

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
9th June 1860.

No. 66. Read the following letter from Sir W. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Kt., Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs in India and Ceylon, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 6th June 1860, D.

With reference to the Orders of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 2nd June, I have the honor to state that the day the lamentable occurrence in question was reported to me, I directed the suspension of Mr. Duffin from office, and his removal from Dowlaishwarum to Tuticoreen in the event of his acquittal from the criminal charge then under investigation. During the enquiry full proof was obtained of his having habitually absented himself from office and neglected all his duties, for this he has been punished by the cancelling of his appointment as an Inspector in this department.

While I fully acknowledge how desirable it is to place *all* the Telegraph stations in the hands of steady persons of mature age, I can only express my sorrow that this is totally impracticable. The majority of the *intelligent* and *educated* Assistants in this department are still youths. To permit persons not in the department to have any real control over the Telegraph Offices, would put an end to all confidential business. Further, the expenses of the establishment for salaries alone amount to no less than 86,000 Rupees per month, a sum which the Government of India would justly refuse to increase by the appointment of additional local Superintendents. I am glad however to add that the cases of misconduct are very few in proportion to the immense number of persons employed. Further, every criminal act proved against one of our subordinates is promptly and severely punished. This is all that can be done departmentally to suppress the evils described by the Magistrate of the Godavari District.

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ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1860, No. 728.

Communicated to the Magistrate of the Godavari District.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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