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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	102	Press Mis-
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Dated	28-1-19 1860	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, for the month of January 1860.

No. 30. Read the following letter from Major W. J. WILSON, Magistrate of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th January 1860, No. 5.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department, No. 1709, dated 23rd December 1859, I have the honor to submit the following remarks for the consideration of Government.

2. In my letter of the 19th November 1859, No. 152, I stated that the Station Master of Companypett had been brought to Madras on suspicion of stealing Paddy, and that he had been subsequently taken before one of the Deputy Commissioners of Police and charged with the said offence although it had not been committed within the jurisdiction of the Magistrates of Madras.

3. In paragraph 8 of the Consulting Engineer's letter of the 12th December 1859, No. 297, which forms part of the Government Proceedings above specified, the statement contained in my letter is contradicted; and different reasons are assigned for the Station Master's having been brought to Madras.

4. I herewith forward a copy of the information and complaint in the case in question dated 15th November 1859. Mr. Church therein deposes on oath that in consequence of certain information received concerning the missing bags of Paddy, the Station Master was sent for and arrived at Madras on the 14th November. The very next day the Station Master was charged with the theft by Mr. Church in the information in question.

5. Under these circumstances, I submit that whatever the real facts may be as to the reasons for which the Station Master was brought to Madras; there were ample ground to justify me in making the statement contained in my letter above quoted.

6. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Consulting Engineer's letter, I here subjoin an instance in which a person was recently brought to the Town Police Court charged with an offence committed up-country. On the 25th September 1859, Meer Ahmed Ally, Peon at the Vellore Station of the Madras Railway was brought before T. Ramachendra Row the Deputy Commissioner of Police, by Mr. George Stewart, Inspector at the Madras Railway Terminus, who stated that he appeared on behalf of the Railway Company to prosecute the said Meer Ahmed Ally for having obtained a small sum of money at the Vellore Station on the 22nd of the same month by false pretences.

7. With respect to the cases of assault mentioned by Captain Johnston, I beg to say that I did not intend any referenee to them; for as assaults are punishable by fine, such cases have no bearing on the subject of my letter; but I take this opportunity of mentioning that the accused parties were not residing within my District, but within that of the Magistrate who disposed of the cases, and who in my humble opinion was the proper person so to do.

Madras, to wit. } The information of Herbert Engerson Church an inhabitant of Madras taken on oath this 15th day of November 1859 before me Tanjoor Ramachendra Row, Deputy Commissioner of Police and a Justice of the Peace in and for the Town of Madras aforesaid, who saith as follows:

I am Assistant Traffic Manager in the Madras Railway Company, head quartered at Madras. The prisoner Richard Smaller was Station Master at Companypett. He was discharged from the service of the Railway Company on the 14th instant. On the 1st of September 1859, 86 bags of paddy were consigned by one Ramasawmy Naik of Companypett to Arunachella Chetty Madras, for which 86 bags of paddy an invoice was in the usual course forwarded by the prisoner to the Madras Station by 2 P. M. Train East. On the following day, 2nd September, when they were unloaded, two bags were found missing. An enquiry being made by the Traffic Manager, a communication was received in the hand-writing of the prisoner in which he stated that the two bags were not at Companypettah Station and that the whole number 86, was forwarded to Madras, the same having been counted over in the presence of the owner. Although enquiry has been subsequently made touching the missing bags, no clue was obtained till Saturday the 12th instant, on which date I came to know that the two bags above described were found in

the lamp room attached to Companypettah Station. *In consequence of the above information received, the prisoner was sent for and he arrived at Madras on Monday morning the 14th instant.* On being questioned regarding the two bags of paddy which were brought down to Madras on the same day, the 14th instant, the prisoner stated that the porters had placed the two bags of paddy there for safe keeping under his orders. The Railway Company are responsible for all goods entrusted to them for carriage. *I charge the prisoner with stealing the two bags of paddy* of the value of about 8 Rupees. The two missing bags were identified by the consignee Ramasawmy Naick's people as the property of Ramasawmy Naick forming part of 86 bags described above. The prisoner's duty was to forward all unclaimed property to the Traffic Manager's Office at the end of each week with a list accompanying the same. In the lists forwarded by the prisoner to the Traffic Manager's Office from the 1st September to the 5th instant, there is no entry of the 2 bags of paddy made as lying at the station.

Sworn to at the Town Police Office at Madras the day and year first above written.

(Signed) T. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Commissioner of Police and Justice of the Peace.

(Signed) H. E. CHURCH.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Police Magistrate, lately Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 31.

ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1860, No. 102.

The Government consider the explanation furnished in the above letter to be quite satisfactory.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Jail Committ 27.1.60

Order thereon 28 January 1860. No 102.

Govt for consider Explanation furnished in the above letter to be quite satisfactory

Major Wilson - Magte of Police
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Madras Jail 27th January 1860.

From Major W. J. Wilson
Magistrate of Police

To T. Pycroft Esqr
Chief Secretary to Govt

No 105

Dated 20th January 1860

Forwarding a Statement
Re the charge preferred
against Sub Inspector
of Police Ramasawmy
Naick

Write an Order
thereon