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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
19th April 1865.*

No. 118. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 11th April 1865, No. 777.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit the accompanying papers, for the information and Orders of Government.

2. On the night of the 17 March, about 10 P. M., five Officers of the 105th Regiment, stationed at Wellington, believed to be the Officers named in the margin, came down from their quarters, armed with sticks, and created a disturbance in the bazaar at Jackatalla, terrifying the shopkeepers.

Lieutenant Josiah Wilkinson.
" Kenneth Douglas Coffin, Adjutant.
Ensign J. J. Davy.
" J. L. Margary.
" H. C. Symons.

3. The Police were called out, and followed the Officers, by whom they were attacked. The Inspector and others were assaulted with sticks and stones, and one man, a Native Head Constable, is still disabled. The disturbance was of a serious character, and the Police were violently assaulted in the execution of their duty.

4. The Inspector, Mr. Burke, very properly went and called Colonel Stoll, the Commanding Officer, and Colonel Young, the Magistrate, who both returned with the Officers to the station.

5. The European Inspector, Mr. Burke, and the European Head Constable, both wish to resign. They naturally decline to serve Government, in positions where they are exposed to such treatment.

6. The Officers, it is understood, were placed in arrest by the Commanding Officer, and thus the Magisterial investigation has been delayed; but I think that now the law should be allowed to take its course. However, I am unwilling to give the requisite instructions, without submitting the matter for the orders of Government. The offence is of a grave character, and will be met by the Criminal Law.

7. I would remark that Colonel Young's evidence will, in all probability, be required as a witness, and I would suggest that the Magistrate of the District might be requested to hold the investigation himself.

8. I request that the depositions herewith sent may be returned, as they will be required, when legal proceedings are instituted. Care will be taken to have the prosecution duly conducted.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1865, No. 585.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Police that the law must be allowed to take its course, in the matter referred to in the foregoing letter. The accused parties should be prosecuted before the Magistrate of the District, Mr. Patrick Grant, as it seems probable that the evidence of the Cantonment Joint Magistrate will be required.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police (with original enclosures, returned).

This seems to me, from the papers
forwarded; to be a serious matter.
It cannot be expected that Europe-
ans will turn in the Police as they
they are from such
treatment -

I come to Mr Robinson
Capt. Weldon that should
be admitted. This might
have been done in any other
- case to feel, at the same time
- circumstance of Mr Robinson was
right in making the reference -

The accused should be prosecuted
before the Magistrate of the District
Mr. Phaul - Sufficient reason is shown
why we proceed, should be conducted

of a Canton ... in the ...

I concur fully as to the necessity of letting the law follow the ordinary course. The evidence taken before Captain Wilder, Super: of Police, leaves me under the impression that certain facts are withheld, which, of course, will be elicited by an open inquiry in the Court of the Mayor and of the District. An investigation of the kind is due to the officers concerned, to the inhabitants of the town, and to the officers of the Police Department who have been, according to their own so clearly maligned.

Sincerely yours in the view taken by the ...

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The City of New York

Chief Secretary to the Government

Fort South Street

Dated 11th April 1865

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Enclosure & No 777 to 885- Submits, papers for the information & review of Government relating to the account on the Police by certain officers at ...

To ...

Judicial Department
No. 1 of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the
Inspector General of Police.

(14000 dated 11 April 1885 No. 1111)

Order thereon 19th April 1885 No. 585.

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To the Military Department - despatch 14/5

To the Inspector Genl. of Police } despatch 19/4
(with original enclosures ret'd.)

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