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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 12th April 1859.

No. 10. Read the following letter from T. CLARKE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to T. ROYLE, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd March 1859, No. 307.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Ensign Stoton in charge of the Detachment at Dindigul, in which he represents, that in consequence of the Tahildar of Dindigul having agreed to provide for the quarters, he had sent a guard and enforced his attendance in the village to which he was sent, and to issue such instructions as to well as future prevent young officers at a distance, stationed in command of small bodies of Native Troops subjecting our high Native officers of Police and Revenue to the degradation and disrespect cast on the Tahildar of Dindigul. It is impossible a Police Officer can efficiently discharge his important duties if he is to be exposed to the eyes of the community over whom he is placed by being watched through the streets under charge of a Military guard, and placed in confinement or by having his authority overruled by Nopys. Every time a young Officer considers him insulted by any unauthorized and perhaps anonymous orders of his, not being attended to by a Head of Police.

2. It seems desirable that Officers in command of Detachments at out posts should clearly understand that they do not possess any authority in the town or place at which they are located. It will be seen that Ensign Stoton considers he possesses some authority in commanding Dindigul, and I have frequently met with some misunderstanding on the part of young Officers when they are first of business activity, under the impression that such command in their duties and engagements have consumed much unnecessary labor and annoyance both to European and Native Civil Authorities.

3. I would not for an instant uphold any Native official in any act of disrespect to a European functionary, but I conceive that such disrespect whenever shown should be noticed by the commanding officer of the offending officials on the matter of discipline, and I have accordingly forwarded to the Chief Secretary Ensign Stoton's letter with a request he will take such notice of the complaint as it may appear to him to call for.

From Ensign F. H. STOTON, Commanding Dindigul, to T. CLARKE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated 23d March 1859, No. 88.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice, the following particulars of the highly disrespectful conduct of the Tahildar of Tandakambam, a trooper having been committed in my Lines during the absence of the Nopys on duty, which trooper had imitated the form of my men and was able to read to a branch of the police. I sent for the Tahildar as the highest Civil authority present for the purpose of directing him to take such measures as would prevent the trooper from going further just cause of annoyance to the Nopys.

I sent Mr. O'Connell, Nagpur, who received for answer that the Tahildar was taking over and would not attend to the business.

Accordingly I sent Mr. O'Connell, Nagpur with a note on service, directing the Tahildar to attend to the quarters. To this message and note he paid no attention whatever. This was at 10 o'clock a.m. At 10 o'clock p.m. I sent my writer to say that if the Tahildar still persisted in not attending to the business, I should be obliged to issue an order of my authority in commanding Dindigul to assist a guard and bring him as a prisoner, as this intimation was also disregarded, I sent two more, and then sent Mr. Nopys, a Native Officer, with a Nagpur and then to the Tahildar's quarters. I ordered the Native Officer to take his guard without the Cutlery, and himself to go to the Tahildar and represent that he came armed with the power to enforce my orders, and that the Tahildar would not make any of his commands, which he was doing, and that the power was immediately demanded. On a previous occasion when I had some business to transact with him regarding the post of the men, he behaved in a similar manner, and my writer having reported him up that morning, had previously rendered him more insolent on this. As Com-

For St. George, Federal Correctional, 12th April 1938

During the past several years I have been very busy with my work and have not had time to write you as often as I would like. I am now in a position to do so and will try to keep you up to date on all matters concerning our family.

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