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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

16th August 1865.

No. 127. 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 Kotagiri, 4th August 1865, No. 1574.

I have the honor to submit a certificate by the Surgeon of Calicut, relative to the mental condition of an European Inspector named Beal, belonging to the Malabar Police Force.

2. The man was in Wynaad as Inspector of Police in charge of the Gudalur Division. He suffered very severely from repeated attacks of fever during his stay at that place, where the Government will recollect a terrible visitation of fever and cholera occurred in 1864. It is always a very unhealthy place—we cannot possibly keep Natives there; for it is more deadly for them than for Europeans, and the nature of the duty in that rising planting District, requires the presence of an European.

3. Inspector Beal's mind was unquestionably weakened by these repeated attacks of fever. It is unnecessary to go into particulars; but the Superintendent visited the place in consequence of his eccentricity, and found him, temporarily at least, so deranged that he removed him to Calicut and placed him under Medical surveillance. The certificate shows that he cannot even now be called a safe or perfectly sane man. Of course he must leave the service.

4. The reason of my addressing Government is, that while in Wynaad, Rupees 452-6-6, for which he should account, disappeared. The money was improperly placed in his charge by the then Sub-Magistrate of Gudalur, and belonged to the estate of a deceased European. Whether Mr. Beal embezzled it, or whether it was obtained from him by unprincipled people about him while he was not himself, we have failed to find out. He declares his own inability to recollect what he did with it, or who got it; and we have been unable to trace it.

5. Prosecution before the High Court of Madras, even were such a course humane, is out of the question. Our own evidence would ensure the case being thrown out; we have therefore no legal remedy. The man cannot be trusted for a day on duty. He cannot therefore work off the debt.

6. And I am induced under the very peculiar and in some measure painful circumstances, to ask the Government to allow me to make the deficiency good and write it off to Profit and Loss.

7. Inspector Beal bore a good character and was by no means a bad Police officer. He is now a beggar without employment; and there is no chance of recovering a Rupee of the sum.

Certified that I have had Police Inspector Beal under observation for about three weeks, with reference to his state of mind. He has had frequent attacks of fever while in Wynaad, which appear to have had the effect of weakening his intellect. In the strictly legal sense of the term, viz., "incapacity for distinguishing right from wrong," he cannot, I am of opinion, be said to be of unsound mind, but while capable in the abstract of distinguishing right from wrong, I entertain grave doubts of his capacity for reasoning on, or duly appreciating the consequences of a wrong act committed by him.

(Signed) R. PEARSE,

Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

CALICUT, 17th July 1865,

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
16th August 1865.*

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1865, No. 1137.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, authority is granted for making good the sum of money in question, and for writing off the amount as a Police charge.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.

„ Accountant General.

„ Examiner of Claims.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

*General of Police
1865*

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*Quil Surgeon
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*Calicut
July 17th 1865*

Enclosure in a letter
from W. Robinson Esquire
the Inspector of Police
to the Chief Secy to Govt
Fort Saint George date 4
August 1865 No 1574.

Medical certificate of the
Inspector Beale.

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No 1702

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Office of the Inspector General of Police
Pootagui, 4th August 1865.

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Your most Obedt. Servant

W. W. M. S. S.

Inspector General of Police.

Recd of Aug 11/37
Medical 1865 } dept

From
The Super Genl of
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To
The Chiefly of
Foot & Long

Dated 4th Aug 1865
Recd 10th Aug 1865

N^o 1574
Enclature 1.
Feb 23/04

Requesting sanction of
Government to write off
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Rupee 452 "6 "6 - not
accounted for by duplicate
Recd, reported to the of
unaccounted -
With Order

16th August 1865 N^o 2/1137.

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The Super Genl
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The Assistant General
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The General of Police
The General of Police
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