

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1368

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
21st August 1862.*

No. 229. Read the following letter from Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th August 1862, No. 743.

I have the honor to request that the Government Solicitor may be instructed to arrange for the prosecution of a tracer* employed in the Survey Office committed to take his trial for theft by the Senior Police Magistrate Colonel Colbeck, under the following circumstances:

In December 1859, during my absence on duty in Wynaad, Surveying and Drawing Instruments to the value of more than Rupees 400 were stolen from a case in which they were kept at the house in Royapetta temporarily occupied as an Office. The case was nailed down and on enquiry no negligence on the part of any person in the Office was discovered. I therefore refrained from reporting the robbery and made good the stolen Instruments myself. Several persons suspected were examined before a Police Commissioner but against no one could sufficient evidence be brought.

2. At the close of last month a Native Surveyor† on leave in Madras was offered a Prismatic Compass for sale by the abovenamed tracer "Thagaroyen." The Surveyor had been placed under stoppages for a Prismatic Compass lost by him in the Wynaad Jungles and wished to re-place the Instrument himself at a cheaper rate than charged by this Office. The fact having come to the knowledge of my Office Assistant Mr. Starr, he desired the Surveyor to bring the Compass to him for inspection, who however instead of doing so returned it to the tracer and it is now not forthcoming. He fortunately however can remember the number‡ and date|| inscribed on the Prismatic Compass offered for sale which is the same as engraved on one of those stolen in December 1859.

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1862, No. 1,368.

The Government Solicitor is requested to arrange for the prosecution if he sees no objection.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

N^o 1368 - 21 Aug 1862

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requested to arrange
for the prosecution
if he sees no objection.

W. M.

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The Govt. Solicitor. }
" Suptd., Rev. Survey }
" Rev. Dept. }
Sept 22nd

Transferred to the
Judicial Department

M. K. K. K.
By way of being to Govt.
15 Aug 62

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From W. 2200-
The Superintendent of the Survey
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The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Dated 14th August 62
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No. 1634
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Requesting that
the Government may be
instructed to arrange for the
production of a tracer, employed
in the Survey office, committed
to the Survey by the Senior Magistrate
of the Survey of Marathas.
With an Order.

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James Barr Stevenson further examined.
When I found the deficiency in question, I
sent the accused into Kandy, in charge of
two Coolies, to His Dundas' Office, but the
man made his escape from them.

(Sd/ J.B. Stevenson.

(Sd/ D.E. de Saram. "True Copy"
J.B. (Sd/ D.E. de Saram.

D.E. de Saram
Justice of the Peace. - N^o 4842

Warrant of apprehension

To the Magistrate of Tanjore.

Take into your custody the body of
Solomon Isaac of Attakara Terve in Tanjore
charged by Messrs. His Dundas & Co with
Embezzlement and theft and bring him
before me or some other competent Justice
of the Peace forthwith.

Given under my hand at Kandy, Ceylon
this 28th day of July, 1842.

(Sd/ D.E. de Saram.

"True Copies"

Justice of the Peace for the
District of Kandy.

Form of information for a Criminal Office.

District of Kandy.

The information of
Alexander Thomas Anderson residing at Kandy,
taken before me David Ernest de Saram Esq, a
Justice of the Peace for the said District, this 14th day
of April 1842, who being sworn deposes that Solomon
Isaac was the Storekeeper of Messrs. Dundas & Co,
as such, was in charge of their Store at
Kandygastotte in Newahetto - that, upon
examination it is found, that, about 500
Bushels of Rice or thereabouts, have
not been accounted for by the said
Solomon Isaac, and it is verily believed,
that, he has stolen and made away
with the same.

So help me God

(Sd/ Alex. Thos. Anderson

Informant

Taken the day and year first
above written before me

(Sd/ D.E. de Saram -

Justice of the Peace

Warrant

(Sd/ D.E. de Saram.

Justice of the Peace Office.

Kandy, June 28. 1862.

N^o 4842.

James Bass Stevenson sworn.

I am Superintendent of the Little Valley Estate, which is under the management of Messrs Keir, Dundas & Co. There is a Rice Store belonging to them at Karagastote - one Solomon Isaac was the Storekeeper there of in March last. I received instructions that month from Keir, Dundas & Co. to measure the Rice in Store and see what quantity they had there. I did so on the 28th of that month, and found 7600 Bushels. I took charge of the Storekeeper's Book - I examined it, - I found no entry in that Book with regard to the receipt or issue of Rice during the month of March. I asked him whether he had not received any Rice during the month of March - He replied that he had not - The Storekeeper's Book has the February Account entered in his own handwriting - According to his own accounts, and statements made to me by him, there should have been on the 1st of March, in the Store, 1111 Bushels of

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Read the following letters -

From the Colonial Secretary - Enter 6th Aug. '62 N^o 47.
List / the Govt. 20th do - N^o 37.
Solicitor

Order - 22nd Aug. 1862 N^o 1369

The papers received with the Colonial Secretary's letter will be forwarded to the Magistrate of Tanjore, as in the opinion of the Advocate General, the offence charged ^{against} Solomon Isaac amounts to embezzlement, &

is within the provisions
of Act VII-54.

2. The Magistrate will
inquire into the charge,
& report the result to
Govt.

[Signature]

The Magistrate of }
Lauzone - with } Sept 22nd
3 Enclosures.