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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 3rd December 1863.

No. 38. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 24th October 1863, No. 377.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that one Veerasawmy Naick, who appears to have captured one Teroomala Reddy, previous to the 22nd March 1862, claims from me payment of the reward of 75 Rupees, which he states was proclaimed for the apprehension of this Convict. If the unauthenticated copies of the orders he adduces are correct, the Order of Government, 29th May 1863, No. 832, show that his claim to a higher reward than 75 Rupees was disallowed. An endorsement by your Deputy, Mr. Kerr, dated 14th August 1863, shows that the man was referred to me for a reward of 50 Rupees. Again there is a mention of 75 Rupees as the reward proclaimed in the certificate of the Talook Magistrate.

2. In the Order signed by yourself, I find a reference to the Government Order of 17th March 1859, No. 360, but from this 10 Rupees only seems to have been offered by the Straits Government for the prisoner's re-apprehension.

3. If any Magistrate offered 75 Rupees for the prisoner's re-apprehension, I see no reason for reducing the reward to 50 Rupees, as Mr. Kerr's endorsement would imply, and as the prisoner escaped, not from one of the Jails under my supervision, but from the Straits, I see no reason for my interference in regard to a reward proclaimed, I presume, by the Magistrate who was authorized to pay it.

4. I have informed the Officer in charge of the Jail at Madura that if the reward was proclaimed by him under the provisions of the Order of Government, 14th September 1855, the subsequent Order of the 23rd August 1862 does not preclude his paying the full sum, but that, if the reward was not proclaimed by him, the Officer who did proclaim the reward is the person to whom the petitioner should apply.

5. On the general question of rewards for prisoners escaped from beyond seas, I would submit that the same should be paid by Magistrates, and not as a Jail charge.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1863, No. 1898.

In the letter above recorded the Inspector General of Jails objects to the payment by his Department of the reward claimed by Veerasawmy Naick, the captor of the escaped Convict Teroomala Reddy, on the ground, first, that a higher reward than he is authorized to give in such cases appears to have been offered by some other Officer, and. secondly, that he considers that rewards for the re-apprehension of Convicts escaped from beyond seas should be paid by the Magistrates, and not as a Jail charge.

2. It appeared from the report of the Magistrate of Madura on this subject, that no specific reward was ever offered for Teroomala Reddy's capture, although, by some mistake which is not explained, the present claimant was given a certificate by the Tahsildar of Dindigul declaring him entitled to a reward of Rupees 75, and that was referred to the Inspector General of Jails for payment on the ground that Teroomala Reddy was an escaped Convict. This appeared to the Governor in Council to be unobjectionable, and was incidentally confirmed by the Government Order passed on a further petition from Veerasawmy Naick, arising from a mistake made by the latter in applying for the reward to the Inspector General of Police instead of to Mr. Rohde.

3. On further consideration, however, the Governor in Council is disposed to admit Mr. Rohde's objection to the payment as a Jail charge, of the reward for the capture of Teroomala Reddy, who is a Convict escaped from beyond seas, and to concur in the Inspector General's recommendation that the reward to be given to Veerasawmy Naick, and the rewards in all similar cases hereafter should be paid by the Magistracy. He observes also that it appears from the report made at the time by the late Magistrate that the reward given for the apprehension of Teroomala Reddy's companion, Nagore Rowten, was paid by the Magistrate.

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4. As regards the amount of the reward to be paid to Veerasawmy Naick, it is clear that Rupees 50 is all that he is entitled to claim, and that the delay which has occurred in the payment to him of that sum is mainly owing to his refusal to accept it when first offered to him by Mr. Levinge, and his neglect to take any steps to obtain that or a higher reward for more than twelve months afterwards; but it is also evident that Veerasawmy Naick had some ground for expecting to obtain more than Rupees 50 in the certificate given him by the Tahsildar of Dindigul, and that the delay in the payment of the reward during the six months since he did apply for it, has been mainly owing to misunderstandings as to the Department by which it should be paid.

5. The Governor in Council resolves therefore to sanction the payment to Veerasawmy Naick by the Magistrate of Madura of a reward of Rupees 75. Mr. Levinge will arrange for the disbursement of the amount with the least practicable delay.

