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Judicial (~~193~~ 1879) Department.

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DATED 30-10-79

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rangoon Commissariat Frauds Case.

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Commissariat.
" Contracts.

No. 6081.

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Ootacamund, the 29th October 1879.

From the Adjt: Genl: No. $\frac{245}{9}$, dated 2nd Septr: 1879.
Order of Government, " 4867, " 3rd — " —
From the Govt Solicitor, " 439, " 5th — " —
Telegram from the Chief Commissioner, B. Burmah. } dated 16th Augt:/79.
From the Adjt: Genl: No. $\frac{279}{10}$, dated 6th Octr: 1879.
Refce to Govt Solicitor, " 5820, " 17th — " —
Reply from — ditto —, " 520, " 22nd — " —
From the Commy: Genl: " 6141, " 15th — " —
From the Govt Solicitor, " 527, " 24th — " —

Order. Ordered that the foregoing papers be forwarded to the Judicial Department, in view to early orders being issued to the Inspector General of Police to depute the best available officer of his department to watch the case in the Recorder's Court at Rangoon on the 12th November next; and to obtain information from the books and cashkeepers of Messrs Cohen Bros: firm, and from Mr Cohen himself, if possible, in view to eliciting the truth, and bringing the offending parties to justice.

2. The deputed officer should be in communication with the Government Law Officers at Madras, and with the Officers of the Court of Inquiry at Rangoon, and he may be permitted to hold out a promise to Mr. Cohen that proceedings will not be taken against him, if he gives full information.

3. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, with a request that he will afford every assistance to the Officer deputed to investigate the truth of the alleged malpractices of the Commissariat Employées.

(True Extract)

Colonel.

Secretary to Government.

To,
The Judicial Dept:
with copy of P.C. No. $\frac{4443}{13.8.79}$, & papers in origl. (Return of all requested)

Judicial (1879 Dispatches
Commissariat Contracts)
Recd: fr: Government
Military Department
Dated 29 } 8 } October/79
Recd 29 } 2 }
No. 6081.

N. 3178

Commissariat
Fraud Case
Rangoon

Cancelled

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following ~~letter~~ G.O.

Military Department, No. 6081 d
29th October 1879.

Order thereon, d 30 Octr/79, No.

Ordered that the foregoing order and the papers received with it be forwarded, in original, to the Inspector General of Police in view to his deputing an officer of his department immediately to proceed to Rangoon to carry out the instructions conveyed.

2. The Advocate Genl. will be requested to give

S.A. to see this paper

Subject appearing to Mr. Waldon in each case a substitution of terms may easily be made.

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give the Officer deputed such advice as he may need from time to time.

3. The Commissioner British Burmah will also be requested to instruct the Officers of the Recorder's Court at Rangoon to give the Officer deputed such aid as he may need in the matter.

The following Telegram will be despatched to the Inspector General.

"Government desire you depute immediately available Officer proceed Rangoon watch Commissariat frauds case. Order and papers follow."

YHL

To the Inspr Genl of Police
" Govt Solicitor

No.

Major I. Wilson
Chief Presy Magt
Madras

Ootacamund
October 1879

25/10/79

No.

To
The Chief Commissioner
British Burmah.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that this Govt. have directed an officer of the Madras Police to proceed forthwith to Rangoon to watch the Commissariat frauds case in the Recorder's Court at Rangoon, and to request that you will be good enough to issue such instructions as will ensure the officer deputed receiving such aid as he may need in the matter.

YHL

Rangoon Commis-
-sariat frauds

Very Emergent

Govt. of 187 } Madras

To

Dated } 187 , No.
Recd.

Nos.

Mr. D. F. Carmichael

Orders cancelled
letter stands

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ G.O.

Military Department, No. 6081, d. 29th
October 1879.

Order thereon, d. 30th Octr/79, No. 2806

On further con-
-sideration His Grace the Governor in Council resolves to depute Major T. Weldon Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, to proceed immediately to Rangoon to carry out the instructions conveyed in the foregoing order, which, with the con-
-nected papers, will be forwarded to him in original

original.

2. Major Weldon will refer to Government by telegram for any further instructions he may want, and obtain from the Advocate General Madras such advice as he may need from time to time.

3. The Commissioner British Burmah will be requested to instruct the Officers of the Recorder's Court at Rangoon to give Major Weldon such aid as he may require.

4. The following telegram will be despatched to Major Weldon, care of Coll. Clo
Madras.

"Government depute you proceed immediately Rangoon - watch Commissa frauds case - Order and pape follow".

