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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
4th June 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 46. Petition from MAHOMED CAWN, late private of the 18th Regiment N. I.
(Here enter 12th April 1864.)

No. [illegible] Letter from the Adjutant General.
(Here enter 20th May 1864, No. 356.)

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1864, No. 823.

The Governor in Council considers that the petitioner has been sufficiently rewarded for the information which he gave in the matter of the robbery of the Cannanore Cash Chest by the reward of Rupees 195 which has been disbursed to him, and declines to grant him any further reward. The Commander-in-Chief has expressed his opinion that petitioner is not deserving of a pension from the Government, and in this opinion the Government concur.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
„ Adjutant General, for communication to Mahomed Cawn,
late Private of the 18th Regiment, M. N. I.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

From The Dep. Adjutant General

To The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir,

With reference to the Petition from Mahomed Cawn late Private in the 8th Regiment N.I. dated 12th Ultimo, referred to this Department on the 2d Instant, I have the honor by order to state for the information of Government that when the Proceedings on this Man's trial were laid before the Commander in Chief, His Excellency directed that he should be re-instated in his Regiment, the Sentence of the Court being too severe for the Offence, considering the Man's length of Service - But on this decision being communicated to the Commanding Malabar and Canara, Mahomed Cawn's Conduct with reference to the Cash Chest Robbery at Cannanore was brought to notice and His Excellency's Order was suspended pending the result of the enquiry into that Case -

2. In bringing into consideration Mahomed Cawn's connection with the disgraceful Robbery above mentioned, Sir Hope Grant is of opinion, that the Petitioner has forfeited all claim on the Government on account of his Military Service, and is undeserving of a Pension

3. Regarding the Petitioner's appeal to be granted the full Reward held out by the Police, the Commander in Chief does not offer an Opinion, this seems to be a matter for consideration in the Judicial Department -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant

[signature] Lt Col
Dep: Adjutant General

Adjt. Genl's Office
Fort St George
20th May 1864

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To

His Excellency
Sir Wm J. Denison K.C.B.
Governor in Council
Fort St. /

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The humble Petition of Manom
late Private No 1076 No 5 Co. 18th Regt. N.I.

Humbly Sheweth.

That I have served in the 18th Regiment
24 years with "Good Conduct," in proof of which I have obtained
Good Conduct Badges, and its pay 2 Rupees monthly, and was in re-
ceipt of it for the last 8 years, Viz. 2 Class 4 years, and 1st Class 4 years,
m[illegible]orably maintained it for a long time, and did my duties so
diligently and correctly.-

2 That in or about April or May 1863 on a night on my
return from the Barracks at about 9 O'Clock P.M. I took shel
the outer Veranda of Havildar Sungely's house, as it was raining, I
overheard a conversation in the house between himself, Havildar
Letchmiah and Private Ghoolam Moodeen of a treacherous [illegible]
was to be carried out in the Pay Office, I entered in and wishe
to take me a partner in the act, upon my oath they admitted me
in consequence of my having overheard the conversation, afterwards
they kept informing me further proceedings of their [illegible]
time as far as- that the Jemadar Ramah of the P[illegible]

the figure of War and [illegible] it was made, and they were
[illegible] endeavouring to make a Key, after a [illegible] and they told me
the Ironmonger was not content to make the Key to [illegible] back as [illegible]
[illegible] made it appear to me, as if they entirely left tha[illegible]
I very much doubted their assertion, and I was
[illegible]ch of further proceedings.

3 Hereabouts to my doubt and just as I expected some
[illegible] on July 1863 a Proclamation was made by the beat of
Tom Tom in the Cantonment, and a Regimental Parade was
in my Corps and proclaimed that a Reward of 500 [illegible]es wo
[illegible] Individual who may give information as to
of 12,00[illegible] Rupees lost in the Pay Office.
4 [illegible] drawn from that [illegible] I met the above three
[illegible]s together in the Lines, when I told them, "I know you
are the persons that did this act, as you have endeavoured to get a
[illegible] made to fit the Cash Chest, I will report this to the Commanding
[illegible] and get the reward promised"; they totally denied, and the
[illegible] I told him that he will report me stating that I have done the act
and [illegible] Hildars will come forward as evidences them having
[illegible] this [illegible] Evidences [illegible] to
[illegible]ict me; I then told them, that I will not interfere in the matter
and [illegible]ed to to pardon me for te[illegible]n that they have done
[illegible] this I have tried my utmost endeavours quietly to procure
[illegible] manner with a view to devulge this Conthiracy to my
[illegible] Officer the hope of getting the reward proclaimed.

