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No. 62. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 8th April 1867, No. 697.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit copy of my letter to the Deputy Inspector General of the Western Range, and his report, dated 28th February 1867, No. 5, relative to Captain Storey, late of Her Majesty's 66th Regiment, now Assistant Superintendent of Police in Salem, with a recommendation that Captain Storey's connection with the Police be allowed to cease.

2. Captain Storey's conduct has for long been most unsatisfactory. His habits and circumstances are incompatible with efficient discharge of his duty; his independence is gone; his Police work has become, in a great measure, futile.

3. It recently came to my knowledge that, besides many other draw-backs, which I have long felt must sooner or later have been laid before Government, Captain Storey has habitually been borrowing large sums of money from persons in his own District; that he had employed his subordinates in the Police Service in negotiating these loans for him; and that he is now so hopelessly embarrassed as to be unable to do his duty efficiently—that he is, in fact, at liberty only through the forbearance of his creditors. I, therefore, requested the Deputy Inspector General to inquire fully and report.

4. The result is that Captain Storey acknowledges debts to persons within his own District amounting to Rupees 5000, a small portion of the entire burden which his recklessness has accumulated now existing. Several suits have been instituted against him in the local Courts; two are now pending. He is hopelessly involved. The creditors now named by Captain Storey are probably not the only parties from whom he, or his dependents in his name, have, from time to time, borrowed money in the District.

5. Captain Storey admits having used the intervention of his official subordinates in these irregular pecuniary transactions. He alleges that he employed them simply for purposes of interpretation. Whatever Captain Storey may have intended when calling in the intervention of his official subordinates, the employment of such persons in this way is not looked on, either by the public, the lenders, or by the subordinate officials so employed, as a mere matter of interpretation. Captain Storey, it will be observed, failed to mention to the Deputy Inspector General that one of the bonds is actually witnessed by an Inspector of Police. I fear Captain Storey has about him persons who go beyond what he is aware of in seeking the aid of official subordinates.

6. I regret that I am unable to put in a single plea in favor of Captain Storey, or in extenuation of his conduct. His condition is the result of recklessness and unsteadiness.

7. Captain Storey entered the Service in April 1863. He was then an Officer in Her Majesty's 66th, but had to sell out. Ever since, a steady falling off in every respect has been too painfully apparent. As a Police Officer, Captain Storey is not efficient, or to be relied on for work. He has failed to qualify in the language, and I have no hope of his ever doing so. He is, therefore, still entirely in the hands of others, and unable to communicate with either the men under him or the people.

8. Captain Storey has twice been tried in charge of a District; but he has failed on both occasions. He acted for two or three months for Captain Cloeté at

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the Mount. He neglected his duty, and his conduct, while there, reflected discredit on the Police. Again, Captain Storey was in charge of the District of Salem for many months. Neglect and inefficiency brought that part of the District of which he held the charge to a very low standard in every respect—in fact, it became, from a flourishing District in a Police aspect, one of the worst in the Presidency; and I had to inform him, when he gave up charge, that I should not again recommend his being entrusted with the charge of a District. In fact, he left the principal Division of the Salem District in so bad a condition, that even an able Officer like Captain Hankin (for whom he had acted) has been unable to restore it to a thoroughly efficient and satisfactory condition during the six or eight months that have elapsed since Captain Storey reverted to his Assistantship.

9. This is the matter referred to by Captain Drever in paragraphs 3 and 4 of his report. The effects of Captain Storey's deficiencies are, as he points out, to be looked for in the principal Division which he held for many months, and only relinquished on the return of Captain Hankin; whereas, during the greater part of the time that Captain Storey held the principal Division, the Sub-Division had had the advantage of being under the charge of so able an Assistant as Captain Beatty, and was really in good order—a condition which, I fear, it will not long maintain under Captain Storey. I agree with Captain Drever that a report on the Sub-Division would not show much as respects Captain Storey.

10. Lastly, Captain Storey is not a temperate man: self-indulgence is, in no small measure, the cause of his hopeless embarrassment. His personal habits incapacitate him for duty during the early part of the day, and interfere very seriously with his powers of business and application. I need scarcely add that his example and influence with subordinates is not good.