Despd 30/10/79

To
Major T. Weldon, Chief Presy Magistrate
The Govt. Solicitor.
" Military Dept.
" Accountant General.

Letter despd 30/10/79

No. 2807.

To
The Chief Commissioner
British Burmah

Sir

I am directed to inform you that this Govt. have directed an officer of the Madras Police Major T. Weldon, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, to proceed forthwith to Rangoon to watch the Commissariat frauds case in the Recorder's Court at Rangoon, and to request that you will be good enough to issue such instructions as will ensure Major Weldon receiving such aid as he may need in the matter.

[illegible]
October/79.

30/10/79

Rangoon Commissariat frauds case

(11)

Govt. of Madras.

To

Dated } 187 , No.
Recd.

Nos.

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Very Urgent

Dec 15 [illegible]
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[illegible] in Council
[illegible] 31/10

Commt – Contracts

No. 6081

Government of Madras.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Ootacamund, the 29th October 1879.

Telegram from the Ch. Commr. Br. Burmah of 16th Augt. 79.
From the Adjutant General No. 245-9 of 2nd Sept. 1879.
Order of Government No. 4867 of 3rd Sept. 1879.
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Reference to the Govt. Solicitor No. 5820. of 17th Octr. 1879.
Reply from ditto, No. 520 of 22nd October 1879.
From the Commissary General No. 6141 of 15th Octr. 1879
From the Govt. Solicitor No. 527, dated 24th Oct. 1879.

Transferred, with notes by the Members of Government, to the Judicial Department, for issue of the necessary orders.

(By order)

J. Michael Colonel
Secretary to Government

To be substituted for MD Order of the same No. & date

Govt dont think the orders in this case sufficiently decided. What they want to do is to order Major Weldon, not merely to watch the case, but to take it in hand & work it out in view of bringing the guilty parties to justice—

They also think that the Military G.O. should not contain - as it does in para 2 - instructions about Law officers &c. and that the better course on the whole w^d be for the Military C. O. to be withdrawn and a brief transfer order substituted handing over the papers, with Members' notes, to Judicial Dep^t. for ~~[illegible]~~ issue of necessary orders —

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Council
31/10

29/10

Dear Carmichael,

We have just received instructions from the Military Department to direct the I.G. of Police to depute an officer to Rangoon to watch proceedings connected with the alleged Commissariat frauds.

The papers go on in original to Drever at once. I suppose you are familiar with the subject.

"The trial - whose
trial I am not sure
having only glanced
through the papers -
comes off at the
Recorder's Court
on 12th November

Would it not be
as well in a case
of this kind to em-
ploy Weldon who
is on the point of
joining at Madras?
Cloete expects him
on 1st November.

If there is any man
who could ferret
out the truth I
fancy it is Weldon

Yours very
Thomas Cox

Dear Masters

I think it was
my suggestion to
send over a good
Peeler, to track all
the rogueries –
But Weldon (an old
Peeler) wd be capital –
Ask His Grace – say
Weldon, holding the same
place he does now, was
employed to trace the great
Currency Note Forgery case.

Yours very

I shd not have
approved of an
ordinary Police
officer going; but
I think Weldon
will do excellently.
He shd not leave
without conferring
with Govr.

I shd not object
to Weldon being
deputed to
examine into
truth of allegns
agst Commr: but he
will want no
detective – & the
deputation shd be
reported to S of S –
29/12/9.

No 1.

M. D.

FOR ORDERS.

Letter No. 6649 of 1879.

From The Govt. Solicitor

No. 520 dated 22d Oct. 1879.

The Advoc Genl's opinion simply amounts to saying the books are not conclusive evidence & that other evidence must be sought or obtained —

I think some confidential person sd be employed to proceed to Burmah & endeavour to obtain information from the book & cash keepers —

Submitting the opinion of the Advocate General on the Proceedings of the Court of Inquiry assembled at Rangoon to investigate the truth of certain allegations against members of the Commt. Dept. of receiving illegal gratifications from Messrs Cohen Bros. late Contractors —

For orders as to the course to be adopted.

The case comes on in the Rangoon

Court on 12th Novr.

