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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 25th September 1861.

No. 152. Read the following letter from Major W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th September 1861, No. 103.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, calling my attention to the necessity of duly enforcing Sections 84 and 85 of the Police Act, the Provisions of which are said to be much disregarded at present.

Judicial Department, dated 7th September 1861, *No.* 1,129.

2. With respect to the Section first named, I beg to submit that in an extensive place like Madras, part town and part country, and at which so many strangers arrive daily, it is a work of no small difficulty to suppress the practices therein specified, more especially in the vicinity of those Tannahs reported by me as abandoned owing to the withdrawal of a portion of the Force for duty at the Gun Carriage Manufactory and Lunatic Asylum; but I trust that the Police will not be considered to have been inactive on this head, when I mention that during the past month of August no fewer than six hundred and forty-one (641) persons were apprehended and placed before the Magistrates for the offences in question.

Letter of 11*th February* 1861, *No.* 16.

3. Section 85 provides for the punishment of two classes of offenders, but I presume the Proceedings of Government under reply have reference to the first class alone, as persons aggrieved by the second have their remedy by complaint and Summons. It must be admitted that the Police rarely apprehend beggars and cripples for asking alms in the public thoroughfares, but it was found so inconvenient to have such persons in the Penitentiary, suffering, as was almost invariably the case, from some loathsome disease, that these prosecutions were discontinued in the time of my predecessor, and have not since been revived.

4. I have now, however, issued orders to clear the public roads of all such offenders and to place them before a Magistrate if necessary, and I will also take an early opportunity of conferring with the Directors of the Monegar Choultry and the Officer in charge of the Leper Hospital, with the view of ascertaining what aid these Institutions are able to afford towards abating the evil complained of, but in all probability the ultimate effect of enforcing the Law against beggars will be to throw the expense of their maintenance upon the Government.

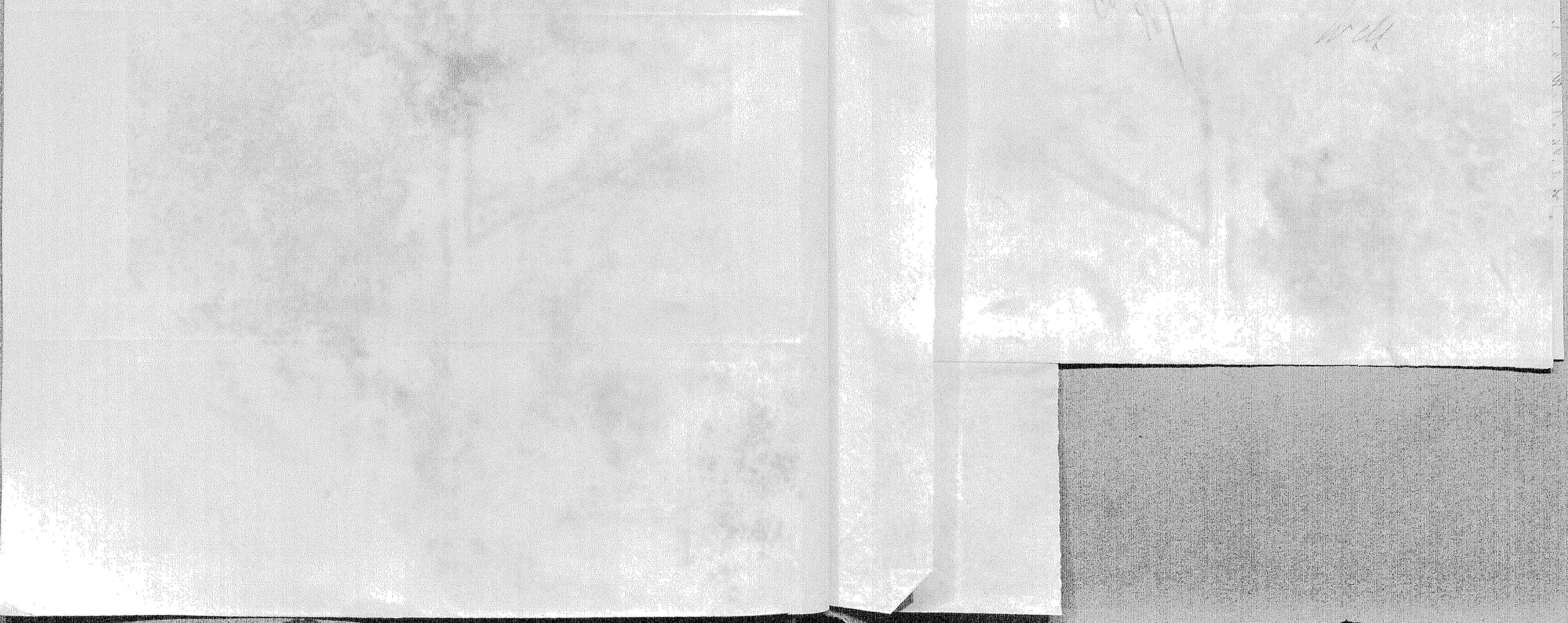
No. 153. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1861, No. 1,204.

To be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Miss L Cook
Ten Years Ago
Miss P. & Her
Cousin Ralph
Were Engaged
& Yes, for Years
Years -



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From

Major H. F. Wilson

Commissioner of Police

To F. Fenwick Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government

York & Jervois

Dated 6th

Rec'd 10th September 1861.

No. 103.

No. 1493

Reports on the difficulty of

enforcing an ordinance of Ceylon

No 8 of 1850 of the Police Act

to which his attention has been

called by Government. Stating

that he has never left aforesaid

orders to clean the streets of

all Bungalows but that he will

consider what the nature of the

Ordinance & whether any Legislative

Provision be made for payment of

and that he can afford to obtain

the cart & bullocks employed by

Proc. 1st March 1861 et. 1 to 2.
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