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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
26th May 1864.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 217. From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th April 1864, No. 50.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government noted in the margin, and herewith forward the statements of Tiroovengada Charry, and of two others named respectively Goroosawmy Naidoo and Singara Moodelly who are said by Tiroovengada to be the only persons alive, who can speak to the payment of money to Mr. A. H. Clarke for situations or promotion. Mr. Clarke's statement, and those of two other persons who were examined are also forwarded.

Judicial Department, 14th March 1864, No. 359.

2. Immediately on receiving copy of the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department regarding this matter, I went to the Stamp Office, but did not succeed in procuring any information which could be made

Revenue Department, 24th February 1864, No. 336.

use of as evidence. My next step was to examine Tiroovengada Charry, and the two persons named by him as witnesses.

3. It will be seen that both of these men have denied all knowledge of the transactions described by Tiroovengada, and that the only evidence in support of the charge consists in the possession by him of a Promissory Note for 200 Rupees executed by Mr. Clarke in January 1856, to one C. Ragava Charry now deceased. One hundred Rupees of this sum is admitted to have been re-paid by Mr. Clarke, but Tiroovengada asserts that the balance, including interest was subsequently discharged by him in part payment for his promotion, which according to an understanding between him and Mr. Clarke was to cost 250 Rupees. Tiroovengada afterwards explained that he had derived his information regarding the amount from one Ramasawmy Pillay since dead.

4. There are not any witnesses either to the Promissory Note, or to the re-payment of the money, but the document itself being authentic, its possession by Tiroovengada requires explanation, and in calling upon Mr. Clarke for a reply, I specially directed his attention to that point, and also required him to give a statement of every pecuniary transaction he might have had with Tiroovengada directly or indirectly, or through him with any third person.

5. I have ascertained that one C. Ragava Charry did occasionally reside in Triplicane as stated by Tiroovengada, but none of his family know anything about the loan, and his brother Parthasardy represents him as having been in bad circumstances, and unlikely to be able to lend money.

6. Mr. Clarke gave in his written statement on the 31st March, and on the 2nd instant he informed me that certain admissions which would tell in his favor had been made by Tiroovengada to Somasoondra Chetty, a Clerk in the Collector's Office, whom he requested me to examine. I procured the attendance of the said Somasoondrum on the 5th instant, and send his statement along with the other papers, but I cannot see that the expressions said to have been made use of by Tiroovengada are inconsistent with his version of the facts attendant on the loan.

7. The death of Ragava Charry and of the other persons who are said to have witnessed the several occurrences spoken to by Tiroovengada render it difficult to come to any certain conclusion as to the truth of the accusation, and were it not that this report would be otherwise incomplete, I should refrain from offering any opinion. My own conviction regarding one point is very strong. I cannot help believing that the money was in reality lent by Tiroovengada, and that the name of Ragava Charry was entered in the Promissory Note merely as a blind. My reasons for this belief are as follow :—

I. The poverty of Ragava Charry and his apparent inability to have made any such loan.

II. Tiroovengada states he was not liable to Ragava Charry for Mr. Clarke in any way. His pretended fear that Ragava Charry would sue him on the Note jointly with Mr. Clarke appears unworthy of credit.

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III. Mr. Clarke has no recollection of the loan, or of any such person as Ragava Charry. It is not easy to understand how a man could borrow a sum exceeding his salary without remembering something about the matter; either the person of the lender, or whether the money borrowed had been re-paid. He suggests that he must have paid the balance, and forgot to take back the Note, but this, although not impossible, is by no means probable.

8. It does not appear that Tiroovengada ever pressed Mr. Clarke for payment upon the Note, and the statements he made in Court were not spontaneous, but elicited on cross-examination by the Prisoner's Counsel. There is no reason for supposing him to be actuated by bad motives, nor any grounds for imputing to him a wilfully false accusation, and I cannot but believe that he did pay money upon Mr. Clarke's account—whether for some definite and specific benefit, or simply in order to secure his general good will, it is not easy to determine.