While

5 While I was in the habit of going to [illegible] house
situated in the Tuckeya Bazar for the purpose of amusin
in the nights at my leasure hours when off duty accom
[illegible]ral other Privates, the above mentioned three Individ[illegible] having
held a grudge on me and fearing that I will in some
another bring their act to notice, and having no other all
of getting rid of me they instigated the Tuckeer to come t
to his house on a night with a Bludgeon and large k
6 Accordingly a fabulous accusation was bro
me by the Tuckeer /beggar/ in September 1863 the Charges
against me were as follo[illegible]
1st Charge. For [illegible] on the
12th September 1863 when on duty Contrary to Orders appearen
about or in the vicinity of the Tuckeya Bazar carryin
Bludgeon and large stick.
2d Charge For conduct to the prejudice of good
and Military discipline in having at Cannanore on the
same date as mentioned in the first Charge absented him
self from the lines of his Regiment without leave
Tattoo beating contrary to Section 13 para 33
Garrison Standing Orders.
7 Beg to state in defence of the first Charge
was totally false and groundless; had I [illegible] and a
carried a Bludgeon and large st[illegible] in the
night of the 12th September I should have [illegible] caught a
[illegible] three Thieves on the same night, and tried by a

next

; and further I should have thereby intended
to insure, or have injured somebody in the esteem of the Engineer,
[illegible] to use me [illegible] when not on duty.-

But on the 14th September 1863, the 2 day from the date
mentioned in the 1st Charge (12th Sept[illegible]) through the instigation of
a Private the [illegible] brought the false complaint
before the Adjutant, who soon me[illegible] Bayley, confined
and brought me before a Regimental Court Martial on the 18th Sept.
d discharged me unjustly, merely on the accusation of a
common beggar, stating that, "I was carrying a Bludgeon
and large Knife", simply upon the single evidence of another
[illegible] who was in the accensor's house; and further the Command-
ing [illegible]red me not to [illegible]are my appearance in the Com-
[illegible],

and a Stigmoa inserted in the Discharge Certificate,
that my Conduct was "Indifferent", which plainly designates
to be incorrect, being contrary to my having been in receipt of
"Good Conduct" Pay 1st Class undisturbedly up to my discharge,
this I leave to your Excellency's Consideration.

9 Had it been the fact that I carried a Bludgeon and
large knife on that night and if it was found true, then it should
be [illegible]d by two compelent Evidences even on that occasion my
[illegible] the 1st Class Good Conduct with its pay only ought to have
been t[illegible] awarded for 1 or 2 years, in accordance to the Rules laid
down in [illegible] and G.O.C.C. of April and May 1837, but contrary to this
[illegible] neglected to award the sentence in accordance to the
restriction, and discharged me at once after 24 years service with
Good Conduct, for no fault at all of the Military nature, when the com-
plaint was purely of the Civil one, even if it had been true or false.

10. Shortly after the Proclamation in July 1863. regarding the
theft of the Pay Office Havildar Singaley No 1 Co proceeded to
on leave for 4½ months, he belonged to a particular Cast of Dhers,
called "Cavel Carrah", besides he soon after the Proclamation was very
[illegible]sented himself from the Regiment, therefore his house in
was [illegible]amined by a Writ issued from the Civil Authorities, but
was found there, consequently he was escaped.

11. Although I was discharged unjustly, I awaited the arrival
of the Commander in Chief as it was then expected at Co
with a view to appeal for justice and also to report the cir
of the theft that had been carried on by the two Havildars an
Private jointly with the Peon of the Pay Office in 1863.

12. Before His Excellency's arrival at [illegible]anore a Pro-
clamation was made throughout the Cantonment and the City
of Cannanore by the Inspector General of Inland Police that
a Reward of 1000 Rs will be given to the individual who
inform and divulge the circumstances of the robbery of 13000 Rs
in the Pay Office, though he may be one of the robbers his offence
will be forgiven and he is authorized to be entitled to the [illegible]
out of the sum robbed; and further if he is in the Service
would be promoted.

13. Having heard of this Proclamation, without delaying
I personally went up to the Inspector General of Inland Police and
in relating the Conspiracy I named 4 persons
as marginally noted and requested that
Gentleman to confine them and search

× Hav[illegible] Letchmiah 1st Co 1st Regt
" Singaley " " "
No 1 Gholam Moodeen " " "
Pay Office Peon Ramah—

houses in the Lines and place Guards at the [illegible] while
I believed the [illegible] money was buried,

