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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 24th September to 4th October 1859.

No. 44. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of North Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 12th September 1859, No. 52.

Paragraph 1. In forwarding for your perusal copies of proceedings held by me in a case of bribery, connected with the enquiry into the Railway robbery case at Katoopaudy, I have the honor to request that, under the circumstances therein set forth, you will obtain the sanction of Government for the disbursement to Ally Dhost, Constable, Madras Police, of the whole amount (Rupees 280) corruptly tendered, together with Rupees 50 additional, as a mark of the approbation of Government. So much corruption and venality has marked the conduct of the local Police in connection with this grave case, that I have been compelled to look principally to external agency in resuming the enquiry under the orders of Government. Colonel Boulderson kindly accorded me the services of Ally Dhost as a detective agent. The circumstances here brought to notice will show that our confidence has not been misplaced.

2. I beg likewise to be permitted to present Rupees 50 to Sheik Ismail, Duffadar on my establishment, who has rendered some useful service during the enquiry.

P. S.—As Constable Ally Dhost has to return immediately to his duty at Madras, I have in anticipation of the sanction of Government in *his* case disbursed to him the sum of Rupees 280 above alluded to.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1859, No. 1310.

Government approve of the payment of (280) two hundred and eighty Rupees made to the Native Constable Ali Dost, and sanction that of (50) fifty Rupees proposed to be given to Duffadar Shaik Ismail.

2. Copy of these proceedings will be furnished to the Commissioner of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cardledge.

them and there promised him a bribe of Rupees 500, on the agreement
acting Magistrate and under his direction permitted the transaction
by the Prisoner to detect fraud. That 2 days afterwards Subapathy
the Channel of Communications which were only permitted to the
personal intercourse with the Prisoner, the bundle of money from
with the Prisoner, at the head of Subapathy House. That he received the bun
has been instructed, and brought him before the Magistrate.

2d Witness. Is the Duffadar of the Magistrates Office, who h
The witnesses the delivery of the bundle to the 1st Witness f
this transaction.

3d Witness. Subapathy Moodi states that he was sent
the invitation to an interview on the 27th Ultimo; and corroborates
under orders of the Prisoner to Madras, has an interview with P
Money in Madras and came up to Vellore by the same train
again under Prisoner's direction communicates with 1st Witness on
he conveyed by the direction of Prisoner the bundle of money
brought before the acting Magistrate.

Brought flagrante delicto before the acting Magistrate,
having secretly entered the house of Prisoner

The Offence is clearly proved from the confession of the
the transaction. The attempt to insure a detective Officer to detect
manner before hand and his influence has been for many years
been so seriously marred by the wholesale bribery and Corru
Prisoner is sentenced to 6 Months imprisonment with
imprisonment. The sum correctly given to be forfeited to Gover

North Street
Magistrate's Office
Chittoor 6th September 1859.

No. of the case	Names of the Parties	Designation of the Offence the charge and date of the Complaint.	How disposed of.	Explanation of delay.
		Misdemeanor		
	Complainant Regina Prisoner Appasamy Moodely	With having between the 27 August and 2nd September 1859 made frequent and corrupt overtures to 1 Witness constable Ally Dhost of the Maora Police, with a view to defeat the ends of justice by engaging to bribe him to a dereliction of duty. 2nd Count. With having on the Morning of the 2nd September sent to 1 Witness the above mentioned Ally Dhost through one Sahapathy Moodoo a bribe of Rs 280 for the purpose specified in the 1st Count.		
	1 Witness.	Police Agents in following up the clues connected with which Prisoners Brother the (in connection		

Prisoner pleads not guilty to the 1st Count
all acquaintance with 1 Witness and
he has any Communication whatever with
his ally Dhost.
Prisoner pleads not guilty to 2nd Count, but
to large admissions with reference to the
circumstances connected with it.
He admits that the whole sum of
money produced is his property, as also the
Kerchief in which it is tied up. That
time stated in the Count Sahapathy
came to his house and took the bundle of
his (Prisoners) money handkerchief and
said it was that he was immediately
charged. That during the 2 or 3 days
Moodoo had been taking his meals in his
house to which the money so carried away might
be to be applied. He states that Saha
in support of his defence.
demeanour manifested all the indications of guilt
has him guilty as by the Magistrate as on
by committed at the Vellore Railway station
& did now in Custody of the Magistrate on

Memorandum by the Acting Magistrate

[illegible] Whereas, because it appears that the enquiry into the Railway Robbery Case has been transmitted under orders of Government by the Chief Commissioner of Police and the Acting Magistrate, especially with reference to the Cash Keepers [illegible] connection therewith, the Prisoner [illegible] Brother [illegible] up to Hamilton for inquiry, where the said Officers will [illegible] preliminary Proceedings and [illegible] understood to be tampering with witnesses, and seeking to disperse information both there and at Vellore.