The previous notes of this proce the Govr & the members of Govt are attached. –

JM

of the firm – & also firm Cohen – of available & property – after 12th Nov & quickly by what means proper – a pursuant to the latter as suggested by the Commissioner might be given –

M 27/10

JM 27/10 M 28/10

[illegible] send the best [illegible] police [illegible] can [illegible] either commence here with [illegible] Rangoon – & there [illegible]

[illegible] 5/

This is a very serious matter

The Insolvent hands in certain accounts, and files them in Court –

Examined on oath, he states "The Accounts I have filed "in Court, are correct, to the "best of my belief, and information" –"

"The Accounts I have had "to do with, were those in "Connection with the Rangoon firm" –

Turning to the extracts from the Rangoon Ledger Entries of Cash, in presents – allowances payments apparently for returns or short issues,

and

for purchase of jewelry
for presents are found, to
a large amount, to officials
of every grade; including
a ruby ring R125 for Col-
~~[illegible]~~ onel Stansfield - & presents to Mrs Stansfield
The Court received Colonel
and Mrs Stansfield's state-
ment in denial, but their
statements possibly from
insufficient questions are
not yet so supported by
collateral evidence apparently within
their power ~~apparently~~
to furnish as ~~[illegible]~~ ~~be~~ seems
essential to satisfactorily negativing the possibility ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
of the truth of the allegations in the books
and in one point as to
getting notes from Cohen's
for Silver -
M. J. Vyapoory, the

Managers statement is
somewhat at variance
with Mrs Stansfield's
statement; ~~[illegible]~~ although she may
not have known, whence
the notes came. ~~[illegible]~~ -
The books of the two Burmah
Branches contain Entries
of a similar nature -

No information is given as to the amounts or dates of the remittances to Madras for which Mrs Stansfield states she received notes in exchange for silver

The insolvent states "Altho
"I directed the Burmah
"branches, I never saw the
"amounts of the branches,
"I gave instructions how
"the business was to be
"carried on" - The Tonghoo
"and Thyetmyo Branches
were

?accounts

"managed by my Agents" "were conducted by two "of my brothers"; "I was in "Tonghoo in 1876 or 77. "it may have been end of "1876, or beginning of 77. "I remained there about "a year" – In January 1877 and apparently therefore while Insolvent was at Tonghoo, there is an entry amongst many other entries of payments to officials of a large payment Rs 750 to Vyapoory, Manager in Colonel S.^t Office, and a large number of entries to various Officials – Captain Hunt's account is not very satisfactorily cleared up, and needs explanation –

I do not think the apparent wrong dates in the entry in the Ledger of the Rs 300 and Rs 360.5^as to Captain Hunt's credit, bear the suggestions of the Court. They were not Cash transactions at Tonghoo, but at Rangoon, and only advised to Tonghoo subsequently they could not therefore have been entered on actual dates at Tonghoo and Capt. Hunt says that before he could get particulars of price of remittance; the firm had been engaged in thatching his house and the entries are consistent with that statement. the Bill produced by Capt. Hunt, as proof of payment of Rs 585 14. 6. as copied, bears no date, and does not bear any word received or paid; while although the rupees 300, and Rs 360 are correctly entered, as regards amount, no entry of the Rs 585.14.6. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~amount of~~ this bill appears, but entries of large 2 payments which with the corresponding items on dr. side, Capt Hunt styles

as false.-

Capt Hunt however does not appear to have been asked, whether there had been any other transactions between him, and Cohen & Co; besides those referred to by him.-

The Court has not gone into other cases. ~~[illegible]~~

The books have either been systematically falsified for the purpose of concealing withdrawals of money, or there has been an wholesale system of corruption and cheating-

I should have

thought that Mr. Cohen having filed his accounts containing spurious entries of illegal gratification – presents &c and sworn them correct to the best of his belief, and information, was open to trial for giving bribes to public servants, and that a warrant might be obtainable, against him thereon – upon the disclosures in his books. –

There are many collateral circumstances which might be readily traced e.g. D. Page 66. present for Ghee contract Rs 750 – Was there

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a contract at that time being ~~then~~ let, or just granted?

B. Page 36 Ledger 1878 May 2. Had boats been then employed for 33rd N.I. and had Langley any thing to do with them –?

B. Page 170. 1878 June 6th. Was tobacco sent up by troops boat? Some of the men would likely recollect.

C. Page 10. April 19th. Trace the notes referred to, as given to Mr. Stansfield.

As regards further procedure,

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I ~~should~~ think ~~that~~ the Govmt. Solicitor ~~should~~ be required to advise Govmt. as to the procedure which should be taken, and instructions should be given without delay, to watch procedure on 12th Nov. in the Recorders Court. –

Every means should be taken to prove or disprove the wholesale system of corruption – disclosed in these accounts – and which certainly have a very great appearance of truth – having regard to the long period over which the regular payments & allowances extend –

It seems to me somewhat strange that the Court did not apparently make any attempt to obtain the evidence of the clerks & book keepers of the insolvent firm –

11/10

I concur in H.G.'s proposal to take advice of Govt. Law Officers as to further procedg. L.H. 12/10.

