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No. 66. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th April 1861.

With reference to the assertion of Lieutenant Lavie, contained in his letter dated 22nd March 1861, that he had twice offered to resign, I have the honor to forward the accompanying correspondence.

2. The first offer he states was made to Lieutenant Blomfield. Lieutenant Blomfield explains that a letter beginning in an Official style, but ending "yours sincerely" came to him containing a casual mention that he (Lieutenant Lavie) thought it would be better to resign, as he had not the confidence of his Superiors. The matter was in a form which did not admit of its being made use of; and Lieutenant Lavie was requested by Lieutenant Blomfield, if he wished to resign, to send it in a proper form for submission to me. This Lieutenant Lavie did not do, and never again alluded to the subject.

3. He should have known that this was not tendering his resignation.

4. Lieutenant Lavie made no offer to resign to me at Palaghát. Had he even alluded to leaving the Service, I should have strongly recommended it. I found the most serious fault with him, and told him that all confidence was gone; so he had the most ample opportunity of doing so either verbally or by writing, but it was not done. I should have considered it my duty to have at once submitted it to Government had it been tendered.

See his D. O. letter to Lieutenant Menzies.

5. My Memorandum, dated 12th January, was written the same day as Lieutenant Lavie asserts he tendered his resignation.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1861, No. 487.

It is observed that Lieutenant Lavie's services have been placed at the disposal of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief. Ordered that the above letter be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Enclosure No. 1.

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20 March 1861.

From
Lieutenant C. G. Blomfield
Probaty Superintt of Police North Malabar

To
W. Robinson Esquire
Inspector General Madras Police
Madras.

Sir,

Having received instructions to report as to whether Lieutenant Lavie, during the time that I was acting Superintendent of Police in South Malabar, on two occasions officially submitted his resignations of his appointment to be forwarded by me to the Inspector General, I have the honor to state that such was not the case -

II The only communications, received from him, intimating any such wish or intention, was a demi official document, beginning with "I have the honor" and ending with "Yours sincerely" received shortly after Lieutenant Menzies arrival, and which I believe he saw - Even then the subject was only casually mentioned, and in the shape of an expression to the effect that "as he did not meet with the confidence of his superiors he thought it would be better to resign his appointment -

III The substance of this I communicated to the Magistrate at the time, and also the steps I had taken with regard to it, I wrote in reply (also demi officially) to state that I did not wish to take any notice of an expression

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which might have escaped him unguardedly and which he might afterwards wish to retract - conveyed as it was also in a document which I did not quite understand whether he intended to be official or not; but that if he really wished to resign his appointment and would submit his application for the same in a proper manner, I should be prepared to forward it on without delay to the Inspector General -

To this I received no reply, official or otherwise; and I have no recollection of the subject having been even received since. When I afterwards met Lieutenant Lavie, both at Mallapuram and Palaghát he said nothing about tendering any offer of resignation - It is true he said something about "considering himself to have been hardly used". but how or when he did not at the time explain in the course of a ordinary conversation

All his official documents and letters will be found on the Police records at Calicut.

I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ C. G. Blomfield
Probationary Supt of Police
North Malabar

"True Copy"

Enclosure No. 2.

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Ponnany 31 March 1861.

My Dear Mr. Robinson

Accompanying is a letter from Lieutenant Lavie, in reply to one from me, asking him, as desired by you, on which occasions he had tendered resignation of his office.

Your Sincerely.
/Signed/ H. C. Menzies -

Enclosure No. 3 -

My Dear Menzies -

In reply to your letter dated 19 March from Cochin, I beg to state, that my first offer, to resign the Police Service, was through Lieutenant Blomfield, then my Superintendent. My second was to Mr. Robinson himself on his last visit to Palaghát and I think I told you I had done so very soon after your arrival at Palaghát

Yours Sincerely
/Signed/ R. C. Lavie
A. S. M. P.

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True Copies
[signature]
Inspector General
of M. Police -

Matras 21 April 1861.
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In a letter from
Mr. Robinson Esquire
Inspector General of Mr
Police dated 21 April 1861.

Regarding Lieut.
Lavie's resignation

Mr. [illegible]
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assert he tendered his resignation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
W. Robinson
Inspector General
of Mr Police.

Order thereon 12 April 1861. No 487
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Civil Council 12-4-61

Pros 5th April 1861 at 15 & 16.

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From
W. Robinson Esquire
Inspector General
of the Police

To T. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secy to Govt
Fort St George

Dated 4 April 1861.

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Offers his remarks with reference to the assertions of Lieutenant Lavie regarding his resignation

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With an Order

No 566.