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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
4th November 1861.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 11. From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Magistrate of the Madras District; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Suttivedee, 3rd October 1861, No. 43.

1. The District Engineer is constantly and with good reason complaining of the injury done to tank bunds and road slopes by the trespass of Cattle, which stray upon them, and are as often driven purposely to feed upon them.

2. I requested the Superintendent of Police to direct his Officers while on their beats or otherwise proceeding to a duty to cause the impounding of Cattle so trespassing, but he informs me that the Inspector General, to whom he had referred the matter, would not permit his Officers thus to act, and "that it was the duty of the person in charge of such tanks, roads, &c., to impound Cattle found injuring them."

3. I need not remark that there is no one in special charge of this public property, and that the Government must look to its Officers generally to protect its interests in this respect.

4. The damage done is considerable to my personal knowledge. A few days after the repair of a bund or slope, their sides and water-ways are found trodden down and destroyed by Cattle.

5. As the Police Constables patrol the country, and have the best opportunity of meeting with these trespasses, and as they would usually go but little out of their way to direct the Village authorities to impound the Cattle, I hope that the Government will instruct the Inspector General to take measures to this end.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police for early report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th October 1861.

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

No. 12. From Captain C. S. HEARN, Acting Inspector General of Madras Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th October 1861, No. 1,646.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter addressed to Government by the Magistrate of the Madras District on the subject of impounding Cattle which has been referred to me for report.

2. The Magistrate complains of the injury done to newly repaired tank bunds and road slopes by stray Cattle and he considers that the Police should take steps to impound animals in such cases.

3. There can be no objection to the Police giving information to the Village authorities, provided more immediate and pressing duties are not thereby postponed; but I would deprecate the sanction of Government to any direct interference on the part of the Police in impounding Cattle, as being likely to lead to grave irregularities.

4. The Police can do but little to protect the interests of Government in this respect. A patrol would not pass more than twice in the day, and the Cattle would have it all their own way for the remainder of the 24 hours. On the other hand legitimate duties might suffer.

5. I believe the cheapest and most efficient plan would be to employ a person to watch a newly constructed work and to be responsible for its protection, until a short lapse of time should harden it, and render the trampling of Cattle innocuous.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
4th November 1861.

No. 13.

ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1861, No. 1,339.

The Government concur in the views expressed by Captain Hearn, as to the general nature of the aid to be expected from the Police, in preserving tank bunds and road slopes from trespasses by Cattle. Police Officers may properly impound Cattle found straying in any public road or place, and give information of such trespasses. They cannot do more without detriment to their general duty. Ordinarily the Village Officers should guard the works of irrigation, embankments, &c., within their limits. In special cases, extra watchers might be temporarily entertained.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following letters —

From the Magistrate

of Madras — Letter 3rd Oct. 61 No. 43

to the Inspector General

of Police — 18th Oct. — 1861

In the Order —

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The Magistrate of Port Blair
 and the Inspector of Police
 and of Prisoners
 Port Blair, Dist.

Form No 1598.

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From,
 Captain C. S. Hoern
 As Insp Genl
 of the Police
 J. Pycroft Esq
 Chief Secy to Govt
 Port St George

Dated 18th October 1861
 Recd 24th

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 With an Order

29 Oct
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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters.

From the Magistrate of the
Madras District
Inspector General
of Police -

Letter dated 3rd October 1860 No. 43.
" " " 18th " " " 1861 No. 46.

Order thereon 4th Novr. 1861 No. 1339.

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The Magistrate of Allahabad, District 3
Inspector Genl. of Police. }
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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 4th Nov^r 1861.