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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 24th February 1857.

No. 11. Read the following letter from Lieut. Colonel H. COLBECK, Magistrate of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th February 1857, No. 7.

SIR,

With reference to para : 2 Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Judicial Department, No. 187, under date the 13th Instant, I have the honor for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to state that the transfer of Mr. Lafond from the Magistrate's to the Commissioner's Department was not unconditional, but made under the following circumstances: Mr. Lafond's pay was two hundred Rupees a month, and he stood appointed to the Royapet Police Court. Colonel Boulderson, however, was anxious to secure his services, and I told him if he would give me a good Writer in exchange, I would make over to him Mr. Lafond. To this proposal he consented, and a Writer named Parthasarathy Pillay was given to me, his pay being twenty-five Rupees a month. This arrangement has never in any way been disturbed or altered, and Parthasarathy remains to this moment among the Writers of the Magistrate's Department. I had entered his name, however, for promotion to thirty Rupees at the Town Police Court, hence my application contained in a letter to your address, dated the 9th February Instant.

I have seen the Commissioner upon this subject and he is quite aware of the exchange and arrangement which I have above alluded to.

With regard to his letter of the 9th July last, stating the surrender of Mr. Lafond was unconditional, it is entirely a mistake and appears to have arisen from the circumstance of another Writer named Vencatachellum Moodelly who was for some time supposed to belong to the Magistrate's Establishment; but in July last, it was found that he belonged to the Commissioner's and was given over by me.

It is far from my wish to add in any way to the difficulties which have already arisen with regard to the increased Police Establishment; but I think it due to myself to offer this explanation and leave the matter in the hands of Government.

(Signed) H. COLBECK,
Magistrate of Police.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 210; dated 19th February 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Commissioner of Police for report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No 210.

Ordered she communicated to the
Commissioners of Police for report

Fort St. George
19th February 1857.

J. H. M.
Chief Secretary

Copy to Com^r of Police with copy of
of the letter 11th 7. } Disp^d 20th.

Jud. L. 16

9-6-57

Para 17

Repts to in No. 10 of 1858

no answer

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