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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
18th February 1868.*

No. 204. Read the following letter from the Joint Magistrate of Coimbatore in charge, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 7th February 1868, No. 24.

I have the honor to report that I have offered a reward of Rupees 100 for the apprehension of Moonien, a horse-keeper, who is believed to have murdered Mrs. McDougall, widow of Major General Patrick McDougall of the Bombay Army, on the night of Tuesday, the 4th instant, at Ootacamund, and I request the sanction of Government for the offer of a reward of Rupees 200.

2. It appears that from 7 o'clock till 9 o'clock on the night of the murder, there was no one on the premises except the deceased, her horse-keeper Moonien, and his wife and child. A cook and an ayah returned from taking their food about 9 o'clock, and saw the horse-keeper coming out of Mrs. McDougall's bed-room with a club and bed-room lamp in his hand. They were frightened and appear to have gone immediately to the Police, who found deceased dead in her bed with clothes on. A rice-beater, with marks of blood on it, and the bed-room lamp, were found in the horse-keeper's room, but the horse-keeper himself was gone. In the morning it was found that death had been caused by blows on the head, and that they must have been struck in the kitchen, for deceased had evidently been dragged about 30 or 40 yards through the dining room into the bed-room and placed on the bed where she was found. At the Inquest a verdict of Wilful murder was given against the horse-keeper.

3. The man is a Canarese Pariah, and is probably already in the Mysore country. Under the circumstances, I consider a reward of Rupees 100 insufficient.

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1868, No. 260.

The Governor in Council sanctions the offer of a reward of Rupees (200) two hundred for the apprehension of Moonien, the individual who is supposed to have murdered Mrs. McDougall, widow of Major General Patrick McDougall of the Bombay Army, on the night of the 4th instant at Ootacamund.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Chief Office of Inspector General of Police.
MADRAS 6th February 1868.

My dear Mr. Ellis.

I enclose for your
information, a copy of a
Telegram received today
from Coimbatore regard-
ing the sad murder
of Mrs. General MacDonnell
on the Hills.

Yours sincerely
W. Beatty

From Halsted
Coimbatore

To Asst. Insp.^r Genl.
Madras

Mrs. General Mac Dougall murdered
by her horse-keeper "Moonien" at
Potacamund on the night of the
4th instant - Moonien was also
his descriptive Roll is as follows
Canarese pariah - Fair. Corn
plexion - Flat face - Light Eyes
Pock-marked - Tall and thin
wife good looking but dark, and
female child about one year
old - Some times called Moonien
Please inform Commissioner
of Police and publish in form
as usual -

true copy.

Wheatley

A. A. S. G. J.

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Coimbatore Magistrates Office

Coimbatore 7th February 1868.

From

Mr. D. R. D. D. D.

Joint Magistrate of Coimbatore

In Charge.

To

The Hon^{ble} R. S. Ellis, C. B.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George.

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3. The man is a Canadian Pariah
and is probably already in the Hospital
County. Under the circumstances I consider a
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Sir,

Yours most obedt Servant

Wm. Lusk

Joint Proprietor

Ex. Chancery.

18th February 1858 No 260.

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