9. Tiroovengada stated before me that 250 Rupees were paid for his admission into the office, and a similar sum for subsequent promotion. This does not agree with the account of his confession as given in paragraph 5 of the Advocate General's letter published with the Proceedings of Government, dated 14th March 1864, but the discrepancy may be susceptible of explanation.

10. Mr. Clarke's testimonials to character are herewith enclosed.

No. 218. Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.

Concurring with the Board that further inquiry on their part with reference to Mr. A. Clarke of the Police Commissioner's office would now be useless. (Dated 18th May 1864, No. 856.)

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1864, No. 755.

The Governor in Council considers the statement made by Mr. A. H. Clarke with reference to the note-of-hand which has been produced by Teroovengada Charry to be very unsatisfactory, but before passing final orders in the case he directs that the Commissioner of Police will place before Mr. Clarke the deposition given by Teroovengada Charry and the other persons who have been examined by him, intimating to Mr. Clarke that he is at liberty to offer any further remarks with reference to them that he may deem proper. The Commissioner will also place before Mr. Clarke the accompanying statements given by Singaram Moodelly and Valoo Moodelly before the late Mr. Norfor and in which Mr. Clarke's name is mentioned.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police, with original enclosures,
and two additional statements returned.

Pro: 152.153
14.3.64

Exd. T. O'Connor.

8 Feb 1864
Teroovengada Charry - Clerk
Accountant Salary Rs 50 Office

How do you account for
Govindoor up to the day
all that you told me he had
said to you regarding the
purchase and pay may
for goods brought for him
at Auction

I have told you that
I heard from the man on
my being asked by you regarding
a review or heard of the Office
affairs - I still adhere
to my statement of what I
heard from him Teroovengadachary
Witness
Disapproving

When you heard the statement
you say you heard from Govin
dangish why did you not
report it to me. It was
only during or after the James
Hillings that I heard it
Teroovengadachary
Witness
Disapproving

Valoo Mood^r Examined 9th February 1861
Statement of the Valoo 250 Rs salary

Singaram told me that he had brought
Terooyadachary into the Office as Translator on a salary
of 250 Rs. On receiving from him 250 Rs. from that sum
he paid 200 Rs. to Mr. Clarke the remaining 50 Rs.
was divided between himself and Geroosdary
as agreed by them. Geroosdary I think is now
in jail on account of certain offences at the Gazette Press
The above passed more than 2 months ago on the
same day when he took me in his carriage. At the
same time he told me that a few days after
Terooyadachary was employed in the Office having the
Terooyadachary asked Mr. Clarke who if he
received 200 or 250 Rs. - Mr. Clarke said he received
only 200 Rs. - No enquiry was made of Singaram on
the subject of 50 Rs. - When Terooyadachary's
salary was increased to 300 Rs. he settled with the
Mr. Clarke himself. The above was told me
by Singaram in his carriage on the day above mentioned.
A few days before Christmas Singaram also told
me that he has paid 200 Rs. to Mr. Terao when
he got his brother employed in the Office -
At the same time Singaram told me that one
or two people are about to be pensioned in the Office
I will put my nephew in one of the places for which
I will have to pay 200 Rs. to Mr. Terao - Again

Singaram said on the same day ~~regarding~~
likes me very much and that he will do every
thing for me - I will not pay Mr. Lucas 200.
however Mr. Lucas might object - I will pay
him 100 Rs. - the remaining 100 Rs. I will buy a
fine ring and present to the Suplt. Mr. Norfor
Besides this, Singaram said that before Christmas
Singaram he would take some presents to Mr. Norfor.
before he leaves Madras for the Hills, and on
many occasions Singaram told me that he had
received from many other persons employed in the
Office large sums of money and he had given
them to Mr. Lucas.

