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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 196. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 6th November 1865, No. 2163.

I forward, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying recommendation from the Assistant Magistrate of the Madras District, supported by the Magistrate, that a reward of 100 Rupees be given to Inspector Alli Dost, of the Madras District Constabulary.

2. The immediate subject of the reference is the skilful and successful detection of a burglarious entry and theft in the house of Mr. Fowler at the Adyar. The value of the property taken was large. The circumstances of the offence, and the criminal character of some of the servants of the house, rendered the crime hard to detect, and the probable criminal difficult to fix upon.

3. However with his usual discrimination and ability, aided by a true detective's acquaintance with his criminal classes, Alli Dost fixed on the right man, a thorough scoundrel, of the name of Lazar. He was very recently convicted of burglary under similar circumstances in the house of Mr. Sim, and had engaged himself in Mr. Fowler's service in order to acquaint himself with the premises and habits of the family; and he left the service shortly before committing the offence, in order to elude suspicion. Alli Dost worked with perseverance and skill, and the man and his accomplice, his father, have fallen in, with all the property save some ready cash.

4. Alli Dost has been at considerable personal expense; and while I ask for the reward, I may mention that I am aware that a considerable portion of the sum solicited has already been advanced by the Inspector to those whom he was obliged to employ. Given in the form of a general reward, the sanction will serve to strengthen his hands for the future.

5. This man's services as an able detective have already come frequently under the notice of Government, and I may add that he still gives uninterrupted satisfaction. He is a First Class Inspector, and so I have no means of departmental recognition of his services.

6. The ready and cordial co-operation of the Madras Police, under Captain Hearn's direction, greatly facilitated the detection brought in to notice. The criminal lived within the limits of the Town Police.

From the Assistant Magistrate of the Madras District, to the Magistrate of the Madras District, dated Saidapet, 2nd November 1865, No. 226.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the conduct of Alli Dost in detecting the late case of house-breaking and theft at Mr. Fowler's house, and recovering almost the whole of the property stolen.

2. The facts of the case are briefly as follows: On the night of the 14th an entrance was effected through an upper window, by means of a ladder, into Mr. Fowler's house, and a box containing valuable property to the amount of 2345 Rupees abstracted. Upon enquiry suspicion fell upon one Lazar, who had formerly been in Mr. Fowler's service, and had been convicted in Madras of stealing a watch and other articles in Mr. Sim's house. This Lazar was a notorious thief, and well known to the Madras Police. The Police Inspector Alli Dost found out at once the residence of Lazar, but suspecting that the stolen property might be concealed elsewhere he determined to place two constables in disguise to watch his movements. For ten days these two Constables remained day and night at their post, and the Police Inspector made nightly visits to

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them to receive intelligence of what was going on. On the 24th ultimo a search warrant was obtained, and on the 25th the search was made in the house, and the whole of the property, with the exception of about 100 Rupees recovered; but Lazar having probably received information of the intended search, had absconded. The Police Inspector notwithstanding this; seeming difficulty, took all necessary precautions and secured the prisoner that same evening.

3 Too much praise cannot be given to Alli Dost for his conduct throughout the matter, and as he has incurred considerable expense, I would suggest that you should recommend to Government that a reward of 100 Rupees be bestowed upon him for his services. Under Government Order 2nd August 1852, No. 1389, the sanction of Government must be obtained through the Inspector General of Police.

No. 228.

Forwarded to the Inspector General of the Madras Police for his favorable consideration and submission to Government, as the Magistrate of the Madras District is of opinion that all the praise awarded to Inspector Ally Dost by Mr. Wigram is well deserved, and the Inspector's conduct is worthy of the reward of 100 Rupees recommended.

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE,
Magistrate.

2nd November 1865.

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1865, No. 1677.

The Governor in Council will await the issue of the trial of the case referred to before the Sessions Court of Chingleput. The Session Judge will be good enough to submit a copy of the Calendar.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
" Civil and Session Judge of Chinglepat.
" Magistrate of the Madras District,

Lvd. T. O'Conner.

Judicial Department

No. 2389

From the Inspector General of the Police

Dated 6th November 1865.

For Orders

Has the man Lazar been convicted by the Sessions Court? If he has and nothing has come out before it Court to detract from the merit ascribed to Alli Dost I should be inclined to recommend a reward of Rs 100 - Other similar rewards will not be thought of.

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