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No. 267. Read the following letter from Major C. S. HEARN, Acting Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 2nd January 1868, No. 1.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council a Memorandum by Mr. Robinson, regarding Mr. Percy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Vizagapatam District. The papers connected with the case are forwarded.

1. Copy of telegram from Captain Tennant.
2. Do. do. from Mr. Robinson.
3. Report by Captain Tennant.
4. Letter from Mr. Jones declining to resign.
5. Statement of Mr. Jones.

2. The gross act of misconduct recently committed by Mr. Jones (as reported by Captain Tennant, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Northern Range) has been treated by Mr. Robinson in connection with Mr. Jones' general character and conduct during his whole Police service. As stated by Mr. Robinson, I spoke most earnestly to Mr. Jones on his entering the Force in 1861, and obtained from him a promise that he would entirely forsake his previous intemperate habits. Although Mr. Jones has not served under my immediate orders since that time, yet I was well aware, as a matter of notoriety in the Force, that this condition had not been fulfilled.

3. I need not say that I entirely concur with Mr. Robinson in recommending that Mr. Jones' probationary connection with the Police Force should terminate.

Telegram from Captain T. B. E. TENNANT, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Northern Range, to the Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Waltair, 7th December 1867.

Mr. Percy Jones came last evening to a dinner party at my house intoxicated. The General with several Officers and ladies were present. As Jones appears incorrigible, I beg that he may be removed from my Range.

Telegram from the Inspector General of Police, to Captain T. B. E. TENNANT, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Waltair; dated Madras 7th December 1867.

Call on Mr. Jones to send in his resignation forthwith, or his conduct, past and recent, will be dealt with officially. If resignation be not sent in at once, place him off duty. Report fully and officially, with any explanation Jones may afford.

From Captain T. B. E. TENNANT, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Northern Range, to the Inspector General of Police; dated Waltair, 9th December 1867.

With reference to your telegram of the 7th instant, I have the honor to report that, on receipt* of the telegram, I forwarded it to Mr. Percy Jones, with an Official Memorandum calling on him to select one of the two alternatives mentioned by you. On receipt of his reply (forwarded), declining to send in his resignation of the post he now holds in the Police, agreeably to your telegraphic order, I placed Mr. Jones off duty, and now report more fully on the particulars conveyed to you in my telegram of the 7th instant.

2. Mr. Percy Jones came into Waltair on the 30th ultimo, for the purpose of attending the Sessions. He was the guest of Mr. Bliss, the Principal Assistant Agent. On Friday, the 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, accompanied by Mr. Jones, came to dinner at my house, to meet the General and Mrs. DeSausmarez, with several other Officers and ladies of the station.

3. Shortly after entering the room, I perceived that Mr. Jones was inebriated. He addressed a lady in my presence, to whom he had only a few minutes before been introduced, in a manner that Mr. Jones would not have done had he been sober. During dinner he was boisterous, and the con-

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versation I had with him after the ladies had quitted the table left no doubt in my mind that Mr. Jones was intoxicated.

4. I think it right to add that, during the time Mr. Jones has been Assistant in this district, as far as I am aware, he has remained steady and worked hard.

5. I have furnished Mr. Jones with copies of the entire correspondence on this subject, and I forward this letter for any remarks and explanation he may have to offer.

From P. M. JONES, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Police, Vizagapatam, to Captain T. B. L. TENNANT, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Northern Range; dated Waltair, 8th December 1867.

In reply to your letter of this date, and the telegram from Mr. Robinson therein enclosed and herewith returned, I have the honor to state that I decline to send in my resignation of the post I now hold in the Police. Any explanation of any part of my conduct that may be required of me, I shall be happy to furnish on being called on. As to-day is Sunday, I will only add that I had understood that any errors I may have committed in the past have been punished already.

From P. M. JONES, Esq., Assistant Superintendent of Police, Vizagapatam, to Captain T. B. L. TENNANT, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Northern Range; dated Waltair, 12th December 1867.

As desired in your letter of the 9th instant, I have the honor to submit the following remarks on the report on my conduct which you have addressed to the Inspector General of Police.