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ring-ground in all round the
d it a dow[illegible] morning, on that night,
mah was confined –
morning, a Parade was ordered
med two Havildars, and the Privates were made
and cuffed at [illegible] lice
ousbody, and all the Officers of the Regiment were there,
and the presence of whom the house of Havildar
Letchemiah was dug throughout the ground, and nothing
was found there in, but on breaking the covering-part of
the terrace commonly built with mud on the thick bam-
boo beams, discovered three thick bamboos filled with
[illegible] thousand Rupees in each, the prisoners were
brou[illegible] hot, where all the Regimental Officers
and the Inspector General were present, Havildar Letch-
emiah admitted the theft, and on being asked him,
what became of the remaining money, he them told,
at 3 Purses he took himself, 3 Purses given to Private
Ghoolam Moodeen, 1 Purse to Havildar Sungaley, 3 Purses
to Veeranamah, 1 Purse to Iron Smith, Bapoo, who made
the Seal, and Key, 1 Purse, was opened and divided amongst
those 5 persons, each took 200 Rupees; and about 8000
Rupees were within that night discovered from the House,
one of the Trees and places, in which it was concealed
mured, and the Key by which the Cash Chest opened
was found on a rope, granted, and by the Ironsmith –

15.

15. After the above discovery, the 5 prisoners incl-
-ding Ironsmith were convicted by the Evidence given by me
alone before the Inspector General of Mufussul Police, and
by whome I was afterwards sent to Tellicherry to give my
Evidence before the Judge, and there, upon my
Evidence they were all found guilty and convicted, and
each of them were sentenced to 14 years hard labour
in [illegible]

16. I then was on the Regiment endeavouring
to procure information the [illegible] had had
in [illegible] above named Havildar and
Private, caused my discharge with a view of
rous according buried Division and to escape themselves
being found out.

17. Humbly pray your Excellency
will be pleased to take my case into favorable consi-
deration, and refer my Appeal to H. Robinson Esq
Inspector General, who, I am confident will
prove that the full and correct information was given
by me; and further I beg that your Excellency will
to the Session Judge at Tellicherry who also Humbly
trust will report, that, the Trial of the above indi-
viduals was on my single evidence carried on and

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was discovered, the prisoners convicted, and sentenced 14 years
hour in [illegible]

18. In acknowledgement of this faithful service I receives
Tassildar of the Zillah 195 Rupees only, which I beg
to your Excellency's Consideration and seek Justice
nds—

I beg to state I was principal person
all informal which led to the apprehension of
s Civil and Military implicated in the Conspiracy of the
ried on in the Pay Office at Cannanore in 1863,
rough my instrumentality the Plot was discovered and
money recovered; my conduct on this occasion was most me-
rious, and deserving of approbation and Reward for the Zeal
ligence displayed at the time, and thereby proving my
sts of the British Government—

20. Under these circumstances I most respectfully Pray
Excellency in Council will be pleased to take my claim
vorable consideration and authorize the grant of the Full
omised by the Inspector General of Mofussil Police,
sion of my Full Pay for my past service of 24 years
with every fidelity and distinguished with 1st Class Good Conduct
reputation was injured by a false accusation brought against
me prisoners through the Jacheer and the consequence
d my Family suffered up to this; and a Pension to
mily after my decease; My prayer for Full Pension and
my Pension is not a noval one, but precedented by seve-
instances recorded in Government— In support of my
m I beg to bring to your Excellency's notice a few Instances—

That Jemadar Syed Lalal of the 1st Regiment
N.I

N. I. was discharged by the Sentence of [illegible] General Court
for selling fire to the Lines of his Regiment at Jaulnah, several
years after he brought to the notice of [illegible]
principal 18 cases of 7th Class Pensions fraudulently drawn by
the men 1st N.I. who died at Rangoon, their Pensions
were cancelled; and on his Petition, Government gran[illegible]
the Pension of Jemadar, by M.C. 22nd April 1835 № 337—
And for similar service performed by pensioned Subadar Ros-
talogoo Joinda with Jemadar Syed Jelaul in de[illegible]
the Plan committed at Trichinopoly, his Pension increa[illegible]
from 3rd Class to 1st Class Subadar's Full Pay by M.C.
24th April 1835, № 343, and further more his Sarea[illegible]
also was pensioned on the half pay of his increase in
the 1st Class Subadar, for simply detecting the above,
by M.C. dated 2nd June 1833 № 1633— Many
dividuals of the 48th Regiment N.I. and one Private of
Foot Artillery were [illegible]warded for [illegible]
Attachment to the Ramnad Company, for retorting
spiracy at Bangalore in October 1832, by G.O.C.C. № 325,
19th December 1832.

For which act of Favor and Justice I shall Ever
Pray for Your Excellency's Long Life and Prosperity.

[illegible]

Madras.
12th April.
1864.

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Letter from
Sub Assistant General 21st May 1856.

Order thereon dated 23 of 4th June

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not deserving
from the ... on
opinion the Government
concur

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Adjt General for com
to Mahomed Cassim, late
Private of the 18th Regt N.I.

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Commander in Chief's Office

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