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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 6th September 1860.

No. 24. Read the following Extract from a Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated London, 31st July 1860, No. 26.

1. Your letter dated 30th April (No. 16) 1860, transmitting the proceedings of an inquiry into the conduct of Mr. A. W. Sullivan, Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, has been laid before me in Council.

2. It is unnecessary to enter into an examination of the whole of the eighteen cases enumerated in the Report of Mr. Hall, who was deputed by you to conduct the inquiry. Some of them have been sufficiently explained, and in regard to these no further expression of opinion is called for from me. There remain, however, for consideration, Mr. Sullivan's proceedings in borrowing money through and from his official subordinates, and in disposing of certain gardens, which had lapsed to the Government, to improper persons.

3. In regard to the first point, it is manifest, from Mr. Sullivan's own admissions, that he borrowed considerable sums of money from persons under his influence and authority. On two occasions, he employed the Police Ameen of Vellore in negotiating loans for him, and although Mr. Sullivan might have been ignorant, as stated by him, that on one of those occasions the money was obtained from another of his Native subordinates, his ignorance of this circumstance can avail him nothing while making use of an Agent whose employment in such matters was in violation of standing orders of the Government.

4. The Police Ameen employed by Mr. Sullivan to negotiate these loans for him was his confidential Agent, for both public and private purposes, and, relying on the influence he had gained over his official superior, grossly abused the confidence placed in him, by a course of corrupt and dishonest practices, which, as you observe, has "most seriously injured Mr. Sullivan's public character," and brought great discredit upon his official administration.

5. I concur with you that the proceedings of Mr. Sullivan in regard to the gardens at Vellore, which had lapsed to the Government, appear in a very unfavourable light. His own explanation of those proceedings shows that he was entirely in the hands of the unprincipled Native officer whom he employed as his Agent in his pecuniary transactions, and who used his influence over his superior for the attainment of his own personal ends.

6. In regard to Mr. Sullivan's connexion with the Madras Railway, it appears that the Government of Madras noticed with approbation the valuable aid he had afforded the Railway Company in procuring timber for their use. Her Majesty's Government, however, are of opinion that you should not allow your Magistrates and Collectors, whose time is fully occupied with their proper official duties, to be so employed.

7. I approve of your orders suspending Mr. Sullivan from Public employ, and direct that his suspension may be continued for a period of twelve months from the date of his removal from office, on the expiration of which his further employment will be at the discretion of your Government, with the proviso that he be not again employed in North Arcot or in any of the adjacent districts.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1860, No. 1,138.

The above Despatch will be communicated to Mr. A. W. Sullivan and to Mr. A. Hall.

2. Copies of the last para. will be furnished to the Offices of Audit and Account.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Order - 6th September 1860. No. 1130

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