11. I endorse confidently the opinion of the Deputy Inspector General, that these habits "have tended to impair his efficiency in all respects," that "he is not by any means the Officer he was, intellectually and physically, when he joined the Department, and there is, of course, corresponding falling off in the way his duties are performed."

12. I recommend Government to close Captain Storey's period of probation, which has already continued too long for the good of the Public Service.

From the Inspector General of Police, to Captain W. S. DREVER, Deputy Inspector of Police, Western Range; dated Madras, 13th February 1867, No. 295.

I have the honor to request that you will, as soon as you conveniently can, proceed to the Assistant Superintendent's Division of Salem, and thoroughly inquire into its condition, and the manner in which that Officer does his work.

2. I have long seen reason to be thoroughly dissatisfied with Captain Storey's work, and had already warned him that it was not likely that he would soon be entrusted with the charge of a District. I have tried him in Madras and Salem.

3. I have reason to believe that Captain Storey's personal habits are not strictly temperate. He has failed to study or pass in either Law or Vernaculars, or to qualify for confirmation. I am aware that he is deeply indebted; he has habitually borrowed of persons in his own District, and, in negotiating such pecuniary matters, has used the intervention of his own subordinates in the Public Service.

4. It appears to me that the question of Captain Storey's further continuance in the Police Service should in all probability be submitted to Government, and I beg that you will report, after full inquiry, on his conduct and work generally, with a view to this contingency.

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From Captain W. S. DREVER, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Western Range, to the Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Calicut, 28th February 1867, No. 5.

In reply to your letter, No. 295, of 13th February, in which you request me, as soon as convenient, thoroughly to inquire into the state of the Sub-Division of Salem, and the work as performed by Captain Storey, Assistant Superintendent of Police, I have the honor to state that, being now engaged in the inspection of South Malabar, I could not conveniently go over the Sub-Division of Salem before June.

2. The subject of your letter was, however, of such importance, that I at once proceeded to Salem, communicated with the Superintendent, Captain Hankin, and went on to Tripatore, where I met Captain Storey, inspected his office and work at Head Quarters, and now submit the result of my inquiries.

3. Captain Storey only assumed charge of the Sub-Division of Salem in September 1866, and, as I found it, on my last inspection, in better order than the Head Quarter Division, I was of opinion that were the present status of the two inverted, it would be an impossible matter to decide how far Captain Storey was responsible for the falling off.

4. Judging by returns and my own personal knowledge of the Inspectors and petty Officers in the Sub-Division, I can, however, confidently assert (and in this Captain Hankin quite concurs) that the Sub-Division still in most respects maintains its superiority over that of Head Quarters (the $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly return of crime, just received, fully bears me out in this).

I mention this to show that a personal inspection of the Sub-Division, which would take at least six weeks, is not essential to enable you or me to form a correct judgment as to the propriety of Captain Storey's probationary service in the Department being further extended or not.

5. It is a question which I take up with the greatest hesitation, but, at the same time, one which I candidly admit cannot, with a view to the interests of the Government, the Department, or the public, be longer postponed, and I shall now, as far as I can, proceed dispassionately to give you my report.

6. In——— Captain Storey joined the Police as Probationary Assistant Superintendent, Salem District. In 1865, his Regiment, the Queen's 66th, proceeded to England, and he then sold out. He has acted as Superintendent in Salem and in Madras, and in 1866 had four months' sick leave to the Sheriverys, whence he returned in September, to take up his present appointment.

7. At the time Captain Storey left Her Majesty's Service, he was heavily involved, and it was partly to relieve himself of those liabilities that he sold his Commission.

8. He has always, since I have known him, been a free liver, profuse of hospitality, and extravagant beyond his means. I have never seen Captain Storey drunk, but there is no doubt that continued and too free indulgences in liquor have tended to impair his efficiency in all respects.

His intemperate habits and extravagances have had their only results, viz., extreme indebtedness.

He candidly admitted that he now owed about 20,000 Rupees, of which 5000 are due in the District of Salem. I take these amounts as he gives them.

9. Several Civil suits have been instituted against him in the local Court at Salem, and two are now pending.

10. One of these is by Arnachellam Achary, of Salem, for Rupees 520, in which he has obtained a decree for monthly instalments of Rupees 150, none of which have been paid, but he has not taken out execution as yet, being hopeful of an amicable settlement.

