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No. 234. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kotagherry, 30th November 1864, No. 2478.

I have the honor to submit a report by the Superintendent of Police of Krishna, bringing to favorable notice the good conduct of the Police in general during the late disastrous times at Masulipatam, and requesting special rewards for some of those who most ably supported his own devoted exertions.

Dated 25th November 1864.

2. I beg the sanction of the Government to give rewards recommended, as per margin. The others brought to notice, I propose rewarding to the extent of one month's pay, under the order* of Government noted in the margin. The whole will be paid from the Reward Fund provided in the Budget.

Mr. Inspector McNeil, 100 Rupees.
Head Constable Crowe, 50 ,,

* No. 1380, dated 23rd August 1862, J. D.

3. The useful services of Head Quarter Inspectors Venkatappia and Narraina Row, which are likewise noticed by the Magistrate, deserve acknowledgment.

4. Captain Fraser alludes, in paragraph 6, to the expression contained in Government Order* noted in the margin, to the effect that the Police had been much disorganized by losses, as having been misunderstood by the Force, as conveying censure. It has unquestionably given pain; but I doubt not that it is a mere misapprehension. The Magistrate writes: "I am sure no censure was intended by me, and I think not by Govern-"ment either. The Police were to the front as soon as any one else. No guard "was deserted; although, of course, some men were absent. Captain Fraser himself "slaved like a horse—too hard indeed, and I tried to check him fearing he would "knock-up. Venkatappia, the Head Quarter Inspector, Mr. McNeil, and Crowe par-"ticularly distinguished themselves from the first. Narraina Row too did very "good service. Indeed the whole Force worked well throughout. Mr. Inspector "Denson marched his men from Juggayahpett, in wonderfully short time." In short, I am able to assure the Government that the Police, as a body, did right good service. They lost, like their fellow towns-men, their all. Their lines were washed away. Nineteen men lost their lives in Masulipatam alone. Their families suffered yet more severely; but the men who survived rallied as soon as any other class; and order has been effectually kept on the whole. I trust that the service of the Police during this juncture will receive the acknowledgment of Government.

No. 1295, dated 14th November 1864.

From Captain W. M. FRAZER, Acting Superintendent of Police, Krishna District, to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; dated Masulipatam, 25th November 1864.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the officers as per margin, who, since the cyclone on the 1st instant, have rendered valuable aid in burying the dead, inducing comaties to open their shops, protecting the same while the rice was being sold, and removing and destroying unwholesome grain condemned by the Civil Surgeon and Magistrates.

Head Quarter Inspector Venkatappia.
Audit Inspector Narayana Row.
Town Inspector Mr. McNeill.
European Head Constable Mr. Crowe.
Head Constables Soobrahmanyam, Lakshminaswha Row, Narsing Bhau.
Deputy Constables Kareem Sahib, Shek Hussen, Venkataswamy.
1st Class Constables Poollayya, Sitaramoodoo, Madar Saheb.

2. Head Quarter Inspector Venkatappia was the first man I met on the morning of the 3rd, as Mr. Thornhill, Mr. Brandt, and myself left our house (during the 2nd there was so much water over the place, and it rained so heavily till evening, that nothing could be done that day). Soon after, we met the Audit Inspector Narayana Row. These officers were with us every day (when not otherwise employed burying the dead), affording us every assistance in their power, and rendered right good service, till office was resumed on the 11th instant, and they were obliged to return to their duty.

3. Town Inspector Mr. McNeill, and his European Head Constable Mr. Crowe were also to the front on the morning of the 3rd, notwithstanding that they and their families were driven from their houses, and lost nearly every thing they possessed during the cyclone. They have worked hard and well throughout, remaining with their working parties (forced labor guarded by our Constables) from sun rise till dark, the greater part of the time up to their middle in water surrounded by dead bodies and carcasses, the smell from which was something dreadful. This work was continued till the 15th, when all the dead (visible) were buried. These officers I consider deserving of great praise, and trust the Inspector General will bring their conduct to the notice of Government, with a view to their being rewarded. I would venture to suggest that Mr. McNeill receive Rupees 100, and Mr. Crowe Rupees 50.

4. The Heads, Deputies, and 1st Class Constables, already marginally noted, may, I trust, receive a reward of one month's pay.

5. Many of our 2nd Class Constables have behaved uncommonly well, and will be promoted to 1st Class.

6. It affords me great pleasure to state (which I believe I may do without boasting) that the Police as a body have rendered right good service. They were to the front from the commencement, and ably handled by their Inspectors and Station house officers; and when the Collector, Mr. Thornhill, and I visited what was the Treasury on the 3rd instant, there were our men, the cash chest all exposed, and one of the Sentries lying dead close by. The Jail guard also, with a few exceptions, stuck to their posts, and no irregularities have occurred. I mention this as it would appear, from the Government Order of the 14th instant, that we had been much disorganized, which I am glad to say was not the case, and much regret that the mistake has occurred, as many of our men feel it deeply; and I trust the Inspector General will do what he can to rectify it. I have the pleasure to add that the Collector, Mr. Thornhill, has expressed himself much pleased with the conduct of the Police throughout.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1864, No. 1838.

The Governor in Council notices with pleasure the terms of approbation in which the services of the Police, during the recent disasters at Masulipatam, are mentioned by the Inspector General.

2. The expression in the Proceedings of Government, 14th ultimo, No. 1295, viz., that the Police had been much disorganized by the number of casualties in the Force, which was based on the Magistrate's Report of the 4th idem, was in no way intended to convey a censure. An assurance to this effect will be communicated to Captain Fraser, and to the men employed under him.

3. The Governor in Council sanctions, as recommended, the grant of rewards of Rupees 100 and Rupees 50 to Mr. Inspector McNeil and Head Constable Crowe, respectively, and approves of the manner in which it is proposed to recognize the

services of the other Police Officers, named in the margin of paragraph 1 of the Acting Superintendent's letter of the 25th ultimo.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Madras Police.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Accountant General.
" Magistrate of the Krishna District.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police (Received 30th November 1838 No 3247)

Fort St. George 21st December 1838.

The Governor in Council notices with pleasure the terms of approbation in which the services of the Police during the recent disaster at Ramnad are mentioned by Inspector General.

2 The expression in the proceedings of Government, 16th Ultimo No 1296, viz. that the Police had been much disorganized by the numerous casualties in the force, which was based on the Magistrate's report of the 4th idem, was in no way intended to convey

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a circular and assurance to this effect will be communicated to Captain Fraser and to the men employed under him.

3 The Governor in Council sanctions, as recommended, the grant of rewards of Rs. 100 and Rs. 50 to Mr. Inspector McNeil and Head Constable Crowe respectively and approves of the manner in which they professed to recognize the services of the other men named in the margin of para 1 of the Acting Superintendent's letter of the 25th Ultimo.

To the Inspector General of Police
Civil Paymaster
Asst General
Magistrate of the Central District
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