2. From Mr. Robinson's telegram, which you sent me for information on Sunday, I gather that it is his intention to report to Government on my conduct in the past, as well as on the complaint now brought against me. In my answer of Sunday, therefore, I took the liberty of saying that I had understood that my errors of the past—errors which I cannot attempt to excuse, and which no one can more regret than myself—had been already punished by forfeiture of position and emoluments. I trust, therefore, that Mr. Robinson will not consider it necessary to bring officially before Government what has already come under their cognizance in a quasi-official manner; but, if he does so, I would venture most respectfully to beg that I may be furnished with copies of any correspondence, official or semi-official, which has passed or may pass on the subject. I shall then be in a position to enter on a defence, which I am not at present, as I have never been informed precisely of the nature of the facts, acting on a report of which His Excellency the Governor was pleased to reduce me from 1st to 2nd Class Assistant, and remove me from the Godavery to this district. On that occasion, I considered it would better become me to submit without complaint or answer to the censure of my superiors, but the case is now different: then it was merely my personal comfort and feelings that were affected, but by the course now proposed by Mr. Robinson, my very bread will be taken from me, in default of my making an adequate answer, as there will be no resource left me but to enlist.

3. With reference to the complaint now preferred against me, I have only to say I was quite unconscious of having committed myself in the manner stated by you. I do not remember the particular instance you allude to of my insulting a lady; but, if I did so, it was the first time in my life, and no man could be more ashamed of, or more regret, such an occurrence. I do not deny I was rather excited, which, however, is not unusual when a man who has been alone for months comes into society again; but I emphatically deny having been drunk. The letters I receive from Brindley General DeSausmarez, Lieutenant Colonel Barkness, and Mr. Bliss, Superintendent of the Telegraph, all of whom were present, will, I trust, be considered sufficient evidence of my state of mind. You yourself, Sir, in your report, have spoken favorably of my conduct and work since I have been in the district, and I am most grieved you should have thought I had behaved in so ungentlemanly a manner as to go to your house in a state of intoxication and brawl, not only the General Commanding the Division, but the lady of the house and her guests. I may add that two gentlemen, in whose company I was just before I returned to Mr. Bliss' house to dress for dinner on Friday, have assured me that they can testify to my sobriety at that time (about 6 p. m.) though

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they decline to mix themselves up in the affair, unless officially called on for their opinions. I am, however, at liberty to mention their names; they are Captain Parsons, 1st Light Cavalry, late Acting Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, and Lieutenant Gahan, Quarter Master of the 31st Regiment. Mr. Bliss also, if called on, will state that, at the time he saw me in company with Captain Parsons and Mr. Gahan, I was riding home a pony that is a notorious kicker, and that when returning from your house I stood on the step at the back of the Waggonette, as there was not room for me to get inside, in perfect safety. These are not the acts of a drunken man. Mr. Bliss, as my host, feels himself in such an awkward position with regard to this most unfortunate affair, that he declines to give me his opinion in writing, unless officially called on to do so.

4. I trust this explanation will be sufficient, and that the Inspector General will not consider it necessary to proceed further in the matter. If, however, he considers it his duty to report me officially to Government, I shall most respectfully beg that a Committee be appointed (though I know this course is not usual in the case of an Uncovenanted Servant) to inquire into my conduct, and I shall then call as witnesses all the gentlemen in whose company I passed that day.

MEMORANDUM.

The occurrences reported in these papers require that I should place on record what I know of Mr. Jones' antecedents, as what is known of these passed chiefly between Sir William Denison and myself. I do so with no view to revive the past; but because in a matter of this kind it is necessary to show that Mr. Jones' habits of intemperance and irregularity of life are of long standing and inveterate.

2. The first I heard of Mr. Jones was about the middle of 1861. Sir William Denison then mentioned to me that Mr. Jones, a son of an old friend of his, who had been obliged to quit Her Majesty's Army on account of general unsteadiness and habitual intemperance, and had in consequence been disowned by his family, had applied to him (Sir William) for employment, in the hope of retrieving his character. Mr. Jones was then serving, I think, as a Railway Clerk, on some 50 or 70 Rupees a month, in Bengal. Mr. Jones had written to Sir William a most earnest appeal, and given his faithful promise that, if Sir William would give him another chance in life, he would amend and give up intemperate habits. I saw Mr. Jones' letter, and also one from Sir Hugh Rose, who had been interested about Mr. (then Captain) Jones, but was obliged in the interest of the Service to let the consequences of his continued irregular conduct take effect, and had removed him from the Army. I cannot say that I considered the latter's account of Mr. Jones promising; but Mr. Jones' promises of entire amendment were so earnest that I advised Sir William Denison to try him on probation as Inspector of Police in charge of Juggiahpet Armed Reserve, where a Military man was required. Sir William gave Mr. Jones most thoroughly to understand that the slightest relapse into habits of drunkenness and irregularity would lead to his instant removal from the Service. This determination Sir William often repeated to me while speaking of Mr. Jones, about whom he made frequent inquiry, more especially since I became latterly no longer able to assure him of Mr. Jones' continued steadiness. I was on leave when Mr. Jones actually joined in 1861; but Major Charles Hearn, who was acting for me, had a very earnest conversation with Mr. Jones on the same matter before he took up his appointment, and he was given thoroughly to understand the absolute condition of his remaining in the Service.