Yes – I suggest promise of not prosecuting the clerks – if they will speak out & expose the system – 13/10

Commissariat – Rangoon –

Note by [illegible]

with Notes by Members

M. D.

FOR ORDERS.

Letter No. 6126

From The Adjutant General

No. 279-10 dated 6th Octr 1879

Submitting Pros: of a Court of Inquiry assembled at Rangoon to investigate the truth of certain allegations against members of the Commt. Dept; of receiving illegal gratifications from Messrs Cohen Bros, late Contractors.

One of the enclosures (marked K) is a summary of the whole case by the Judge Advocate General.

H.E. the Commr in Chief suggests that if Mr Cohen be arrested &

& appear again before the Recorder, a Solicitor be deputed to watch the case, & act generally on behalf of Govt. in the matter.

In O.G. No 4867 of 3rd Sept. 1879. Govt. authorised Col. Stansfeld to prosecute Mr Cohen for defamation, but the present papers show that there was no *prima facie* case to enable Col. Stansfeld to obtain a warrant.

JM.

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Forbes

S.C. 6-16-79
RH—

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For Orders

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Confidential   Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following ~~letter~~ G.O.

Military Dept: d, 29th Octr. 1879, No. 6081.
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From the Govt. Solicitor, No. 439, d 5th Septr./79.
Telegram from the Chief Commr. British Burmah,
d 16th August 1879.

From the Adjutant General No. 279-10 d 6th
October 1879.
Reference to Govt. Solicitor, No. 5820, d 17th Octr./79.
Reply from Do. - No. 520, d 22d Octr. 1879.
From the Commissary General No. 6141. d 15th Octr./79.
" " Govt. Solicitor No. 527, d 24th Octr. 1879.

Order thereon, d 30th Octr./79, No. 2806.

These papers disclose a most unsatisfactory state of things in connection with the Commissariat Department at Rangoon and His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that an Officer should be deputed forthwith to proceed to Rangoon to watch the case in the Recorder's Court, and to thoroughly investigate the whole matter in view of bringing the guilty parties to justice.

3.? Major T. Weldon Chief Presidency Magistrate will be selected for the duty, and all the papers and accounts connected with the matter will be forwarded to him. He will adopt every means to prove or disprove the wholesale system of corruption disclosed in the accounts; obtaining such information as he may require from

Messrs

Messrs Cohen Brothers and from Mr Cohen himself if possible.

He may hold out a promise to Mr Cohen that proceedings will not be taken against him if he gives full information.

3. Major Weldon will refer to Government by telegram for any further instructions he may require, and obtain from the Advocate General, Madras, such advice as he may need.

This done?

4. The Commissioner British Burmah will be requested to instruct the Officers of the Recorder's Court at Rangoon to give Major Weldon all the aid he requires.

6. The following telegram will be despatched to Major Weldon care of Colonel Clarke, Madras.

"Government depute you proceed immediately Rangoon, watch Commissariat frauds case - Order and papers follow."

Note
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To
Major T. Weldon,
Chief Presidency Magistrate. 0 } Desp.d 1/11.
The Govt. Solicitor. 0
Military Department. 0
Accountant General. 0 Desp.d 3/11.

Wd. 31/10/

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Very Urgent

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

To

Dated }
Recd. } 187 , No.

Nos.

Send Madras for
draft letter to Calcutta

15/11

Recd 25-11-75

TRAFFIC CODE FORM 51.

Class. S	INDIAN TELEGRAPH.	Local No. 35

To (Station) Oot^d. commd

From (Station) Rangoon

Words. 15

Time tendered for transmission. (Madras time.) Day. 13 H. 12 M. 47

Official Instructions.— Readdressed at Madras

To (Person) Madras

From (Person) Weldon

1 Arrived	2 eleventh	3 no
4 Court	5 till	6 third
7 December	8 anticipate	9 great
10 difficulty	11 Cohens	12 disappeared
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
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D. From ____________ (L. L.) ______

______ H. ______ M., on the ____________

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Sent to ____________ (L. L.) ______

At ______ H. ______ M., on the ____________

By

Telegraph Master.

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From
Major Weldon
Rangoon

Recd 13.11.79

Arrived 11 - No Court
till 3d Dec - Cohens
disappeared.

circulated
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Intimated on card
Hon D.F.C

No. 3

Madras. 19 December 1879

My dear Weldon.

