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

No. 31. 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 Moshur, 9th February 1860, No. 7.

1. I have the honor to report that yesterday morning, I received an express message from the Superintendent of Police informing me that an angry demonstration had taken place at Velúr during the 6th, and that the Joint Magistrate being absent at the time on business elsewhere, the Military authorities had placed guards in the bazaars, and reported the whole circumstance to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. Happening to be at the Sholinghur Station when the message reached me, I took the first train that offered, and went to Velúr, where I found Captain Hearn, who informed me that the excitement had entirely subsided, that the Military guards had been withdrawn, and the confidence of the towns-people been re-established.

3. The demonstration arose out of a vexatious interference with a passing procession on the part of one of the Head Constables who was not very sober at the time.

4. The error was remedied almost as soon as committed, and the musicians being allowed to rejoin the procession, the remainder of the day would probably have passed over without further manifestation of feeling or excitement.

5. Meanwhile, however, certain influential, but ill-disposed persons got up a cry, that the image had been desecrated, and after directing a general closure of the shops, forbade the idol's palanquin being moved from the spot where it had been set down in front of the Police station house.

6. At this juncture, as I learn Colonel M'Cally and Captain Batten, proceeded to the spot and after a parley with the crowd, some of whom made use of inflammatory language, succeeded in quieting and dispersing it. The ringleaders of the movement are well known, and will come up for trial before the Acting Joint Magistrate so soon as the proceedings in an alleged case of infanticide in the European Barracks at Ranipeta have been terminated.

7. I do not attach any significance to the Velúr affair, and should scarcely have thought it worthy of a special report, had not prominence been given to it in the Military Department. My own impression is that the Town Police of Velúr as now constituted is quite equal to such contingencies, and that had not unfortunately the Joint Magistrate and Inspector been both absent at the time on duty, the demonstration would never have attained the dimensions or menacing aspect, it is alleged to have worn.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1860, No. 180.

Resolved that the above report be communicated to the Military Department.

2. The Government desire to be informed of the result of the trial of the ringleaders referred to in paragraph 6.

3. They further wish to know what notice has been taken of the conduct of the Head Constable in whose "vexatious interference" the disturbance originated. The occurrence is much to be regretted, and the Government must look to the Inspector General to take such measures as may prevent its recurrence.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
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