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Jurisdiction DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th October 1858.

No. 42. Read the following letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Magistrate of Chingleput ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Sydapet, 27th September 1858.

SIR,

Referring to a letter from the Deputy Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, without date, regarding a charge of robbery of Arsenal Stores preferred by a Store Lascar before the Principal Commissary of Ordnance, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that from the enquiries I have caused to be made, there are sufficient grounds, in my opinion, for supposing the charge to be altogether false.

2. On receipt of the Deputy Secretary's letter under acknowledgment, I immediately sent a Daloyet with an order to the Tahsildar to institute the necessary enquiries, and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, would seem to have sent one of his Hurkarahs with the Store Lascar for the same purpose. The result is, that no traces of robbery can be discovered, neither does any report of it appear to have been made to the local Police, as stated by the Lascar. On this latter head, there can be no doubt, as, in his deposition, he states that he reported the robbery to the Tannah Peon who was marked with small pox, and it so happens there is no such Peon at the Tannah or anywhere near it.

3. The parties having failed to obtain any trace of the robbery at the place pointed out by the Lascar, took him with them to Rajah's Choultry, and while, enroute, ascertained from him that he had been sleeping at the Oilmonger's Choultry at Cavaripauk in North Arcot, and got him to admit that he had either lost or been robbed of his Stores there, though he had been afraid to say so.

4. Considering that the place where the Lascar first said he had been robbed is within a mile of Streeperoomatoor, and a quarter of a mile of the Tanah station at Eroongolum, that he subsequently changed the venue to Cavaripauk and has now gone there,—that instead of reporting the robbery to the Head of Police at Streeperoomatoor, or to the Police Peons, he went straight to Madras, I can come to no other conclusion than that the Lascar lost the Ammunition Stores entrusted to his charge through carelessness, and concocted his story of being robbed of them on the high road to save himself, as he hoped, from its consequences.

5. I am, however, still endeavouring to recover the Stores which may have been lost if not robbed, and if successful, will report the matter to Government with any further particulars that may transpire.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 1405 ; dated 8th October 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, in reference to his letter of 21st Ultimo.

2. Government will await the receipt of the report of the result of the further enquiries into this case being instituted by the Magistrate of Chingleput.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Dear Sir,
Yours most obedt. slave,

Wm. W. B.

Magistrate