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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th October 1865.*

No. 130. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 19th October 1865, No. 2040.

General Department.

I have the honor, with reference to Government Order, dated 13th instant, No. 1460, to annex an extract from the Diary of the Superintendent of Police of Madura, relating to the Heratees gang.

2. The Deputy Magistrate of Madura practically cancelled the arrangement for their safe escort made by the Magistracy of Tinnevelly; and the gang has, I believe, returned to Tinnevelly, to await the release of their women.

N. B.—A large number of false keys have been found on them.

3. I gather that the Magistrate determined to send them to Trichinopoly, perhaps because it is the nearest large Military Station, but the Police were obliged to relinquish their charge. Of course, surveillance is kept up.

4. We await further action of the Magistrate of Tinnevelly.

5. I think the women should be transferred to the Chingleput District, and be pardoned from the date of embarking the men, for it would prove embarrassing to have them on our hands after release, while the gang to which they belong has been moved out of the country.

Extract from the Diary of the Superintendent of Police of Madura.

The party of Heratees alluded to in my former Diary, arrived this morning in charge of the Police of this District from Tirumunglum. A warrant was issued by the Deputy Magistrate, Mr. Underwood, for the party to be escorted to Trichinopoly; but the Deputy Magistrate here, Sheshagiri Row, refused to endorse the warrant, and has directed them to be set at liberty. They have expressed their intention of returning to Tinnevelly, where their women, nine in number, are in Jail. There are about 10 men and 25 small fry. The Police here are keeping a sharp look out over them; and if they commit any offence, we shall be down upon them. Had they been punished when they passed through here in July, when there was a good opportunity of doing so, these robberies in Tinnevelly District would not have occurred.

(True Extract).

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

No. 131.

ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1865, No. 1490.

Forwarded to the Magistrate of Madura for full report, at an early date, as to why the Deputy Magistrate refused to back the warrant, and why a case of this kind was left to be dealt with by a Native Deputy Magistrate, and not at once taken up by the Magistrate himself, or by one of his European Subordinates.

2. Communicated, also, to the Magistrate of Tinnevelly, who will report the present position of the gang, and what arrangement he is proposing to make for their removal from the country.

3. He will report the result of the trial of the women now in Jail, as soon as it is known.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of Madura.

" " Tinnevelly.

" Inspector General of Police.

" Commissioner of Police, Madras.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

No 1490 of 20th Oct. 1865.

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