6. The Governor in Council observes that the greater part of the delay which has occurred in the settlement of this matter would have been avoided, if Mr. Levinge had referred to his predecessor's letter and the Order of Government regarding the capture of Teroomala Reddy's companion in 1859.

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

Ed. T. McMootry.

Petition received 19th Aug. 1863
" " 14th Aug. 1863
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" 29th May " No. 257 258.
" 22d " " No. 177 178
" 23d Aug. 1862 No. 252 253.
" 17th March 1859 No. 19 20.
" 12th Feb. 1856 No. 51 52
" 11th Sept. 1855 No. 7 8.

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From
The Asst. Govt. of Salem
To
The Chief Secy. to the
Govt. of Fort St. George
Dated 24th October 1863
Read 27th "
No. 377
No. 2355

Enclosures None

Begs to notice that one Veerasawmy Naick who appears to have captured one Teroomalla Reddy claims payment of the reward of Rs. 75 as stated to be proclaimed and informs this proceedings in the matter as well as submits on the general question of Rewards that the sum should be paid by the Magistrate and not as a Jail charge.

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Items. 3

It appears that no specified sum was ever offered as a reward for the capture of the escaped convict Teroomale Reddy. The Straits Govt. only offered Rs 10 & the Govr. in their letter from the Govt. of that Settlement merely communicated the letter to the Magte. of Madras & the Inspector General of Jails, but it seems to have been understood at the time that the persons apprehending Teroomale Reddy and his companion would receive the usual reward (of Rs 50) paid on the apprehension of escaped convicts.

T. R's companion Lingoo Bostan was apprehended in 1859. & that sum (Rs 50) paid to his captures by the then Inspector of Madras after a reference to Govt. as to whether the latter were entitled to the 10 Rs. offered by the Straits Govt. also.

G.O. 21st Dec. 1859.

The same amount was offered to Petitioner by his Employer for the capture of Teroomale Reddy, but was refused

by him probably because he had been proven a certificate by the Schneider of Swindon declaring him to be entitled to reward of £175. Though Petitioner thought that sum too, insufficient & appealed to Govt for more -

May 29/63. The G.O. calling for explanation in the matter caused Mr Lediard to make further enquiries which resulted in his reporting that no specific reward has been offered by the Magistracy, & that he considered that the arresting shd be paid by his dept but that the usual reward should be given by the Inspector General of Jails to whom he had referred the Petitioner -

G.O. July 28th 1863 Govt accepted this explanation & passed no further orders on the Petition -

Petitioner was referred or himself applied by

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mistake to the Insp. Genl of Police, & not getting his money there applied again to Govt - upon which I sent him the endorsement telling him it was the Insp. Genl of Police, not of Police who was to pay the reward & in order to prevent further appeals or disputes, named the amount. viz Rs 50 -

Rs 50. is all that Petitioner is entitled to receive & the delay has to a certain extent arisen from his not accepting it at first Mr Lediard would have paid him that sum in Jany 1862. He omitted to report more however by a Govt Official whether before or after Tirumala Reddy's capture does not appear, & though he himself did not alter in the matter for more than a year, the delay in making the payment for the last six months does not seem to rest with the disputes as to who should pay it - J.

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Ld. Lovelace had given with the case on receipt of the first endorsement, referred to Mr. Clarke's letter & the J.G. on the capture of the other man (which he has not done even now) the matter would have been disposed of & the money paid at once.

Considering that Teroomala Reddy was a twice escaped convict for life Govt. may perhaps see a special case in giving [illegible] to the Rs. 75, &. he has somehow or other been led to expect!

As to the Department by which the reward should be paid, the first reward was paid without question by the late magistrate; & it seems clear, as Mr. Clarke says, that the present & similar rewards should be paid by that Department.

The Insp. Genl. of Jails had nothing whatever to do with the convicts after they had been once transported.

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" Insp. General of Police } Desp. 8th
" Magistrates of the several Districts } desp. 8th
" Accountant-General } desp. 8th

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Dated 3rd December 1863

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