

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
15th July 1867.*

No. 150. Read the following letter from G. VANS AGNEW, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 24th June 1867, No. 32.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, dated the 17th instant, No. 982, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether I am to consider the number of Covenanted Assistants, exclusive of the Head Assistant, to have been permanently reduced to one in this District.

2. At present, Mr. Gribble is the only Assistant attached to the District, but his services are of little or no use to me, Government having, in their Order of the 23rd February, No. 295, placed him in charge of the convicts huttet on the site of the projected Central Jail.

3. In their Order of the 23rd January, No. 142, Government stated that, if none of the Assistants attached to the District could be spared for this duty, they would transfer another Assistant from some other District for the purpose.

4. Now, as my only Assistant, I cannot spare Mr. Gribble's services. Since the inspection of Sub-Registry Offices and Subsidiary Jails has become a periodical duty of this Department, if the same is to be performed punctually, I must have an Assistant whom I am at liberty to send into the District.

5. If the Government intend to transfer another Assistant to this District, I have the honor to request that such Assistant should relieve Mr. Gribble in the charge of the convicts.

6. I do not think it fair to any Assistant that he should be long employed on such duty. Mr. Gribble has hitherto resided on the spot, some miles from the Cantonment. Thus, he has not been able to attend at the Cutcherry, nor can he go into the District, and he has been consequently debarred from availing himself of the best opportunities for learning his proper work. Mr. Gribble himself feels that he is placed at a disadvantage, and is anxious to be relieved from this special duty.

7. As, in reference to his Jail duties, Mr. Gribble is not under my orders, I have not interfered, but, in my opinion—and, as I frequently visit the new Jail, I have good opportunity for judging—there is no necessity for the Officer in charge living on the site, nor is there anything in the duty to be performed that requires the almost exclusive devotion thereto of the services of a Revenue and Magisterial Officer.

8. In framing their Order of the 23rd January, Government were under the impression that the aid of such an Officer, in procuring materials, &c., would be useful, but, in the vicinity of a large town like Trichinopoly, the Department of Public Works requires no extraneous aid, and, in point of fact, Mr. Gribble has never once been applied to by the Officer in charge of the works for assistance of any kind.

9. The Jailer is a very experienced and efficient man, and I believe nothing further is requisite but that the Officer in charge should visit the place three or four mornings in the week.

10. If a Covenanted Assistant is to remain in charge, he cannot leave the station on any other duty, and, in that case, I must ask the Government to transfer another

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Assistant here, as contemplated in their Order above quoted; but if, under the circumstances I have represented, Government should be of opinion that the charge of these convicts might be assigned to the Cantonment Magistrate without overburdening him with work, then, the full use of Mr. Gribble's services being restored to me I do not require another Assistant, and will dispense with the services of the additional clerk, in accordance with the Order under acknowledgment.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1867, No. 1114.

The Government are unable to attach to the Trichinopoly District another Covenanted Assistant; but, as the circumstances represented by the Acting Magistrate, Mr. Vans Agnew, clearly show that there is no further necessity for the services of a Covenanted Assistant at the site of the new Central Jail, Mr. Gribble is directed to resume his ordinary duties under the Collector and Magistrate.

2. The future superintendence of the convicts located at the new Jail will be transferred to Captain Brown, Cantonment Magistrate, who will be expected personally to visit the gang several times each week, and, in order to the enforcement of a proper degree of discipline, is authorized to exercise the powers of punishment created by Regulation X of 1832.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly.
„ Cantonment Magistrate, Trichinopoly.
„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Revenue Department.

Edw. J. H. Burns.

Judicial Department.

Memorandum.

Letter from the Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly dated 24 June/67.

Mr. Agnew's request that Mr. Gribble should be relieved of the charge of the convicts who are building the Central Jail at Trichinopoly, and another Assistant should be sent to perform this duty, cannot be complied with, as there are no Assistants at present available.

There seems no necessity for the Officer in charge living on the spot as Mr. Agnew explains, that there are no difficulties in the way of procuring materials. It would seem sufficient that Mr. Gribble should frequently visit the works or as suggested by Mr.

Agnew

Agnew that the Court-martial
Magistrate should tem-
porarily be placed in
charge of the court. -
Orders are requested.

W.C.

Mr. Wagner has, I think, very properly
brought under special notice, the extremely
disadvantageous position in which his assistant,
Mr. Pribble, has again been placed. I say "again,"
because, owing to the call for extra assistants
for famine duties, Mr. Pribble was, some time since
ago, withdrawn from his own legitimate sphere
in the Trichinopoly District, and transferred
to Salem, where, whilst looking after almshouse
houses, he could learn little or nothing of his real
vindicating & magisterial work. Thus, his contemporaries,
and his junior, too, who were left at their regular
office business, acquired the knowledge necessary
for passing the Standard Examination & passed.
Mr. Pribble is consequently superseded, but by no
fault of his own, & for years to come will feel this
inference financially. It was, therefore, perhaps
not quite fair a second time to detach him from
his original calling & make of him the tail to
drag the cart, as now appears, nothing to do.
I would propose the order to have
drafted on the opposite page which is sub-
mitted, the reports of the matter - W.C.

Copy as directed
by H. B. P. 1832

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The Government are unable
to attach to the Trichinopoly
District, and thus command
assistant; but, as the cir-
cumstances represented by
the Acting Magistrate Mr.
Barn Agnew, clearly show
that there is no further
need for the services of
a command assistant at
the site of the new ^{Central} Jail,
Mr. Pribble is directed to
resume his ordinary duties
under the Collector and
Magistrate.

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The future superintendence
of the Court located at
the new Jail, will be transferred
to Captain Brown, Commanding
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Regn. I of 1832."

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter
from the Magistrate of
Trichinopoly.

(Here enter date June 1867 A. 32)

Order thereon 15 July, 1867 A. 1114.

The Government are unable
to attach to the Trichinopoly
District another covenanted
Assistant, but as the circum-
stances represented by the Acting
Magistrate, Mr. Van der Meer,
clearly show that there is no
further necessity for the
services of a covenanted Assis-
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Central Jail, Mr. Gibbels
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punishment created by
Regulation I of 1822.

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To the Hon. Secy of the Treasury
at the U. S. Dept. of the Treasury
Inspector Genl of Mills
Revenue Dept.

Industrial 1869 Department.

No. 1114

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

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Dated 15 July 1869

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