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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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To the Secy. to Govt.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
29th September 1862.*

No. 283. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Magistrate of South Arcot ;
to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,
dated Tindevanum, 18th September 1862, No. 38.

I have no wish to enter further into explanation on the subject of the misconstruction which unfortunately for me, has been put by Government on certain passages of my letter quoted at length in the Government Proceedings of date the 15th instant, No. 1,505, but I hope I shall not be thought troublesome in venturing to correct the idea implied in the 3rd para. of those Proceedings, namely, that I attach "little value * * * * * to any thing short of the selection of the Police by the Magistrate himself." My meaning was, and I imagined that my words conveyed it, that notwithstanding the better opportunity supposed to be enjoyed by the Magistracy as compared with the Police, of knowing the characters of the people of a District, I yet felt that the check to the entertainment of improper persons, by requiring the Magistrate's approval of Police recruits, was rather theoretical than real, and for the obvious reason that there must be thousands of individuals in every District whether residents or foreigners, of whom a Magistrate can know about as little as the Police. I am sorry I was not more explicit; I was in reality pleading for the non-interference of the Magistracy in respect to a duty which I considered was not properly theirs, and because I had no faith in the supposed efficacy of such interference.

2. I beg to repeat my assurance that my cordial co-operation and aid will always be rendered, as it has ever been, towards promoting the efficiency and respectability of the new Constabulary, and I deeply regret that my assertion of facts, as I believed them, in regard to the general character of the force, has been viewed as indicative of opposition and ill will on my part towards the Police. Happily I am able to prove that both in this District and in Madras where I presided for a short time, my support and co-operation have been most active and uniform, and the testimony I hold to this effect from the Superintendent in the Madras District is even stronger than the letter which I have already had the honor to lay before Government from Captain Swanson, the Police Superintendent in South Arcot.

No. 284. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1862, No. 1,606.
To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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