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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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18th January 1865.*

No. 180. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 2nd January 1865, No. 5.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying correspondence for the orders of Government.

Letter from the Deputy Collector, No. 962, dated 10th November 1864.

Do. the Superintendent of Police, Nellore, No. 723, dated 12th November 1864.

Do. the Collector of Nellore, No. 1005 of 22nd November 1864.

and
Do. the Deputy Inspector General, Nellore, No. 779, dated 2nd December 1864.

2. The Collector of Nellore refuses to admit Notices of Bank Notes, and other stolen property which may become the subject of Police inquiry, into the Police Weekly Sheet of the District Gazette.

The reason assigned is, that such Notices are not to be inserted gratis in the "Fort Saint George Gazette."

3. I do not think the rule applies. The Police Weekly Sheet is a Police Departmental Supplement to the local Gazette in which Police Officers published to their Force Departmental Orders and Notices relating to crime, &c., for the information of Police officers and others. It is, in fact, the Police Gazette of the District. In England the Police Gazette is the special organ for such Notices and list of stolen property.

4. This form of conveying Police information by a Departmental Supplement to the local Gazette is adopted because it affords a much cheaper and more certain and regular means of supplying the Force with such information than by circulating separate written or printed "Routes," or Notices to Police Stations. It saves time, labor, paper, postage, &c., and, as the local Gazette passes from District to District, all criminal information is more widely and rapidly diffused than possibly could be effected by any other means.

5. I need scarcely observe that such a Sheet is obviously the proper place for lists of stolen property, Bank Notes, and the like. To exclude them will be greatly to hamper detection, cripple the usefulness of the Police, and retard the course of justice without any useful result. In one way or another the information must be circulated to the Police. The present plan is the most economical and expeditious.

6. As regards treating such advertisements as private, and requiring payment, I need scarcely remind Government that there is difficulty in inducing people to come forward to prosecute at all. To require payment for circulating Police information would greatly enhance this difficulty.

P. S.—No other Magistrate has raised this question.

From Lieutenant A. BALMER, Superintendent of Police, Nellore, to Captain G. B. BOWEN, Deputy Inspector General; dated Nellore, 2nd December 1864, No. 779.

I have the honor to enclose for your perusal correspondence as per margin, with reference to the insertion of the loss of Notes and stolen property in the Police Weekly Sheets.

Letter from the Deputy Collector, No. 962, dated 10th November 1864.

Do. the Superintendent of Police, Nellore, No. 723, dated 12th November 1864.

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2. In addition to the advantage as regards publishing the loss of Notes to the Police, it appears to me of considerable importance, that

Taluk Treasury Officers should be kept acquainted with the numbers of Notes of which payments has been stopped, and I have had this in view in publishing the numbers of all Notes stolen.

The mere loss of Notes should not be advertised gratis in District Gazette; but if there is good reason to believe they have been stolen or criminally misappropriated, it appears to me that they should be advertised in the Police Sheet as much as any other lists of stolen property. The

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order about advertisements in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" does not apply—there is no Police Sheet there.

December 11th, 1864.

(Signed) G. B. BOWEN,
Ag. Depy. Inspector General.

From W. E. JELLICOE, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, to Lieutenant A. BALMER, Superintendent of Police, Nellore; dated Nellore, 10th November 1864, No. 962.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 23rd September 1864, No. 38, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to discontinue inserting in future in the Police Weekly Sheet, advertisements respecting the loss of Bank Notes and other property lost by private individuals, as such advertisements should be paid for by parties as being private.

(True Copy).

(Signed) A. BALMER,
Supt. of Police.

From Lieutenant A. BALMER, Superintendent of Police, Nellore, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Magistrate of Nellore; dated Nellore, 12th November 1864, No. 723.

I have the honor to forward for your perusal copy of a letter from the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, with reference to the insertion of Notices in the Police Weekly Sheet regarding Notes and other articles lost or stolen.

2. The Proceedings of Government quoted by the Deputy Collector do not appear to me to be applicable to Notices inserted in the Police Weekly Sheet of a District Gazette.

3. One of the chief uses of the Police Weekly Sheet is the facility it gives of publishing to the District Force lists of articles stolen.

3. The Proceedings of Government in question refer to the "Fort Saint George Gazette."

(True Copy).

(Signed) A. BALMER,
Superintendent of Police.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to Lieutenant A. BALMER, Superintendent of Police, Nellore; dated Nellore, 22nd November 1864, No. 1005.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 723 of the 12th instant, and state that I fully agree with you as to the utility of publishing Notices of the loss of Bank Notes, &c. But as regards such Notices being charged for, as private, I agree with the Deputy Collector who acted under my instructions in addressing you on the 10th instant, No. 962.

2. The Proceedings of Government under advertence state, that such Notices should be treated as private and charged for accordingly, and the principle laid down appears to me to apply to the District Gazette as well as the Fort Saint George. I cannot allow it to be put in the Police Sheet free when in any other portion of the Gazette it would be charged.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. BALMER,
Superintendent of Police.

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1865, No. 108.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by the Inspector General of Police in the foregoing letter; and in supercession of the Order passed under date the 23rd September last, directs that all advertisements of the description referred to, which may be sent to the District Gazette by Officers of the Magistracy or Police, shall be published gratis.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of M. Police.

" Commissioner of Police.

" Magistrate of

Ed. R. H. Lee.

Judicial Department.

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*To the Insp. Genl. of M. Police
" Comm. of Police
" Magistrate of — despatch*

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