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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
13th September 1866.

No. 120. Read the following letter from R. P. CAMPBELL, Esq., Magistrate of Police, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 10th September 1866.

The letter to my address in the *Madras Times* is *verbatim* of a letter addressed to me, and was sent by me, the Reporter having left. The Reporters of other papers were present, and noticed it.

2. It was handed to me while on the Bench, and seeing so large a number present, I stopped the inquiry going on, and read out part of it.

3. The *Athenæum* and *Daily News* of to-day gives a tolerable accurate account of what fell from me, with the exception of the clause "he also expressed pleasure at the sensible determination they had arrived at." The words I used were to the following effect:—It would give me pleasure to forward their letter to the Commissioner of Police, and to give the Merchants all the protection in our power.

4. I did not, however, send that letter on, as I learnt that the Deputy Commissioner of Police here had himself received a *fac-simile* copy of the letter in question.

5. I was induced to send the letter to the Press, as publicity was so earnestly sought for, and that most publicly when I was sitting on the Bench, where I believe all my acts were publicly received.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1866, No. 1426.

The Government are concerned to find that Mr. Campbell has acted in so injudicious a manner.

2. He must have known that the letter presented to him by the Grain Merchants, in which they bound themselves to sell their grain at certain rates for a fixed time, was legally worthless; that performance of its conditions could not be enforced, nor breach of them punished. A little reflection would have satisfied him that such an agreement could only have its origin in fear or coercion, and necessarily implied want of confidence in the will or the power of the Government to protect its subjects from mob-violence or dictation in the exercise of their legitimate rights over their own property. Moreover, it was not his province to take cognizance of such a matter as the regulation of the market price of grain.

3. The fact of a Magistrate in open Court receiving and giving publicity to such a document, could have no other effect than to lead the merchants to believe that the Government either could not or would not protect them in the free exercise of their legal rights, and the people to imagine that the lawless acts of the mob were regarded by the authorities as not wholly inexcusable.

4. The Government trust that Mr. Campbell will not again forget that it is his bounden and especial duty to uphold the law, and maintain the rights of property in their fullest integrity.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To Mr. R. P. Campbell, Magistrate of Police, Madras.
To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Journal (P.)

Read letter from Mr. A. P. Campbell dated
10 Sep 1888

Order thereon 13 Sep 1888 ^{4/2}

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The mere fact of a Mayor in open Court receiving & giving publicity to such a document, could have no other effect than to lead the merchants to believe that the poor

either could not or would not protect them in the ^{free} exercise of their ^{legal} rights - and the public to imagine that the poor ^{themselves} ~~through their~~ ^{Officers} ~~represented the~~ lawless acts of the mob here regarded by the authorities as not wholly insupportable.

The poor trust that Mr Campbell will not again forget that it is his duty to uphold the law and maintain the rights of property in their fullest integrity.

W. R. P. Campbell, Mayor of Ohio, Sept 13
Comr of Police, Madison

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