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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

10th January 1865.

No. 46. Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Magistrate of Tinnevely, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Tuticorin, 21st December 1864, No. 491.

I have the honor to report, for the orders of Government, that certain Chetties, residents of this place, have presented a petition to me, praying to be allowed to present Mr. Underwood with a gold watch and chain, under the following circumstances.

2. In July this year, some of the Chetties of Tuticorin sent out, one evening, a large sum of money, exceeding 50,000 Rupees in value, in two carts, into the Taluqs, to be paid to the ryots, without guard or escort. The carts were stopped four miles from Tuticorin; one escaped, and gold and silver coin, to the value of 33,000 Rupees, was carried off from the other.

3. Mr. Underwood, the Deputy Magistrate stationed at Tuticorin, in company with Lieutenant Porteous, the Superintendent of Police, was very energetic in hunting down and bringing the robbers to justice, and a portion of the money robbed was recovered.

4. In token of their gratitude, and of the security they state they now have, in sending their money about the country, the Chetties wish to present the watch and chain to Mr. Underwood. The names of nine persons are affixed to the petition, of whom six appeared before me. They first offered the watch to Mr. Underwood, who referred them to me. I consider the preferable course, for Mr. Underwood, would have been at once to have informed the parties that he could not receive a present, instead of referring them to me; but, as he has done so, I submit the case for the orders of Government.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1865, No. 34.

The Governor in Council cannot permit Mr. Underwood to receive the present referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. It is contrary to all rule that public officers should receive presents from private individuals for exertions made by them, in the performance of their public duties, however creditable those exertions may have been.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Tinnevely.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Magistrate of Tinnevely.
(Here enter 27th December 1865. N^o 491)

Order thereon 10th January 1866. N^o 34.

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The Magistrate of Tinnevely 24/11/44

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