Unfortunately, pernicious as this influence was, it could not be legally brought home to him. His

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reason. That he (1st Witness) reported this matter to the [illegible] That Sahapathy Moodi was then sent down to Madras [illegible] accompanied by Prisoner's Brother; and again became [illegible] Chief Commissioner of Police. And after further [illegible] Acting Magistrate was sent to him, according to appointment [illegible] proceeded and immediately arrested Sahapathy Moodi on his

information of the matter, watched the Prisoner and his movements [illegible] communication with the Magistrate through out

of the Prisoner, the questions replied to, that he compared [illegible] of 1st Witness on these points. He states that he proceeded Brother Venkatachellum Moodi, who collected a sum of [illegible] Sahapathy Moodi returned. That at Chittoor he [illegible] the bribery and further interview with Prisoner, and that that on delivering it to 1st Witness he was arrested and

Moodi admitted his share in the transaction, but has since [illegible]

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the misdemeanor in the case and all the circumstances connected with [illegible] and relate his movements is a grave offence. Prisoner was [illegible] ple is especially called for in a case which has already [illegible] which the local Police is believed to have been [illegible] a fine of Rupees 200, in default to a further 6 Months [illegible] Section 7 Regulation X of 1816 and Section LIV Act VII of 1843.

(Signed) S. D. R. Simson
Acting Magistrate.

True Copy

He was sent for currently warned and directed to return to Ennerdale and not intermeddle with the matter.—

He returned to Ennerdale, and there 2d witness who had been very useful up to that time in assisting the detective officers fell under his influence and became an active partizan against the cause of justice. In spite of the warning he had received, Prisoner returned to the district and came up Clem destinely to Clifton accompanied by 2d witness now become his active tool.—

The Magistrate became aware of his 1st Prisoners arrival but had no legal means of detaining him.

His intrigues became immediately commenced and were brought to the notice of the Magistrate from time to time. Overtures have been attempted with several of the witnesses with a view to buying them off, and one very important witness has thus in all probability been lost.—

Prisoners negotiations with Constable Ally Dhoot through his creatures 2d witness were no sooner begun than reported, and every step carefully watched and notified to the Magistrate.—

It was with the previous obtained permission of the Magistrate that Ally Dhoot visited Prisoner on the 27th, and that his overtures were not at once cut short, and his corrupt designs made public. The whole transaction was closely watched. See and Prisoner was met by 1st Prisoner

Quidance down to Lining in Money
and his other Brothers, and on the
return of these parties the overtures
were renewed.—

The full amount originally
promised not being forthcoming
Ally Dhist held off until he
could know the Magistrates in-
structions how to act.—

He was directed to receive
no Contraband Lucre was offered, and
negotiations terminated by a bundle
of Money being handed over by No 2
witness which turned out to con-
tain Rupees 280. Hassiby 2nd witness
was instantly seized and being
taken flagrante delicto, admitted
tho' very reluctantly his share in
the transaction.—

Previous arrangements had
been made and the prisoner
was immediately in Custody.

Being

Being at once brought before
the Magistrate, Quidance made
the admissions recorded.—

/Signed/ J. J. Robinson
Ag. Supt
Pumbotty/

Ditto on

Ag. Magistrate

No. 1310 — 28 Sept.r 1859.

Govt. approve of the payment of 280 Two Hundred Eighty Rupees made to the Native Constable, Ally Khoss — and that of 50 Fifty Rupees, proposed to be given to Buffadar Sheik Ismail.

Copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Commissioner of Police.

The Magistrate of N. Arcot.
" Civil Auditor.
" Accountant General.
" Commissioner of Police.

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