

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated <i>19.11.1861</i>	<i>10</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
19th November 1861.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 109. From JOHN MILLER, Esq., Acting Government Solicitor, Madras; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 31st October 1861, No. 772.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government, noted in the margin, and the papers which accompanied them.
Dated 28th October 1861, No. 1,317, Judicial Department.

2. I submitted same for the consideration of the Advocate General and now forward a copy of his opinion.

3. I likewise return the enclosures above noted.

Madras } The statement of Letitia Miller taken this 3rd day of October 1861, which said
to wit. } Letitia Miller saith as follows: On the 6th July 1857 I was married to John Lee
Burton Miller at the Scotch Church in Vepery of Madras by Mr. Grant the Clergyman. I here
produce the Marriage Certificate. I lived with my husband for three weeks after our marriage
when he left me and went to Rangoon without giving me any notice. He returned in about four
months, that is on the 19th December 1857. He again deserted me on the 9th February 1858.
He wrote to me from Calcutta three times in 1858, since which I have not heard from him. A
few days ago I came to understand that my husband had married again, and I therefore make
this complaint. I have one son aged three years.

(Signed) LETITIA MILLER.

Letitia Miller further states—

My husband had a round mark between his shoulders as if he had been cuffed.

(Signed) LETITIA MILLER.

Taken before me this 3rd day of October 1861.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Justice of the Peace.

Madras } The information of Joseph Glover an inhabitant of Madras taken on oath before me
to wit. } William John Wilson, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the
said Town of Madras, this 3rd day of October 1861, which said Joseph Glover saith as follows:
I know Mrs. Letitia Miller now present. I was present at her marriage about four years ago.
It took place at the Scotch Church Madras. I was one of the witnesses. I signed the Marriage
Certificate. This is it, now shewn to me. I here point to my signature. Mrs. Miller's maiden
name was Selby. I gave her away. Her husband deserted her soon after her marriage. He is
a man of about 31 years of age, fair complexion, light eyes, sandy colored whiskers which he
sometimes shaves off. About five feet nine inches in height. A scar about an inch long above
one of his eyebrows, I think the right. Long in the arms and rather round shouldered. He
was an Engine Fitter and also a Carpenter. He represented himself as a native of Airlie near
Glasgow. His christian names were John Lee as far as I can remember.

(Signed) JOSEPH GLOVER.

Taken before me on oath, this 3rd day of October 1861.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Justice of the Peace.

Madras } The information of Mary Miller of Madras, married woman, taken on oath at Madras
to wit. } aforesaid this 3rd day of October 1861, before me William John Wilson, Esq., one of
Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Town of Madras, which said Mary Miller
saith as follows: I was born in Bellary. I came to Madras in 1850. In January 1859, I be-
came acquainted with one Mr. Miller and was married to him on the 24th August of the same

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year. The marriage was performed in Black Town Church by the Reverend Mr. Drury. Mrs. Vincent the watchmaker's wife, and Mr. Peter Curtis were two of the witnesses. In the month of October 1853, I went to Negapatam with my husband. In the month of December 1860, my husband went to the Mauritius. In the month of April 1861, I sailed to join him there and arrived in May. He treated me so ill that I was obliged to leave him, and I accordingly returned to Madras in the Ship "Mariner" now in the roads. My husband went to the Mauritius in that very ship. My husband gave his Christian names as "Andrew Jackson" at the time of his marriage. He got possession of my Marriage Certificate at the Mauritius and afterwards told me he had lost it. He is now employed at Port Louis as 2nd Constable. I do not know what countryman he is. He has represented himself as an American, Englishman, Scotchman and Irishman at different times. He entered himself as being twenty-nine years old in the Marriage Certificate. He now says he is 34. His hair is brown, eyes greyish, he had light whiskers and moustaches. He has now shaved these off. Fair complexion, round shouldered, and stoops a little. The mark of a cut or scar over one of his eyes. I cannot say which eye. A mark of a burn or scald on one of his shoulders. When I arrived at the Mauritius, I found he had spread a report of my death and that he was about to be married to a French girl. During my stay at Madras with my husband he was employed in the Railway.

(Signed) MARY MILLER.

Taken before me on oath this 3rd day of October 1861.

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Justice of the Peace.

COPY—OPINION.

If the Mauritius Constable be the person who married Mrs. Letitia Miller, and also the person who married Mrs. Mary Miller, he is doubtless a very unfit person to be a Constable, and if he can be got back here ought to be prosecuted for bigamy—but how the Mauritius authorities are to act unless furnished with evidence on oath before themselves of his identity, and of the bigamy, I do not at present see.

(Signed) T. SYDNEY SMYTH,
Advocate General.

October 30th, 1861.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) JOHN MILLER,
Acting Government Solicitor.

No. 110.

ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1861, No. 1,411.

The opinion of the Advocate General will be communicated to the Commissioner of Police—and copies of the papers received with Major Wilson's letter, 8th ultimo, No. 111, will be forwarded to the Government of the Mauritius for such steps as they may feel themselves at liberty to take in the matter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 111. To the Colonial Secretary Mauritius, dated Fort Saint George, 19th November 1861, No. 1,412.

I am directed to forward, for such steps as the Government of the Mauritius may feel themselves at liberty to take in the matter, copies of a letter, 8th ultimo, No. 111, from the Commissioner of Police, and of the Statement and informations submitted with it, respecting a charge of Bigamy preferred against one John Lee Burton Miller alias Andrew Jackson Miller, employed as a Constable at Port Louis, together with the opinion given by the Advocate General at Madras.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Commr. & Police dept

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Pro. 28th Oct 1861
 The Act of Gov. Sol.
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 The Act of Chief Secy
 to Govt. Madras.
 Dated 31st October
 1st November
 No. 72.
 1st Enclosure.
 1757
 Paragraph with reference
 to Proceedings of Government
 dated 28th October 1861. No.
 1317. Judicial Department
 copy of General's
 opinion on a charge of
 Bigamy preferred to the
 Commissioner of Police at
 Madras against Mr.
 L. B. Miller a Con-
 stable at Port Louis.

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The Colonial Secretary, Mauritius.

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The Notarial Clergy

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Enclosed, for each copy
as the Clerk of the Court, my
true statement of the
facts in the matter, copy of
correspondence respecting
a charge of Bigamy, and
other against one John
Lee Britton Miller
alias Andrew Jackson Miller
employed as Constable
at Port Louis.