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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th June 1861.*

Read again Proceedings, 12th April 1861, No. 1,336, Military Department, recorded in Proceedings, 19th idem, No. 532.

No. 190. Read also the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th June 1861, No. 782.

General Department.

**Lieutenant A. Balmer, 24th Regiment N. I.
Ensign C. A. Porteous, 27th Regiment N. I.*

With reference to Government Order, No. 532, dated 19th April 1861, I have the honor to report that two Officers* alone remain with the Force, who have passed only Company examination.

2. Lieutenant Balmer was recommended by General Bell, and has during the year he has been with us, most fully justified the nomination. He has worked (and suffered from ill health in consequence of exertion) in a most praise-worthy manner.

3. Ensign Porteous was employed during three years on Field Service in Bengal, and did good service, for which he holds Certificates. He could not have qualified in Hindustani during that time. He has proved a hard-working, useful, and self-denying Officer.

4. Both these Officers have been urged to pass the Hindustani language, but I must add, that in these early stages of the Police organization, it is scarcely possible that they should devote time sufficient for doing so, to a language which is quite a foreign tongue amongst the people with whom they have now to do. Both Officers are colloquially familiar with Hindustani; I could ill spare the service of either.

5. Care will be taken that no unpassed Officer is nominated in future.

*Brevet Captain Sims, 6th Regiment N. I.
Lieutenant W. R. Mesham, 43rd Regiment N. I.
Lieutenant H. C. Mennies, 31st Regiment N. I.
Lieutenant H. D. Cloete, 5th Regiment N. I.*

6. The Officers named in the margin have passed the Adjutant's examination only. I beg most earnestly to request that the restriction against employing Officers who have not passed for Staff, may be relaxed for a time, in regard to this class of Officers.

7. An Officer who has been Adjutant of his Corps, is precisely the Officer best suited to raise, and train a District Police. They all have an excellent working knowledge of Hindustani, and it must be borne in mind, that they have still to pass Staff examination in the language of the District, after entering the Police service.

8. To deprive the Police of the power of obtaining the service of this class of Officers, would be a sad blow to its efficiency at starting.

No. 191.

ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1861, No. 826.

Resolved that the explanation conveyed in the 2, 3, 4 and 5 paragraphs of Mr. Robinson's letter, be communicated to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State. In so doing the Government will point out the difficulties which, on the organization of the Madras Police, attended the selection of Officers for its novel and peculiar duties—as also that all Officers appointed to the Police are required to qualify themselves in the Vernacular language of the District in which they have to serve.

2. The Government consent to relax the rule, which requires passing for Staff in favor of the four Officers named by Mr. Robinson in the margin of paragraph 6 of his letter. He will bring to notice in future any other instances, in which he would wish the rule to be relaxed, with full exposition of his reasons in each case.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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