Kishore told me that Puthuram told him
that he had paid Singaram 60 Rs. for his situation
out of that sum Singaram had paid 50 Rs. to Mr.
Lucas the remaining 10 Rs. kept by himself.
Kishore also told me that Puthuram told him
Kishore Marutham also paid 70 Rs. yesterday
evening Kishore told me all the people in
the Office said you will get an increase
in this Office unless you roll the money and
present it to Mr. Lucas in the morning or evening
wh. he is smoking in his house. Then

you will get increase - It was about
2 weeks ago that Singaram showed me the
correspondence regarding his brother's admission
into the Stamp Office - He told me that he
had given the Suplt. an application of his own
for the acting place of Mr. E. Lucas absent on
sick leave - but Mr. Norfor had told him
that he wanted some truths which must be
explained - The Suplt. has asked him how
many relations he had in the Office ~~that~~
that he said he had his brother and there
were some others who were simply his cattle people
On the following day he showed me the correspondence
regarding his brother's admission into the Stamp
Office - After the Suplt. had addressed the
Board regarding increase of pay for Ramayyalar -
Singaram told me that Ramayyalar had lent large
sums of money to Mr. Lucas and that therefore
he has been recommended for promotion.
Kishore

I say also that Singaram told me that he
had presented a Coach to Mr. Clarke when
he was first appointed in the Stamp Office.
Kishore

Heard from Singuram in the presence of
Narainaswamy to the following effect - I
was sitting at my desk - Narayan was sitting
on the ground near me working - Singuram
came to my desk and said to me - Brother
if this man pointing out at Narainaswamy had
taken my advice before - he would have
got better pay by this time - I then asked
Narainaswamy why did you not take the ^{Man's}
advice - he remained quite - After Singuram
went away from my place, Narainaswamy told me
that Singuram wanted 200 Rs for to put me in
my brother's place.

Witness
To Oppose

U. Singuram Moori 9 Feb 1946 12
Stamping Clerk Salary Rs 45
I did tell Valo Moori that there was a talk that
Serovindachary has paid to Mr A H Clarke Rs 200
for his situation. I said that people said that there
was another 50 Rs that I was blamed for cutting part
of it. I did not tell Valo Moori that when Serovinda-
chary's pay was increased to 50 Rs, settled with Mr
Clarke in person - The above passed within a month
from the present time. I did not tell Valo that it
was impossible to get on in this world without
paying for situations that I did tell him there
are hard days - formerly that there was no examination
they were good here is my nephew - he is studying
for examination who is going up for his examination
I did not tell Valo Moori that I have paid to
Mr Lucas 200 Rs for getting my brother employed
in the Postal Department of this Office but I told
him about 3 weeks ago I showed Valo the
Correspondence regarding the transfer of my brother
from Mr Cardozo's Office to this Office - I told
him also that there are also some accusations
in the Office that I paid something for my brother's
admittance. It is 3 years ago I do not recollect
who said so. I did not tell Valo that Raynor
had lent large sums of money to Mr Lucas I did
tell Valo that I had applied for the acting

Appointment of W & Lucia that he
told Valos both before and after I had appeared
I did not give a Coach to Mr Clarke when
I was first appointed in the office -
M. Singar

One day when the Supple was absent Naramsing
in opening the papers for the Prefman left 2 sheets
partially unopened whereby both sheets were
stamped through at the golded part I showed
them to the Assistant Mr Lucia who said he would
give me fresh sheets in lieu - I showed the spoiled
stamps to Valos - and said that this man has not had
his pay stopped - If W & Lucia had been here
he would have had good stoppages - Even now he
does not take my word and do his work properly
I do not know any thing about the statement made
by Naramsing that I wanted 200 Rs from him
M. Singar

History
to opposing

Encls No 1 to letter
No 1418 of 7-12-73

Madness to
bit.

The statement of Naramsing of Singapore, taken
this 4th day of March 1884, before me the undersigned
which reads Naramsing's oath as follows. After the
last Christmas holidays Mr. Naramsing called me into his
room, and asked what I knew of the mail practices in
the office. I told him I could not tell him anything -
that there were only rumors about the present state of the
office. He asked if I had not paid anything to any one -
I said I had not. That there was no occasion for me to do
so. He then asked about my last promotion in 1857. I
said that I paid the then then 250 Rupees, but not
all to him direct. That I had cleared his debts, and
then paid him the difference. I also told him that I
paid the same for 250 Rupees in 1855 for admission
into the Stamp Office as a higher rate of pay than I
had been receiving in the Collector's Office. At the same
time said that these statements could not be proved
on account of the length of time which had elapsed,
and of the secrecy of the transactions.

