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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 2nd November 1863.

Read the following papers:—

No. 20. Proceedings of Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 30th September 1863, No. 1787.

Communicate for orders information regarding the existence of one Veeraragavathatha Charry, who had disappeared from the District of Tinnevelly since Fasly 1262. (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 30th September 1863, Nos. 371 and 372.)

Referred to the Magistrate of Tinnevelly for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
2nd October 1863.

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

No. 21. From J. SILVER, Esq., Magistrate of Tinnevelly; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnevelly, 7th October 1863, No. 616.

With reference to the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, dated the 2nd instant, I have the honor to report that the Acting Superintendent of Police informed me in his letter of the 19th ultimo, in reply to my call for information that he directed the Inspector of Police of Streevilliputtoor to apprehend Veeraragavathatha Charry whenever he should meet him; but that he has not heard of the apprehension of this individual. I have now requested Lieutenant Porteous not to arrest and hold this man to security.

Orders have been sent to the Tahsildar of Streevilliputtoor to institute inquiries as to the existence of the above individual, and report any thing he can learn about him.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1863, No. 1719.

Mr. Silver's letter will be communicated to the Revenue Department.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Answered on the 7th Oct. 63

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No. 371. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Assistant Inspector General, Mofussil Police, dated Madras, 23rd September 1863:—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant C. A. PORTEOUS, Acting Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly District, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mofussil Police, Madras, dated Tinnevelly, — September 1863, No. 472.

SIR,

1. With reference to the enclosed papers, marked A and B, I have the honor to forward herewith, for your information, copy of a letter addressed by me to the District Magistrate, on my ascertaining that Veeraragavathatha Charry was alive and at Strivilliputur.*

* He was seen by the Inspector of Strivilliputur who conducted him before the Head Assistant Magistrate and before that Officer owned himself to be Veerarsgavathatha Charry.

2. I also enclose copy of the District Magistrate's reply to my letter on this subject; from this it will be seen that the District Magistrate has given me authority to arrest this individual. I have therefore directed the Inspector of Strivilliputur to arrest him quietly, the next time he sees him, and not to release him unless he finds two heavy sureties.

3. I have further the honor to request the Inspector General's instructions on this matter.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, for instructions as to the disposal of Veeraragavathatha Charry in the event of capture.

(Signed) J. TEMPLE, Colonel,
Acting Assistant Inspector General.

No. 372. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1863, No. 1,787.

1. In their Order of 20th June last, No. 1,092, the Government requested the Inspector General of Mofussil Police, in communication with the Collector of Tinnevelly, to institute further enquiries as to the existence of one Veeraragavathatha Charry who had, it was said, disappeared from the District since Fasli 1262. Mr. Robinson was requested to report the result in due course.

2. The Acting Assistant Inspector General now forwards reports which have been received from the Superintendent of Police in Tinnevelly on the subject. From these papers it appears that Lieutenant Porteous having received reliable information that the missing man was at Strivilliputur applied* to the Magistrate for instructions as to his apprehension. In reply Mr. Silver requested† that the man might be apprehended and kept under the surveillance of a Police Constable, the same being reported through the Inspector General of Mofussil Police for communication to Government. The Superintendent has accordingly directed‡ the Inspector of the village in question to arrest the party and not to release him unless he finds two heavy sureties. Colonel Temple in forwarding these papers requests instructions as to the disposal of Veeraragavathatha Charry in the event of capture.

* 24th August 1863, No. 451.

† 25th August 1863, No. 510.

‡ Vide his letter to Inspector General of Mofussil Police, dated — September 1862, No. 472.

3. The Government observe that no charge has been brought against the individual alluded to, and that it is therefore out of the question to arrest and hold him to security. He must therefore at once be released if still under detention.

4. The question of his existence is a matter of importance to his brother Gopalaswamithatha Charry, but the Government have no interest in him except that they cannot pay the arrears of ready money allowance entered in his name and payable only during his lifetime until

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it is satisfactorily proved that he is still alive. The reason alleged by the Superintendent of Police for his belief that the latter is the case is that this Veeraragava " was seen by the " Inspector of Strivilliputur who conducted him before the Head Assistant Magistrate" where he owned himself to be the party sought for. This of itself is of course insufficient to prove identity, but the Magistrate has doubtless taken further steps to find out the true state of the case, and he will now be called upon, through the Judicial Department, to report what he has done.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Mofussil Police.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Board of Revenue.

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Pros: in the Rev.
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Letter from the
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Order— 2d November 1863 No. 1719.

Mr. Silver's letter will be communicated to the Rev. Depts.

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