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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd December 1862.*

No. 206. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th December 1862, No. 2,957.

General Department:

I have the honor to report that, on the 26th ultimo, a Carbine in the hands of a Constable marching with a working gang of Convicts at Chittur, accidentally went off, and killed two Convicts, slightly wounding two others.

2. The case has been carefully inquired into by the Native Magistrate. He acquits the Constable of all blame. This conclusion may be judicially right; but there must have been carelessness on the Constable's part. The Carbine lock is in good order and must therefore have been at full cock. However the occurrence was purely accidental.

3. The Policeman was an old Sepoy of the Native Army, a good Soldier and was justly considered quite fit to be trusted with Fire Arms.

4. The Carbine was capped, a temporary precaution resorted to since the outbreak at Vellore. This was a mistake. The accompanying order* has been issued and will prevent the recurrence of such outward event, and at the same time sufficiently provide against a sudden attack by Convicts on their guards.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 55 of 1862.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

Dated 1st December 1862.

Loaded Fire Arms in the hands of Guards over Convicts will *not be capped* unless outbreak is apprehended, and likely to take place.

Any practice to the contrary will cease forthwith.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of M. Police.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1862, No. 2,085.
To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