By the changes made Mr. H. Clarke. The
first payment made was in 1855. It was made
this proceeding similar manner in account of
the former Post office, and this one Singapore should
be in the Stamp Office. They acted as distributors.
I do not remember to which of them I paid the money.
I paid it in the Post Office outside the Office.

It was understood that the money was to be paid to
Mr. Clarke. The payment took place about the
middle of June. Two or three months afterwards Mr.
Clarke took me into a separate room and asked
how much I had paid. I told him. He said he
had only received 200 Rupees, and that 50 Rupees had
been taken by Singapore. From this I
inferred

* This was an example
between former and
Singapore and was
a few days before
the payment. My
brother said the
money was for
Mr. Clarke.

J. J.

that forsovery had nothing to do with the matter as far as regarded Mr. Clarke. I cannot remember whether I was a Clerk in the Stamp Office, or in the Collectors Office where I paid the money. I joined the Stamp Office in the beginning of July. The suggestion that I should pay money from forsovery Kaidos who was then employed in the Fort Church. He asked if I was ready to pay money if he should treat for a situation for me. His particular Office was then mentioned. In January 1858 Mr. Clarke asked me to send him money. I sent one C. Rogers Chang who deposed to send him 200 Rupees. I have produced Mr. Clarke's note of hand for that sum dated 9th January. Mr. Clarke repaid 100 Rupees on the 15th Sept. 1858. I paid that sum to Rogers Chang. In 1857 I paid the remaining sum due on the note of hand to Rogers Chang together with the interest, and got possession of the note. This was subsequent to my promotion to my present post. Nothing passed between me and Mr. Clarke on the subject in words, but it was understood that he was to pay him 250 Rupees for my promotion. After paying off the balance of the note as stated I paid Mr. Clarke the difference between the said balance and the 250 Rupees. I paid this to one Ramasamy Pillay a Concofy in the Stamp Office since dead. With the exception of Suganes Mondilly and

forsovery Kaidos there is not any one alive who can give evidence to these transactions.

When I said that I feared that forsovery Kaidos had nothing to do with the matter as far as regarded Mr. Clarke I only meant that he was not present when the money was paid to him by Suganes.

It was from Ramasamy Pillay I understood that Mr. Clarke wanted 250 Rupees, and therefore paid it by two instalments between me and Mr. Clarke.

With the exception of the note of hand above mentioned I have paid off any debts incurred by Mr. Clarke.

J. Teroorungadachary

Taken before me this
4th day of March 1864.

J. M. L. O.
S.P.

The said Teroorungadachary being sworn, deposes that on the 3rd day of March 1864, under further oath, when Mr. Clarke spoke to me at Christmas time, he said he had heard much of the mail functions in the office, and that he was concerned. He did not say who his informants were.

Taken before me this
5th day of March 1864.

J. M. L. O.
S.P.

J. Teroorungadachary

1864
 J. T. Irons
 45th Street
 New York

The above mentioned Irons was being received
 This 28 day of March 1864 with further as follows -
 These produce The promissory note granted by Mr.
 A. H. Clarke to C. Nguyen a Ching which I mentioned in
 my former statements. The note of indebtedness on the
 back thereof is in my hand writing. I believe that
 Nguyen Ching House or Village name was "Comandor".
 He used to be called "Palliersey". He lived in
 South America about 1850. He died some four
 or five years ago. He was formerly employed as a
 forerunner in some Missouri's Court. This was twenty
 years back. He had no employment when in replacement.
 I did not introduce Nguyen a Ching to Mr. Clarke.
 One day Ching called into of the Office by some way
 telling / was dead / and I found Nguyen a Ching
 outside. He came to me that he would send
 the money to Mr. Clarke if I recommended it.
 I said he might do so. It was a kind of
 verbal treaty. I did not agree to receive the money
 from Mr. Clarke. I afterwards begged Mr. Clarke
 to repay the money because Nguyen a Ching threatened
 to sue me for the debt long with the Mr.
 Clarke. Nguyen a Ching left a few moments
 Irons was Ching. He is 17 or 18 years of age.

