey 12th June 68.

No 298
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To

The Dewan of
Travancore

Sir,

I beg to quote copy of Telegram sent from this last evening at 5 o'clock -

"Bank Agent found at Mr Liddell's place of Confinement with loaded Revolver and hunting Knife. Ignited - disarmed him and sent to Bungalow."

Yesterday morning the Sondadar reported that about 3 A.M. one of the two young men in charge of the Bank came to the room outside where Mr Liddell was confined and interfered with the Sentries and Peons there and on the same evening I had just given instructions to the Sondadar and Peons that if the same thing ever occurred again to at once arrest them & him and place them in confinement - I then

fined repeatedly - However I think he has got a more severe lesson yesterday afternoon than any other I should add unsuspicious of this case that I got all the suspicion going about the Bazar in the Knife and Tipsy should be put in restraint - How much more would a guard be needed and the people fly in terror from fear of his carrying his threat of shooting them into action -

Believe me
My dear Sir
Yours very truly
(Sd) Hugh Stafford

Major Rob. K.C.S.I.
Resident

Pray excuse the inadvertance

was going out with the intention of speaking with the Bankers on the impropriety of such conduct and the orders which had been given in case it were ever repeated when the Roms on guard at the Bungalow arrived in alarm and reported the entrance of one of the Europeans armed into Mr Liddells room - On proceeding there - Mr O'Grady had come out and sprung him with a loaded Pistol and Expected I at once took the Pistol from him and also a Shikarie Knife - I then intended placing him in confinement but being the Bank Agent and in charge of Treasure and he having expressed then and subsequently deep sorrow for what had occurred I allowed him to go to his quarters -

"Your Telegram is just in - Bank Agents motive not clear - Did act amount to offence? Please advise carefully H. to a m"

Mr O'Grady from what has been stated above forced the

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the Guard and after that taken the Arms from him stated that he only wished to frighten the Rain Sepoys - He had been drinking and was considerably Excited but sobered down considerably when he found the blunder he had Committed

I enclose a note which if considered by the Sirkar sufficient atonement for the addition of a reprimand I have little hesitation in stating that he has received a very severe Caution - & it is and he may not again be guilty of serious impropriety - However this is not my business

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
Sgd J Bryce Crawford
Commissioner Gt.

Financial 1868 Sept
Enclosed in a letter
from the Resident in
Travancore & Cochin
to the Chief Secretary
to Government dated 15 June 1868
No 30 dated 15 June 1868.

From
The Commercial Agent
Alleppy
To The Dewan of
Travancore
No 29 dated 12 June
1868.

Complaining of Daniel
Bin Ephraim in acting
& selling the cocoa
of a Coolie.
N. F. No 2691-pp 1868.

Residents Office
Trevandrum 15 June 68

No 30

From,

A. Maviel Esq^re.
Resident in Travancore
& Cochin

To,

The Hon^ble R. S. Ellis, C.S.
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor
to forward for the early consi
deration and orders of His
Excellency the Governor in
Council, copy of a report
received through the Dewan
of Travancore from the Commer
cial Agent and magistrate
at Alleppy regarding the Embez
of Mr O'Grady the Bank Agen
at that place.

2 I may premise that
Mr Liddell, the late Acting Com
mercial Agent, is in Custody
on a serious charge of Embezzlem

Respec

Rupees 15,000 and counter-
-feiting a robbery to make
it appear that the defalcation
was occasioned in that way.
The case is now under inquiry
in the usual form and although
I do not wish to prejudge the
matter I may, to show Mr Lidell's
position, mention that the
preliminary inquiry resulted
in very strong prima facie
circumstancial as well as
oral, of the guilt. While
the procedure in the trial
so far as it has gone seems
to lean in his favour.

3 Under these circum-
stances Mr O'Grady forces
the Military guards and enters
Mr Lidell's room with a loaded
revolver and hunting Knife,
Mr Crawford the Commercial
Agent fortunately heard of this
and with his usual firmness
and discretion at once disarmed

Mr

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Mr O'Grady - There seems no
other conclusion to draw from
this but that Mr O'Grady
intended to abet the violent
escape of Mr Lidell by shooting
down the guard if found
necessary for the purpose - this
if fully established is an
offence of a most serious
nature.

