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Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 60. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 17th November 1864, No. 2368.

General Department.

I have the honor to report that the sum noted in the margin has been embezzled by the Inspector lately in charge of the Account Department of the District of Tanjore. Mr. Chinnery, the delinquent, has been successfully prosecuted and sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Rupees 966-6-9.

2. The defalcation occurred during the time Lieutenant Campbell acted as Superintendent of Police in Tanjore, and must be attributed to the orders of the Department having been set aside, and no proper check having been maintained. Had the Departmental rules been strictly acted up to, the embezzlement could not have occurred. Lieutenant Campbell is therefore, strictly speaking, responsible.

3. But there are considerations which lead me to solicit the lenient consideration of Government for this officer.

4. Mr. Chinnery was an officer of very old standing, of upwards of 20 years in the Revenue Service, in which he held posts of high trust and confidence—a practised Accountant, and a man who possessed peculiar tact in insinuating himself into the confidence of his superiors. His antecedents and personal manner were such as were calculated to throw a young officer off his guard; and he effectually managed to hoodwink more than one officer.

5. Lieutenant Warlow had temporary charge of the District before Lieutenant Campbell; and he, in direct contravention of the rules of the Department, which make the Head Quarter Inspector responsible for all accounts, &c., gave an order,* justly termed by the Session Judge, "the unfortunate order," which gave the opening for the irregularity. For he ordered that "the Head Quarter Inspector will not interfere with the Store Audit and Account Departments, &c., &c.," "and the key of the cash chest will always remain with the 2nd Office Inspector," who was Mr. Chinnery. Thus he practically exonerated the Head Quarter Inspector from all responsibility in regard to account. However, no defalcations have been traced during Lieutenant Warlow's time.

Dated 8th July 1863.

6. When Lieutenant Campbell took charge in October 1863, an irregular state of things had been inaugurated. Promoted from an Assistant Superintendentship, he was probably not intimately acquainted with the rules of the Department in regard to cash transactions, which are all conducted in the District Superintendent's Office. Mr. Chinnery managed to obtain Lieutenant Campbell's entire confidence. It was ingeniously abused by Mr. Chinnery.

7. The Government is aware that the District of Tanjore, at all times a most difficult one to manage, was sadly mismanaged by Captain Bates and Lieutenant Warlow;—crime of violence was very rife. Both officers were sent elsewhere, and Lieutenant Campbell placed in charge, with the special object of placing it under an active and earnest officer. He applied himself with great energy and marked

success to the suppression of crime, spent most of his time in hunting down gang robbers, and could consequently give little time to the supervision of his office work, or detect the irregularities of an astute swindler. Mr. Chinnery knew how to turn the inability to account.

8. Constant exposure and exertion brought on disease; and this able young officer had returned to Europe before the fraud came to light. And, under the circumstances, I think his case well deserving of the indulgent consideration of Government.

9. I request permission to write off the amount. It will be met from savings.

10. Lieutenant Warlow is likewise absent from India.

11. All officers have been warned to be careful in respect to their cash transactions, and the papers have been circulated for their instruction.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1864, No. 1749.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council sanctions the Inspector General's proposal that the sum, referred to, be written off.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Accountant General.

Ed, J. H, Burns.

Judicial Despatch

No. 2283.

From The Inspector General of Police.
Dated 17th Nov. 1864.

For Orders.

I think that under all the circumstances the sum may be written off. J. D. [illegible]

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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6 December 1866 No. 1749.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Governor in Council authorizes the sum referred to, to be written off.

To the Insp. Genl. of Police
— Civil Paymaster
— Accte General

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