Taken before me This } J. T. Irons
 28 Day of March 1864 }
 J. T. Irons
 J. P. O. P.

Medians to
bit.

The statement of forswearing sailors at present a
Committee in the Legislature taken this 5th day of April
1864, which said forswearing sailors were as follows.

I have known Irving a dasher of the Stamp Office for about 15 years. He was my friend - He used to come and ask if I could get him a situation. He was then in the Collectors Office. He wanted a better situation than that.

This cannot have been short of 7 or 8 years ago. At this time I knew there was a situation of 25 papers vacant in the Stamp Office. I told him I was going to apply for the same to the Civil Auditor. He did so, and was appointed. I do not know whether he paid anything for the place. I was acquainted with Lyman Marshall of the Stamp Office.

I had money transactions with Niwonggadachung before he was appointed to the Stamp Office. I never received any money from him to be paid to any one as a gratification for procuring a situation. I do not know of money having been paid at any time for situations in the Stamp Office. I never saw Niwonggadachung pay money to Sujana Chaudhally. I know Mr. A. H. Clarke formerly Manager in the Stamp Office. I do not know of his ever having received money from any one on account of a situation in the Stamp Office. I never even heard of his having received money for such a transaction.

Taken before me this
5-day of March 1884

*James
Es.*

George Town

Musters to
6th.

The statement of Mr. Sington ^{4th} ~~last~~ ^{5th} taken this 5th day of March 1864, which said Sington ~~last~~ ^{5th} is as follows. I am employed in the Stamp Office as a Stamp at 45 Rupees a month. I entered the Office in 1858. I know Dironyagade Ching at present under suspension. I have received any money from him or from forgoing similar to be paid to Mr. H. H. Clarke for a situation. He will know anything of money having been paid to any one in the Office for such a purpose. There is a true copy in the Stamp Office named Taylor absolutely who was lately brought into the Office by Mr. Sington. About a month ago the said Taylor asked me about Dironyagade Ching, and whether he had paid any bribe for his situation. I told him I did not know, but that I should formally hand it over that money had been paid to some one in the Office. I handed this about a month after Dironyagade Ching entered the Office. I cannot say where I handed it. I never told Taylor that I had been the witness through which the money had been paid, or that I knew anything about it of my own knowledge. He pretends I did, and told Mr. Sington so. It is quite true. Taylor formerly had 50 Rupees of staff-puffing. He now only receives 25 in the Office. He never was to take any business, and wishes to get rid of me.

M. Sington room

Taken before me this
5th day of March 1864

J. M. Sington

J. P.

5 March 1864.
Sington.
J. M. Sington

Commander Parthasarathy being examined this 4th day of April 1864
with the following. I had an elder brother named Rajaraj Chetty.
He died in my House at Triplicane about three years
ago - He had not any House or property - He generally
lived at Chittambaram with his maternal uncle Parthasarathy
Rajaraj was also his Father in Law. He performed my
brother's funeral ceremonies as I had not the means.

My brother used to come to Madras every now and then.
He always put up at my House - He had not any
money to my knowledge - I never heard of his sending money.
About twenty years ago he was employed as farashdar in
a Munnick's Court. He gave up his situation and never
held any other afterwards. I am employed in the Office of
the Controller of Military Finance on a salary of twenty five
Rupees a month. I am acquainted with Minerva Chetty
of the Stamp Office - My brother Rajaraj Chetty also knew
him - I never heard that my brother had any dealings
with him, or that he ever lent him money.

in before me this
day of April 1864

P. Parthasarathy

J.M.S.M.

