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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th December 1861.

No. 78. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 9th December 1861, No. 4,500.

Read Proceedings, Judicial Department, dated 29th November 1861, No. 1,471.

Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief. The removal of outside fixtures from vacant public buildings, as proposed in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Acting Inspector General of Police, appears advisable.

2. The Governor in Council considers the explanation afforded, sufficient to relieve Captain Sims from the responsibility for the losses in question.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
9th December 1861.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut. Col.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1861, No. 1,542.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Captain C. S. HEARN, Acting Inspector General of Madras Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th November 1861, No. 1,917.

General Department.

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from Captain Sims, late Superintendent of Police, Bellary, containing an appeal, which he requests may be submitted to Government.

2. The Order of Government, No. 3,810 of 23rd October 1861, directed Captain Sims to meet the Bills for certain Barrack fixtures deficient at Bellary. The circumstances detailed in Captain Sims' letter will shew that it is impossible to fix any blame on individuals. Captain Sims has accordingly paid the amount, but appeals against being made personally responsible.

3. I have inspected the buildings in question. The iron hooks hang outside the doors and windows and any passer-by can wrench them off. Fixed sentries alone can protect them, and negligence does not appear to have been proved against the Police.

4. On the Barracks being vacated by troops the hooks and eyes might be removed from the sills, and replaced on the re-occupation of the building at the cost of a few Annas.

From Captain P. T. SIMS, Superintendent of Police; to the Personal Assistant to the Inspector General, Madras Police, dated 15th November 1861.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 3,810, dated 23rd October 1861, I have the honor to forward the sum of Rupees three, Annas ten, and Pice two, but in doing so I beg most respectfully to appeal against being made personally responsible for the loss incurred while the Police guarded or rather patroled the Barracks in question, and beg the following explanation may be forwarded for the consideration of Government.

At the request of the Officer Commanding the Division, I took charge of the buildings vacated of the Horse Battery at Bellari which had been up to that time in charge of a guard from a Native Regiment consisting of fourteen men; no list of fixtures was received; to have furnished a similar guard from the Police would have involved an extra charge to Government of Rupees 110-4-0* monthly (viz., for 14 Watchmen); to obviate this I proposed to have the buildings merely patroled from an existing Police guard in the Fort where the buildings were situated, thereby incurring no extra expenditure; before carrying this into effect, I consulted with the Major General Commanding the Division who thought with me that a patrol frequently visiting the buildings would be sufficient; during the first month they were thus patroled by the Police, some fixtures were reported deficient by the Barrack Serjeant; on this again occurring the second month, I saw that it was necessary to have regular sentries over the different buildings to prevent the door and window hooks and eyes from being stolen, and I requested the Major General Commanding the Division to place again a guard of Sepoys over the buildings to obviate the very unnecessary expense of a Police guard, at the same time having great difficulty in getting Police men for the duties of the District—this he at once complied with.

* Merely Pay.

I would also remark that the whole of the outside fixtures attached to the Barracks would probably not have amounted to fifty Rupees, less than half a month's expenditure for a Police guard to furnish regular sentries over the buildings.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Captain,
Personal Assistant to the Inspector General of Madras Police.

ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1861, No. 1,471.

Referred to the Military Department, in which the Orders appealed against were passed.

(True Extract.)

Signed T. [illegible]

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.

" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

[illegible] 1861 Dept.

Pro: of Govt. in the Mily Dt 4500

[illegible] 3 Decr 1861.

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[illegible] ref: to Con: of Govt. Mily Dept No 1471 d/29th Nov/61 consider that the explanation of the Inspector [illegible] sufficient to relieve [illegible] from the responsibility for the loss of certain Barrack fixtures [illegible] that the removal of the fixtures from vacant public buildings as proposed in the letter from the Inspector Genl of Police recorded in the above Pro: appear desirable.

With an Order.

No. 1542 d/14 December 1861.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

Pro: 20th Octr/61 Nos 150 & 151
— 29th Novr — Octr 1471

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The Inspector Genl. of Police. } despd 16th

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