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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 11th July 1860.

No. 49. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mufussal Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bellary, 5th July 1860.

1. I have the honor to report that an unfortunate collision took place on the 21st or 22nd ultimo, between some of the Police and the inhabitants of the Village of Adnapat in the Tindevanam Táluq of the District of South Arcot.

2. The circumstances, as reported by the Superintendent, who had proceeded to the spot, appear to be as follows:—The subordinates of the Department of Public Works called on the Police, on the 16th ultimo, to support them in carrying out the construction of a sluice in the bank of the tank of the Village. A Head Constable and 5 men proceeded thither; but were unable to give effective support. A riot in which some 60 Villagers took part broke out. The workmen were stopped and their tools seized. The Police were present; but contented (wisely under the circumstances) themselves with *observing* the course of things, with a view to future proceedings. They then recorded the names of nine of the ringleaders in the riot, for whose apprehension a Warrant was obtained from the Tahsildar on the 18th. On the 21st or 22nd the Police proceeded to the Village and arrested, near the place of the riot, 3 of the individuals named in the Warrant. The Villagers however soon assembled and rescued the Prisoners; and then proceeded to offer most serious violence, and two of the Police whom they had seized were carried away. The Constables were however eventually rescued by their comrades and the case is now undergoing enquiry by the Magistrate.

3. The riot which took place on the 16th ultimo, was a premeditated outrage, at the bottom of which were the Moneyagars of the Village. The Villagers had been deliberately excited to resist the operation of the Department Public Works by Proclamation, published by beat of tom tom some days before.

4. I am unable to offer any opinion as regards the undertaking of the Officers of the Department Public Works. The matter of building the sluice in dispute seems to have been a "vexed question" for some time.

5. I am however dissatisfied with the conduct of the Inspector of Police for absenting himself on the occasion of the riot, and for subsequent dilatoriness. And I have pointed out those features of his conduct which I consider reprehensible to the Superintendent; and requested him to suspend him pending further enquiry and report, should he not see any objection, which does not occur to me at this moment, to such severity.

P. S.—I enclose a copy of Police Order just circulated on the subject of Police aid to Subordinates of the Department Public Works.

POLICE ORDER No. BELLARY, *4th July* 1860.

In all ordinary cases when Subordinates in the Department of Public Works may anticipate disturbance and seek the support of the Police in carrying out a work, it will be the duty of the Police Officer applied to, to refer them to the Táluq or other Magistrate for an order to the Police, without which as a general rule the Police should not act.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Mufussal Police.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1860, No. 861.

Resolved that the Magistrate of South Arcot be requested to report to Government the result of the enquiry into the conduct of the Villagers who are charged with having assaulted the Police Officers and rescued their Prisoners. Resolved, also, that the Superintendent be requested to report, through the Inspector General, what steps he may take in regard to the Inspector.

2. The Order issued by the Inspector General seems proper.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Order thereon 11 July 1860 – No 861

Resolved that the Magistrate of Arcot be requested to report to Govt the result of the inquiry into the conduct of the villagers who are charged with having assaulted the Police officers and rescued their Prisoners – Resolved also that the Superintendent be requested to report thro' the Inspector General what steps he may take in regard to the conduct of the Police officers

Inspector

The order issued by the Inspector General seems proper.

Inspector Genl of Police

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