Govt. of India &
J.P.

Commander Parthasarathy further with the following - My
family name is Parthasarathy. I have always signed as
P. Parthasarathy from Pullacore which is my village.

P. Parthasarathy

J.M.S.M.
P.P.

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As a public servant of upwards
of 23 years standing and of habits of
unimpeachable integrity I cannot refrain
from bringing you into exposure to the
indignity of throwing a charge in the case
connected with the Stamp Office, tried at
the late Session at the High Court.

It is alleged that he "swore" to Chang that he had paid me a sum of 250 Shapies for his position, in addition to about 300 Shapies paid to "them on my request."

In February 1846 was appointed
 by Mr. L. C. Thompson, then Auditor and
 Superintendent of Stamp, as an Examiner
 in the Audit Office, and in the year 1846
 the Office of Manager of the Stamp
 Department was conferred on me by the
 same gentleman, and to the best of my
 recollection the Hon. J. Cassinella change
 was introduced in the Stamp Office in
 the year 1846. The delay of Paper 25
 per Madison was about 4 years
 ago and I have no hesitation in stating
 that I have no personal knowledge
 and have directly or indirectly, or through
 any other person, no knowledge of the
 matter.

Memorandum
of
the
5th

S. Somasundaram Chetty being examined this 5th day of April 1884 under oath as follows - I am 2nd Clerk in the English Dept. in the Collector's Office. I have formerly held appointments in the Stamp Office on 70 Rupees a month. I have in the past been Chetty Chettiar's clerk. I know Mr. H. H. Clarke when he was in the Stamp Office, and also for some years before that time.

I am in the habit of going to see him occasionally. Last Wednesday night / 30 March / I went to his house on my way home from the Office at Saidapett -

I asked him what had become of his business, mentioning the change which was made by Government's change.

He then informed me that Tiruvengadam had put in a certain promissory note, the amount of which he said he had paid to Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Clarke also said he did not know how Tiruvengadam could have come into possession of the note. Upon this I informed Mr. Clarke that sometime about the end of 1882 Tiruvengadam had told me he was in possession of a promissory note of Mr. Clarke's upon which no money was due, but that it was in his power to call upon him to pay the amount although such a proceeding would not be just. I asked him where he had got the note. He did not give me any direct answer, merely saying that he had it. He did not give me any further information regarding it. This was the only conversation I had with him on the subject. I did not inform Mr. Clarke of what had passed. He had quitted the Office at that time.

Taken before me this }
5th day of April 1884 }
S. Somasundaram Chetty
J. Wilson
S.P. & P.

Judge Foster's Office
 22-17-1864

The following

Investigating

Committee

Chicago

Wm. H. Clark

C. Sullivan

Comm. on

Sanitary

March 1864

1864
 Wm. H. Clark

Recd letter from Comm. of Police
 April 1864
 Re: 1st Sec. Revue
 Order from 26 May 1864
 The former in Council
 the statement made by
 W. H. Clark with reference to
 the sale of house which has been
 purchased by J. J. Sullivan
 though it is very unsatisfactory
 but before making final
 order in the case he directs
 that the Commission of
 Police will place before
 the Clerk the deposition
 given by J. J. Sullivan
 and the other witnesses who
 have been examined in this
 case and he is at liberty
 to make any further remarks

February 1864

Wm. L. H. J. Miller
Superintendent of Police

Mr. Andrus

A. J. Schmitt

Dr. Geo. Zander
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Deposits upon the Shares

Wm. A. Clark

his father's death when he

the stock office.

DATE 20 Apr 1954.

Dec 2nd 1878

To Order
Subscribed.

1. Statement of the facts
1. Statement of the facts

with a promise to show that he was
 doing properly. Mr. Jones will also place
 before his class the accompanying
 statements of his
 friends & neighbors & will
 & value his work as
 the best in his class
 in which his teacher's name

26. Oct 1874
 1874-1875

To the Governor of Laplace
with eight hundred and 2
3000 dollars to (volume) District 26
1812 26/5