

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
3rd May 1865.*

No. 51. 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 Madras, 6th April 1865, No. 728.

General Department.

The point raised in the accompanying papers is whether, since it has been declared by the Law Officers that the Police cannot deal with Europeans, under Section 48 of Act XXIV of 1859 (Police Act), the Police are justified in arresting.

2. I think that the Police must take charge of Europeans found drunk and incapable, or who are guilty of offences under that Section.

3. They may be released next morning, or when sober; but it is an anomalous position. I therefore request instruction.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Forwards Diary of Inspector, Wellington Division, reporting that Joint Magistrate, acting on Advocate General's opinion (which was cancelled by that officer) declines to deal with Europeans accused of offences under Section 48, Act XXIV of 1859.

2. Requests to be instructed Police also are to decline to act against Europeans charged with offences punishable under the Police Act?

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
COIMBATORE DISTRICT,

(Signed) T. WELDON, Captain,
Superintendent of Police.

30th May

To the Inspector General, through Deputy Inspector General.

Extract from the Diary of Inspector Burke.

I afterwards attended the Joint Magistrate's Court with a European pensioner, who was found lying drunk on the road between Wellington and Coonoor. The Magistrate considered that he had no jurisdiction in the case, owing to the opinion given by J. B. Norton, Esq., and dismissed the case.

(True Extract).

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Insp. Genl. of Madras Police.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1865, No. 674.

The Governor in Council observes that the case referred to in the foregoing letter will be met by the Act recommended, which empowers Magistrates to deal with European British subjects, under Act XXIV of 1859. This has been forwarded to the Advocate General for his assent. Until it becomes law, the course recommended by the Inspector General of Police may be followed.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.

Ed. J. H. Barnes.

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Read the following,
letter from the
Madras Police.

14th letter of April 1865 No 7207

Order in 3rd May 1865 No 674

The Governor in
Council has decided that the case
referred to in the foregoing letter
will be met by the Act recent
passed which empowers
Magistrates to deal with
European British Subjects
under Act XXIV of 1854.
This Act has been forwarded
to the Governor General for
his assent. When it becomes
law the course recommended
by the Inspector General of
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To the Inspector General

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Dated 3rd May 1865