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

No. 29. 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 Chittur, 23rd February 1860, No. 12.

When the enquiry into the great Railway robbery case was resumed in August last under Orders of Government by the Inspector General of Police and myself, especially with reference to the Cash Keeper's Sabapathi's connection therewith, his brother one Appasami Mudali was caught in the act of bribing one of our principal detectives and, the charge being proved, was sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment with labor, and a fine of Rupees 200, in default, a further imprisonment of 6 months. The sentence was undoubtedly a severe one, but a summary example was called for in a case which had already been so seriously marred by the wholesale bribery and corruption which had characterized the proceedings of the local Police up to that time.

2. During the lengthy trials which arose out of these preliminary enquiries, Appasami's aid as a witness for the prosecution was in constant request, and was very material to the conviction of the principal culprits. Meanwhile mental anxiety and imprisonment have told their tale on a constitution at no times robust, and Appasami has been the constant inmate of the Jail Hospital, and compelled I am told, to undergo a severe surgical operation. Under these circumstances, I venture respectfully to request that Government will be pleased to remit to him the fine of Rupees 200, and allow me to set him at large on the expiration of the original 6 months' imprisonment. That term will expire on the 3rd proximo, but so irreparable is the ruin brought on the family by the other brother's misdeeds that, unless the fine be remitted, Appasami will probably have to remain in Jail on default for 6 months more.

3. The present recommendation has the Inspector's General's hearty concurrence, and will, I trust under the above stated circumstances, receive the early consideration and sanction of Government.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1860, No. 267.

Under the provisions of Act XVIII, 1855, the Governor in Council is pleased to remit the fine of Rupees 200 imposed on the prisoner, Appasami Mudali.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 267. 3^d March 1860.

W. M.
R. M.

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*This amount is
irregular - it
should have been through
F. D. - W. M.*

The Magistrate
of North Arcot.

Dispt. 3rd 1860.