

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
9th June 1864.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 92. From L. C. INNES, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Ootacamund; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 4th April 1864, No. 66.

Adverting to the Order of Government, dated 18th March 1864, No. 393, I have the honor to report that the Record-room of the Court House is very insecure.

2. Nothing of value is kept there but the records.

3. Pestomjee (of the Firm of Framjee Nusservanjee & Co.) is the owner, and has been frequently requested to fill up a large glazed aperture in one of the walls, through which by breaking the glass a man or boy might easily enter. He has not, however, hitherto complied with the request, but has now promised to block it up. I shall also procure a good padlock for the door after this has been done.

Order of Government, dated 6th August 1861, No. 408.
Letter from the late Sub-Judge to the Civil and Session
Judge of Coimbatore, dated 18th October 1861, No. 263.
Order of Government, Financial Department, dated 16th
December 1861, No. 634.

4. The Court House is at present, in consequence of the correspondence as per margin, guarded by the Court peons.

5. This I consider highly objectionable.

The Court peons are intended to keep order in the Court, and to carry letters and messages on official subjects. They are not guards; and what with the regular work of the Court and taking communications from the Judge to the Jailer they are fully employed.

6. The duty of guarding the Court by night, moreover, cannot be efficiently performed by them. The room requiring to be guarded is the Record-room. In this climate the peons could not be stationed outside it at night, and I find that the practice has been to require two peons to sleep in the Court-room.

7. The Record-room is reached without entering the Court-room, and it is obvious that a peon sleeping in the Court-room with closed doors affords no protection to the Record-room.

8. I have therefore requested the Inspector General of Police (who appears satisfied of the efficiency of the system) to guard the Court by night by the beat watchman.

Referred to the Inspector General of Police for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd June 1864.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 93. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 6th June 1864, No 1182.

General Department.

With reference to the letter from the Session Judge at Ootacamund, dated 4th April 1864, I have the honor to state that I have made personal inquiry on the spot. The watchman duly visits the Court Houses throughout the night; and the owners, Messrs. Framjee & Co., of the shop within the enclosure of which the Court House stands and to whom the premises belong, is also supplied with private guard under Section 13 of Act XXIV.

2. Reasonable security is therefore, I think, provided so far as the Police is concerned.

3. I beg that the Judge be requested to see that the Court House is provided with fastenings. The repairs should be deducted from the rent.

4. On the subject of relieving the Court peons of their usual duty, I would venture to suggest that this be not sanctioned. The Court servants naturally wish to relieve themselves at the expense of the Police. One Judge, on the occurrence of the recess, wished the Police to undertake the guarding of all Moonsiff Courts of his District; another sought special guards for his Court House during his absence, while the peons could have little else to do but guard Government property in the Court House. I refused both applications.

**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
9th June 1864.**

ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1864, No. 852.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Inspector General of Police be communicated to the Session Judge of Ootacamund.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared to make any change in the present arrangements in regard to guarding Court Houses.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil and Session Judge, Ootacamund
Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Read the foregoing letter.

From the Civil and Session Judge of Ootacamund
Inspector General of Police
Here entered 4th June 1864
7th May 1862

Order thereon 9th June 1864 No. 852.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Inspector General of Police be communicated to the Session Judge, Ootacamund.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to make any change in the present arrangements in regard to guarding Court Houses.

To the Civil & Sep. Judge
Ootacamund } Dispt 15/6/64
Inspector General of Police }

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Dated 9th April 1877

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