4 Under the circum-
stances described I have
no doubt the Government
will concur in the necessity
of Mr O'Grady being removed
from his post as Bank Agent
at Alleppey without any delay
I recommend that any ulterior
proceedings which the Govern-
ment may see fit to take
may be conducted under
Act I of 1849, which provides
for the trial in British Courts
of Offences committed by British
Subjects in Foreign States, Mr
O'Grady having no connection
whatever with the Sircar

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
H. Merivale

A Prussian officer of the Guard Brigade has been despatched to Alleppy, which will instant strength and efficiency to the Rajah Guard.

Financial 1865. 20 Oct. 65 No 30
From
The Resident in Travancore & Cochin
To
Chief Secretary to Government
Dated 15th Oct. 1865
Received 20th Oct. 1865
No 30.
Enclosure one
No 291
Forwarding a Petition from Samuel Pillai of Alleppy, praying for a Reference to a Court of Inquiry on the Conduct of Mr. Ogrady in connection with the Escape of a Prisoner from the Custody of the Police at Alleppy.

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Memo: for orders.

This is a very unsatisfactory report regarding the conduct of Mr. Ogrady. It is not in any way shown what his object or motive was in going armed to Mr. Liddell's place of confinement; or what he intended to aid in Mr. Liddell's escape. He would seem from Mr. Crawford's account to have been under the influence of liquor.

Perhaps the enclosed
communication to hand
their letter over to the
Bank, who will I
should imagine send
some one to take Mr
O'Grady's place as agent
to the Bank at Athlone

Kell

This would be the
best plan to adopt-
at present - But -
it should be distinctly
intimated to the
Bank Directors that
their actions in the
matter will not
affect - any measure
which the Local
authorities may deter-
mine to adopt, of,
or enquiry, it should
appear that Mr O'Grady
has been guilty of
any specific offence -

Lord

[illegible] a Letter
[illegible] Sept. 1866
[illegible] a case of
[illegible] Broadmoor
[illegible] Secretary
[illegible]
[illegible]

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intimate that this has been done
to Mr. Newell whose report - is too meagre
to admit - of any thing further being
now done -
20 June 66.

I think the correspondence with the
communication to the Bank + that to
the Directors should be reported
& withdraw Mr. O'Grady whose
intentions do not appear to have
been very desperate

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Trinidad
16 June 68

My dear Ellis, I send you the enclosed bearing upon Mr. O'Grady's case reported in my official letter yesterday. There seems to be no written statement taken from Mr. O'Grady, but there is a file from his accusers. The other letter is a private one from Mr. Crawford. A Magistrate of Inquiry has been ordered regarding his process the Military

adopting such measures as may be

Sumner's introducing the deputy
[illegible] weapons into Mr Liddell's
room, but it seems
unnecessary to waste
for this wealth of this,
as the facts & admission
in the case will I hope
suffice for the Bank
Directors to take action
about this affair, which
seems to be almost the
last person who should
have been chosen for this
post in a Native State.

W. I. G. was this the
American war, and imbibed
the habits & notions of
not the best classes there,
which combined with his
naturally violent temper
have made him a troublesome
if not a dangerous character.
Every day he stays at
Alleppy after his successor
arrives his position will be
[illegible] position, particularly
as Mr Liddell's case

to drawing towards
Completion of conviction
Issues, there will be a
strong temptation to effect
Escape from Custody at
any cost -

Signature illegible

Fort. Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following letter
from the President in Council
and Cochin
dated the 15th June 1868 No. 20
Order thereon 20th June 1868 - No. 297 -
The Governor in Council
resolves to send the
correspondence above
recorded to the
Directors of the Bank
of Madras, with
a view to their
adopting such
measures as may be

nuepany for the
Institution of the
interests of the Branch
Bank at Allegey,
which should not
in the opinion of
Govt, remain under
the management
of Mr. Ogrady.

The action of the Bank
of Madras in this
matter will not affect
any measures which
the local authorities
may determine to
adopt if an enquiry
it should appear
that Mr. Ogrady
has been guilty
of any specific offence.
A copy of this order

will be communicated
to the Resident
at Travancore

RK

37 A. 343

To the Directors of the Bank
of Madras with my respects
(to be returned)
Resident in Travancore

Dated 20th
Jan 1840.