11. In the second, Captain Storey appears to have raised, some time in 1865, Rupees 2400, on a Note of Hand, from Appoo Chetty, Soucar of Salem. This was converted into a bond for that amount in August 1866, Captain Storey promising to pay it off by monthly instalments of Rupees 150, interest 12 per cent.

12. This bond was attested as a witness by Gopaulachary, the present School Inspector of Salem. There were no securities; nothing has been paid on it, nor has a decision been yet given by the Court, defendant's Vakeel having asked for time.

13. Captain Storey also raised, some time ago, Rupees 1500 on a bond in favor of Streenavassa, formerly Sheristadar of the Sub-Court, Salem, since resigned, and now in Bellary. Of this 800 Ru-

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pees have been re-paid, and the balance, with interest, about 1000 Rupees, he is endeavouring to recover through his Agent in Salem, Oorikerry Narrain Chetty. This bond is in Bellary.

14. Of the remaining debts in Salem, one is for 200 Rupees, the balance of a loan of Rupees 500 borrowed from the Village Moonsiff of Audypetty (Salem Head Quarter Lines), two and a half years ago, on a Promissory Note, at three months, on which Rupees 460 have already been paid. The Moonsiff borrowed the money from Nogachetty, a weaver in Salem, to whom he pledged some land, valued at Rupees 2000. Both these persons appeared before me in Salem, and related these circumstances.

15. Rupees 749 is a bill due to Messrs. McDowell & Co.; of Madras, and transferred by them for recovery to a Mr. McFarlane in Salem.

16. I have failed to verify, in any way whatever, the rumours to the effect that, in those transactions, Captain Storey had received direct aid from his own Departmental subordinates. He himself asserts firmly that it is not so, and that he has merely used them to interpret.

He did not inform me of the School Inspector's visé referred to in paragraph 12.

17. If he did raise money with their aid, I am of opinion that such debt or debts have now been paid off or settled.

18. Captain Storey, during the year 1866, suffered a good deal from fever, and in August his wife died.

How far such trials, and the heavy burthen of his debts, may have tended to prevent his habits moderating must be left to your consideration.

19. I do not believe that his indebtedness in the District has in any way biased him in the discharge of his duties, but, at the same time, I do not consider Captain Storey is by any means the Officer he was, intellectually or physically, when he joined the Department, and there is, of course, a corresponding falling off in the way his duties are performed.

20. His supervision of his present Division is but of a very third rate order. I append a copy of his iteneration statement from September to December 1866, from which you will perceive that in those four months he has visited 22 of the 55 Stations and Sub-Stations in his charge.

21. He has, as you observe, failed to qualify even in Law, and knows little or nothing of Tamil, so that he is still dependent on Interpreters in all vernacular matters.

22. With indebtedness such as his, it is very unlikely that he can much longer remain unarrested, and his prodigal habits forbid, I fear, the smallest hope of his paying off his debts on his present allowances; the fact of his being now as much, if not more, involved than he was when he sold out, in itself shows the improbability of such a contingency.

23. What other means he may have of clearing himself, I cannot, of course, say, but I am quite satisfied that, unless his debts are paid, and he be thus relieved, not only of anxiety, but of the consequent incentive to deaden care in drink, it cannot be long before his complete incapacity for work becomes but too painfully apparent.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1867, No. 726.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has given his careful consideration to the statements made in the foregoing letters from the Inspector General of Police and from the Deputy Inspector General in charge of the Western Range, with reference to the conduct of Captain Storey, Probationary Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Salem District, and is satisfied that Captain Storey cannot with propriety be retained in the Police. Captain Storey's connection with that Department will accordingly cease from the date on which this Order may be communicated to him.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
" Accountant General.
Ed. J. H. Burns.

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in the Police JP

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of the popular this a part of the Court Service, and it was
brought to the notice of Govt. that any one of these had
been borrowing money from Natives within the limits
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from whatever office he might be holding - & I should be
strengthened in the propriety of that advice if the official
reports of his public conduct were so intrinsically faulty
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For Review
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from the Inspector General in the first instance of the
conduct of his officers. He is the best judge of the
conduct of his officers. I don't think it necessary
to give an opinion of saying if
anything is wrong with him
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M. M.

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To the Inspector General of Police
Accountant General

Captain Storey.

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