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No. 120. Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Political Agent of Poodoocottah, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th September 1860, No. 90.

I have the honor to request the Orders of Government in the following case, with reference to the enclosed copy of a letter* from the Minister of Poodoocottah.

*30*th August* 1860.

2. It appears that a Deputy Constable of the Tanjore District traced a stolen bullock into the house of an inhabitant of the village of Narangiemput in the Poodoocottah State.

3. The Constable complained to the Police Ameen of the Poodoocottah Territory that the villagers assaulted him and those who accompanied him and returned into the Tanjore District. The Police Ameen apprehended some of the suspected parties and sent them to the Poodoocottah Magistrate.

4. Shortly after, the Deputy Constable returned into Poodoocottah State with an Inspector and a body of Police armed with a warrant from the Sub Magistrate of Puttukottai Táluq, Tanjore District, for the apprehension of the persons who assaulted him and demanded the aid of the Police Ameen which was granted. Whereupon the outrage represented by the Poodoocottah Minister is said to have occurred. I learn by a letter from the Superintendent of Police of Tanjore, that 11 persons were captured and taken to Tanjore.

5. The proper course for the Tanjore Authorities to have pursued, would have been to have prosecuted the persons who committed the assault on the Deputy Constable before the Poodoocottah Authorities; and I am not aware on what authority the Sub Magistrate of Puttukottai Táluq issued a warrant for the apprehension of subjects of the Poodoocottah State on a charge of assault committed within the Poodoocottah limits.

6. The Tanjore Police being now charged with having committed an outrage in the Poodoocottah State, I have the honor to request that orders be issued to the Magistrate of Tanjore to try the offenders under Act I of 1849, and should Government approve of this course, I will direct the Minister to inform the aggrieved parties that they are at liberty to bring their complaint before the Tanjore Magistracy.

From ANNASAWMIAH, Sirkele, to V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Political Agent of Poodoocottah, dated 30th August 1860, No. 154.

I regret to be obliged to transmit for your information, the accompanying copies of two Urzees* from the Police Ameen of Carambacoody Division which relate to an outrage committed, on the 20th instant, at that place by certain Officers of the new Police attached to the Puttukottai Talook in Tanjore; and with a view to bring to your notice more fully the details of the same, I beg to request your attention to the following particulars.

* *Marked A and B.*

2. It would appear from the Urzee A, that in consequence of a complaint preferred to him by one Connoosamy Pillay the Deputy Constable of the Trichitembalem Station and 7 others as per margin, charging with an aggravated assault, one Vala Mootten and several others of Narangiem Putty in this Territory, the Police Ameen of Carambacoody took steps to apprehend the parties concerned notwithstanding the complainant's immediate return to Puttukottai even without pointing out the Defendants—that though no witness was named, he has still made the necessary enquiries into the case and committed such of the Defendants as were apprehended and suspected to the Magistrate here, and that the Police Ameen had neither failed in his duty nor was in any respect wanting in his endeavours to bring the accused to punishment.

1. *Narainga Royer, Village Inspector.*
2. *Batchamia, Village Inspector.*
3. *Nayanam.*
4. *Veerappen.*
5. *Mootten.*
6. *Selemben.*
7. *Aundan.*

3. But it will be observed from the 2nd or Urzee B, that one Aseervadem Pillay the Head Constable of the Nagarem Station came on the 19th entrusted with a warrant for the

apprehension of the above Vala Mootten and some others on account of the same charges already proceeded into by the Police Ameen and asked him for assistance in its execution by delivering him a yadast written by the Head of Police of Puttukottai on that subject. Though from the fact of the acts complained of having been committed within the limits of his jurisdiction added to the parties summoned, being the residents of this Territory, the Police Ameen would be considered competent to refuse aid, yet he granted it for fear that refusal on his part might perhaps place him in wrong; but taking undue advantage of this compliance on the part of the Ameen, the Officers of the new Police named in the margin, I very much astonish to hear, rushed into Carambacoody, with a large body of men amounting to nearly 100 persons, all armed with guns, swords, and spears, &c. &c. and made so cruel an attack upon the inhabitants of the town, that the details of which are exceedingly affecting, being described thus:

Narana Row, the Inspector of Police.
Aseervadem Pillai, Head Constable.
Connoosamy Pillai. Deputy Constable.
Narasinga Royer, Village Inspector.
Ramasamy Naik, Talook Peon.

"That the Officers aforenamed, entering by force almost all the houses in the town with the whole mob took a considerable number of men and women not named in the warrant and brought them to the Cirkar Umbarem, where tying them close to the trees, they treated them very cruelly, while some of their peons and men carried away the whole vegetables, &c., &c., exposed in the market for sale by treating severely those who objected to their doing so; and that the merchants had shut up their bazars for the whole day, the above officers, &c., remained at Carambacoody, lest they may also share the fate of the vegetable sellers, while some of the inhabitants fled away to the neighbouring villages for fear of being arrested."

4. As I am afraid that further particulars of the scene would probably prove tedious to you, I beg finally to bring to your notice that a considerable number of persons not at all required by the warrant were not only arrested and treated so disgracefully as afore detailed, but 20 of them have at once been carried away, some in fetters and others in the custody of peons, without any reference to the Police Ameen on the spot.

5. In conclusion I beg to submit that though I refrain from entering into any remarks on the above, especially because the particulars given in the preceding paras. are in themselves sufficient to shew that the proceedings on the part of the Officers aforenamed, have been unwarranted and unlawful, yet I cannot forbear mentioning here that the confusion and impression of fear which this event has produced on the minds of the people of Carambacoody, are so strong that even time could not be able to restore them to quietude. As the peace and safety of this poor and petty country therefore, solely depends on the support and protection of the Government whose provinces surround it on all sides, I beg respectfully to request that you will be good enough to communicate the whole foregoing circumstances to the Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police of Tanjore, that they may be pleased to notice the conduct of the above officials in the manner it deserves.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) V. H. LEVINGE,
Political Agent.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1860, No. 1,206.
Referred for report to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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