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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
21st December 1861.*

No. 133. Read the following letter from C. W. READ, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Madras District; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 9th December 1861, No. 55.

In paragraph 3 of the Government Order No. 1,497, dated 5th instant, in reference to an appeal to the Government against the proceedings of the Police in a recent gang robbery, explanation is required as to the cause of the delay brought to notice in paragraph 7 of Captain Hearn's communication of the 26th November last, No. 1,916. I have the honor to inform Government, that the records of the office connected with this case, do not show that any inexcusable delay really occurred in its investigation and final disposal by the Magistracy. The parties accused were originally brought before the Taluk Magistrate on the 19th September, but, owing to illness and his being under Medical treatment in the Hospital, the Prosecutor did not attend before the 4th October. The enquiry was completed on the 11th of October, and on the 17th of the same month, the case was committed to the Criminal Court; in this interval, the Prosecutor, and the witnesses for the prosecution, were improperly allowed to absent themselves for some Hindu Feast, an act which Mr. Cunliffe noticed with severe displeasure. The 14 accused persons were released on the 17th, and not on the 21st October, as erroneously stated by Captain Hearn, and this is shown by the account of batta paid to them.

2. The above and other irregularities which appeared in the proceedings of the Taluk Magistrate, were duly noticed by the Magistrate Mr. Cunliffe, and the former Officer was warned to be more careful and more prompt in his conduct of cases hereafter.

3. The 5 prisoners committed for trial, were released by the Sessions Court, and the presiding Judge made no comment on the delay; from which it is to be inferred that, adverting to the circumstances of the case, that delay was not deemed by the Court, excessive or unreasonable.

No. 134.

ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1861, No. 1,579.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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At
Judicial 1861 Depart
From Prospect
The Acting Magistrate
of the Madras Dist.

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To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George
Dated 10th December 1861.
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Reports on the delay
notified by the Govt in
the conduct of a case
of Gang Robbery
before the Taluk
Magistrate of Giddalur.
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