3. I may mention incidentally—for I see that other circumstances connected with his leaving the Army are alluded to by Mr. Jones in a recent communication—that although, so far as my recollection serves me, the only matter known to Sir William Denison at first was Mr. Jones' habits of intemperance, I have heard that he was likewise mixed up in some gambling or horse racing transaction of a character which made it impossible for him to retain Her Majesty's Commission.

4. Mr. Jones was appointed an Inspector of Police at Juggiahpet, in Kistna District, in 1861, and remained, I believe, steady while in this subordinate position. About 1864, I proposed to Sir William to give him a trial as Assistant Superintendent of Police of the lowest class on probation. This was done. Mr. Jones then came more immediately under my own observation and that of

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the Magistrates and Officers of Police, and shortly afterwards the remarks which have from time to time reached me have been anything but satisfactory. I have had for some time very grave doubts as to his continued sobriety. He drank and caused several scandals, and his conduct became a bye-word in the country. When Mr. Jones was in Madras in 1866 on leave, his conduct was anything but steady and reputable. In short, he has gravely relapsed into the roughly and notoriously intemperate habits. I was obliged to take the matter up. Mr. Jones again promised amendment and abstinence from liquor, in the use of which he cannot be moderate. On this condition I refrained from reporting on Mr. Jones officially; and His Excellency assented to deal leniently with him and sanctioned Mr. Jones' reduction and removal to another district, in the hope that he would reform and retrieve a character which he had again entirely forfeited.

5. Mr. Jones has thus failed to keep the pledge proffered under which he was allowed to re-enter the Public Service. He cannot further be trusted with duty of the kind that devolves on the Superior Officers of Police in maintaining the discipline and respectability of the Service. I consider that Mr. Jones is a man of long established intemperate habits and unsteady life; and I am satisfied from lengthened experience that the repeated consequences of his past conduct and life have neither secured steadiness since, nor are they likely to produce a permanent improvement. Intemperance has too long been habitual with him to give confidence, or even to afford fair hope for the future. As above stated, Mr. Jones was very recently reduced and removed from a district where his name was a discredit to the Service, and but shortly after we hear of his being in the house of his immediate superior in his new district in a way that shows that the lenient notice taken of his conduct has not had the effect which was desired.

6. In respect to the actual degree of inebriety in which Mr. Jones was on the occasion reported by Captain Tennant, some difference of opinion apparently exists (I do not attach importance to Mr. Blisset's opinion), as generally does on what constitutes "being drunk." But one thing is certain: he was in a state which unfitted him for society of gentlemen, and was quite incompatible with his duty. Had this been an isolated instance of want of moderation, it might have been overlooked. But the vice is of long standing and habitual with Mr. Jones, as all his antecedents prove; and, in the face of repeated relapses, no further confidence can be claimed for his assurances. I utterly distrust him when out of sight and in the solitude of Police life. He is a blot on a Service of Commissioned Officers and gentlemen; and has lost his position and forfeited the respect of a considerable Covenanted Magistracy. I will not allude to the effect of this example on his subordinates or the Subordinate Magistracy and people generally within the sphere of his influence.

7. And now with respect to Mr. Jones as a Police Officer. Although the most ample time has been given him, he has failed to pass the requisite test, and is still on probation, without, I am satisfied, a hope of his qualifying for a confirmed Assistantship under the orders of Government noted in the margin. He has failed to acquire the language. Mr. Jones is impulsive and inconsiderate, and most uncertain with his men. He is active and moves about; but, otherwise, his conduct has not of late been satisfactory.

8. I would recommend the Government to close Mr. Jones' probationary connection with the Police Force in which he serves with neither credit nor advantage.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

No. 268.

ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1868, No. 152.

From the papers above recorded, the Governor in Council learns with much regret that Mr. Percy Jones, the Assistant Superintendent of Police in Vizagapatam, has on a recent occasion incurred the suspicion of intemperance, a habit the indulgence in which by Mr. Jones has before attracted the attention and received the merited censure of his official superiors.

2. His Excellency in Council has perused with much dissatisfaction the very unfavorable reports on Mr. Jones' discharge of his duties which were submitted to

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the Inspector General some months ago, and which have now been laid before Government, and had it not been that the more recent report of the Deputy Inspector General on Mr. Jones' general conduct is of a more favorable character, the Government would have deemed it their duty to order Mr. Jones' immediate removal from the Police. As, however, the charge of drunkenness which led to the present reference has not been fully established, and as the Deputy Inspector General states that, since Mr. Jones has been employed in the Vizagapatam District, he has remained steady and worked hard, His Lordship in Council resolves to grant Mr. Jones a further trial, and to permit him to retain his probationary appointment in the Police for a further period of six months, at the expiration of which the Inspector General will report on Mr. Jones' general conduct during that period and on the manner in which he has performed his duties.

3. Mr. Jones will be informed that if this report is not satisfactory, and also that if he fails within twelve months from the date of this Order to pass the prescribed test in a Vernacular language, he will be removed from the Police in which he is at present on probation only.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police, with enclosures returned.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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Chelmsford 2nd January 1868.

Memorandum

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H. Robinson

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To Mr. Wallis
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From Robinson by Mr.
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 actually drunk.

Officer of the 1st Regt of Colours
 William B. Manning 1848.

The Adj. Gen. of the General
 of Colours

The Hon. R. P. Ellis Esq.
 Chief Secretary to Government
 Port Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
 for the consideration of His Excellency
 the Governor in Council a Memorandum
 by Mr. Robin regarding Mr. Percival
 Jones (12212) and Superintendent of
 Police in the Virgin Islands District. The
 papers connected with (12212) are
 forwarded.

I enclose and of miscellaneous
 partly connected by Mr. Jones
 and by Captain Thomas
 a list of names

- 1 Copy of the papers from Capt. Jones
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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedient servant

Cham
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this order to pass the prescribed
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To the Insp. Genl of Police
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and a report to be
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at Captain Beniston's house would
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up Mr. Jones officially to the notice of
Gov. The Inspector General has officially
stated his opinion in the strongest terms
that Mr. Jones should be removed from the
force. Major Beaman agrees with Mr.
Robinson. In the face of these
statements I don't think that Gov.
ought to interfere to protect Mr. Jones.
I think that in the case of subordinate
officers especially in the case of
probationers that the opinion of the
Inspector General should be almost
an absolute rule for government. Mr.

Send the Order in Council
he is at present in force
in all cases.

To the Inspector General

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Jones might be removed on the ground
alone that he has been six years in the
force & has not passed his examination
in language. I regret to have to give
an opinion adverse to Mr. Jones for I
feel the decision of Gov. with almost
ruin to him, but I feel constrained
to agree with Mr. Phillips & to
sanction the conclusion arrived at
by the Inspector General & the acting
Inspector Genl. of the Force.
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~~On the 2nd point of the draft~~
It treats as a proved "offense" which
is in fact an improved charge of
drunkenness. It was because the
Govt. misunderstood the charge of
drunkenness proposed by the Deputy
Inspector General not to have been
sufficiently established that they
decided not to act on the Inspector
General's recommendation. I would
re-cast the point as follows:

2. "H.E. is (has) perused with much
dissatisfaction the very unfavorable
reports on his former discharge of
his duties which were submitted
to the Inspector General some months
ago and which have now been
laid before Govt. and had it
not been for the more recent
report of the Deputy Inspector General as to
his general conduct is of a more
favorable character, the Govt. would
have demanded of their duty to order
his immediate removal from the
Place - he knows the charge of
drunkenness which had been proved
before him and was found

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Mr. Richard and as
the Deputy Inspector General
states that since his services
have been employed in the
Department, British
has remained steady & worked
hard, his Labors in pursuit
whether to prove his ^{probation}
a further trial and to permit
him to return his probationary
appt. in the office for a
further period of six months
at the expiration of which the
Inspector General will report on
his general conduct and
during that period and in the
manner in which he has performed
his duties "and the rest as in
the draft."

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