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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23rd March 1863.*

No. 155. Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Magistrate, Vizagapatam; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 13th March 1863, No. 72.

I returned with the Superintendent of Police to this place, from our tour in Jeypore, on Saturday the 7th instant. During the Superintendent's absence, Lieutenant Gordon, his Assistant, has been in charge of the Police at head-quarters; and when we were within two or three marches of Vizagapatam, a report was received from this Officer, stating that for some few days past there had been considerable ill-feeling between the Police and the Sepoys of the Native Regiment here (the 31st), originating as he believed at some Native festival, at which the Police were present to keep order; that he had reported it to the Colonel, but had still reason to feel uneasy about it.

2. On the day following (Sunday) at 9 o'clock in the evening I received a report from the Sub-Magistrate, that there had been a collision between the two parties, and that the town was in a disturbed state in consequence. I immediately set out from Waltair, which is three or four miles from Vizagapatam, and on the way I fell in with the Superintendent of Police, who was coming up to my house with a Deputy Constable, whose head had been broken in the encounter, and a certain Bheestie, a householder in the town, whose house had been stormed and the inmates severely handled by the Sepoys, while searching for this same Deputy Constable, who, it seems, was known to lodge there.

3. I took depositions on the spot from these two complainants and proceeded to the town with Major Buck. Every thing was perfectly quiet by this time. The Adjutant of the Regiment had posted guards all round the Sepoy lines, and the Assistant Superintendent of Police had patrols judiciously posted to protect the principal streets. The danger in these cases always is lest the Chucklers, Pariahs, Fishermen and other low classes should seize the occasion of a panic to loot the bazars.

4. It was late at night before I returned, and early on Monday morning I waited on the General, and asked that the Sepoys off duty might be paraded that day at 5 o'clock in view to the identification of any concerned in the affair.

5. Seven men were accordingly identified by the Bheestie, and seven by the Deputy Constable.

6. The next day, Tuesday the 10th, was a holiday on account of the Prince of Wales.

7. On Wednesday the 11th, I commenced and concluded the investigation of the first case, and committed the accused to the Sessions Court of Chicacole on a charge of "breaking into a house, having made preparation to cause hurt." At my request they will be forwarded under a Regimental guard instead of in charge of Police.

8. Yesterday and to-day I have been occupied with the Deputy Constable's complaint, which has been rather tedious owing to each Sepoy calling several of his comrades to prove an alibi.

9. I have convicted five of assault, and released two. These five it was my intention to have committed to rigorous imprisonment, but I changed it to a fine on its being represented to me by the Adjutant that the men had heretofore borne excellent characters and that a sentence of hard labor would entail their dismissal from the ranks of the Army.

10. There are eight other Constables in Hospital with contusions, as appears from the original Certificate of the Civil Surgeon, herewith submitted; but the town is now perfectly quiet. The Major General has ordered an Officer to sleep in the lines, and if the next week passes without any collision, I anticipate no further disturbance. The Constables in Hospital profess themselves unable to identify their assailants, but some complaints chiefly of harsh and irritating conduct, are now being made by the Colonel of the Regiment against certain Policemen, which Major Buck is investigating, in view to final disposal by himself or commitment to a Magistrate as the case may be.

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This is to certify that I have examined the undermentioned individuals and found that they have received injuries as marked opposite their names.

Deputy Constable, No. 1,054, Chetti Nagana. Blow on the left temple (severe) and several bruises about the body.

Deputy Constable, No. 412, Judul Valey. Severe blow on the left eye-brow.

Constable, No. 168, Venkatsawmy. Severe blow on head, and dislocation of Index finger of right hand.

Constable P. Seettiah, No. 44. Two severe blows on head, one on the back, and other in the left foot.

Constable, No. 127, Mahomed Yacoob. Several severe blows all over the body.

Constable, No. 105, Mahomed Jaffee. Severe blow on the left eye-brow.

Constable, No. 101, Shaik Daved. Slight bruises about the body.

Constable, No. 31, Shaik Hyath. Several bruises about the body.

VIZAGAPATAM,

9th March 1863.

(Signed) CHARLES. A. ANDREWS,

Civil Surgeon.

No. 156.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1863, No. 463.

The Acting Magistrate states that previous to the occurrence of the affray reported in the foregoing letter, the Assistant Superintendent of Police reported to the Officer Commanding the 31st Regiment the ill-feeling which existed between the Sepoys of his Regiment and the Police. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires to be informed what steps were taken by the Commanding Officer to prevent the collision which eventually took place.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(Here enter 15th March 1863)

Order thereon 23rd March 1863 No. 463.

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To the Master of the *Magapaham*
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No. 463.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 23rd March 1903.

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