I have duly received your notes of the 3d., 22d. 29th: and 30 November and your diaries for November.

With reference to the Enquiry in your last whether your reports and communications should go through the Military Secretary to Govt as your services have been replaced at the Disposal of the Military Deptt., I am to say that your demi-official ~~reports~~ and official reports should be sent through me. I am ~~un~~aware that latterly they have been coming straight to Michael and it is not necessary that copies of these should be sent me - but for the future it is the wish of Govt. that they should pass through this office -

I hope arrangements are in progress for putting you in a proper position as to allowances.

I write in haste to catch the outgoing steamer

Yours sincerely.

Sd/ C. G. Master.

Rec: 8 Dec

Rangoon
29. Nov. 1879

My dear Mr Master

I duly received your D.O.
23.11.79
of 8th for which many thanks
I do not see how, consistently with either my public or private position, I could submit — probably for taxation by the Acct. Dept. — a bill showing details of the personal expenses to which I may be put — Can I appraise the

difference in Market value
of a Rangoon and a Madras
Mutton chop! In Madras
a Residence is part of my
Official Emoluments - Here
I must rent - and provide
at all events bare necessary
furniture &c. If I have to go
to Tonghoo or Thayetmyo the
same, with addition of camp
and marching kit - which will
be no use to me when this duty is
completed - I believe I am correct
in saying that had any other delegate been

chosen from the Revenue
or Judl. Dept. he wd. be entitled
to a regular rate of travelling
& halting allowance ~~with~~ or the
customary deputation allowance.
I have no time to keep elaborate
accounts; it is puzzling enough
to keep acct. of all payments I
make on account of Govt. for
Office contingencies & travelling expenses,
that is actual conveyance; so I
will confine my claim to actual
cash disbursements for Govt. and
waive my personal expenses -
but if my services have no special
value I hope that in future I

may be left to discharge my ordinary duties as a Magt. undisturbed.

Please do not think me ungrateful. I fully appreciate both your own kindness in bringing the matter forward and the good intention of Govt.

Yr. Sincly

Rangoon
30.11.79

My dear Master

I see I have been placed at disposal of the Mil'y dep't.

Should my reports & communications go through Mil'y Secy. Good!

Yrs sincy

From
Col Weldon
Rangoon
Dec 11.12.79

When I asked the other day if, in the circumstances, I shd hand to Military the communications recd from Col W. up to date I was told to retain them.

Perhaps I may tell Col W. to go on reporting as heretofore?

Yes

11/12

ec 18.12.79

MADRAS CLUB.

3rd Nov: 79

My dear Mr Master

If I go by the steamer which leaves I believe today for Calcutta I may possibly catch a Rangoon vessel & arrive on the 12th Nov. but I doubt much my being in time for the sitting of the Insolvent Court - not that it matters much as apparently Cohen has absconded and

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if he does not appear (and he failed to do so when the case was last called) there is an end of the Insolvency proceedings. Cohen is the only man who can give infor. to verify the items he enters - & the law officers both here & there agree that there are no legal means to compel him to speak or even produce his books otherwise than as an Insolvent. Probably he will be encouraged to absent himself & avoid a troublesome Cross Exam.n Though not sanguine as to result of my visit I have lost no time in proceeding to the same. I must go with just the few things I have my baggage wh. comes by sea to Madras must be abandoned as there is no time to clear it & refit.

I believe the steamer leaves this evening & I am just starting to secure passage.

I don't know what address to give in Rangoon. Perhaps
"Care of Asst. Adjt. Genl
Rangoon"
wd. be safest.

If necessary I cd. be telegraphed on board the "Khedive" at Calcutta up to Friday

Yr. sincl

Sheldon

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Will I be granted any deputation allowance? These expeditions involve many expenses not covered by refund of bare railway or steamer fares. My Salem trip cost me money and this will cost me more – my salary as Chf: Magte was calculated for service in the Town of Madras.

&c.

a [illegible] to cover all expenses

Should [illegible]

C. G. Master Esq

Wrote U.O. 8 Nov. [illegible] statement of actual expenses

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Judicial department

Nos. 2806 - 2807

dated 30.10-79

Rangoon Commissariat Frauds Case—

Recd. 1-11-79

Judicial Department.

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Order thereon, d. 30th Octr/79, No. 2806

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2. Major Weldon will refer to Government by telegram for any further instructions he may want, and obtain from the Advocate General, Madras, such advice as he may need from time to time.

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3. The Commissioner British Burmah will be requested to instruct the Officers of the Recorder's Court at Rangoon to give Major Weldon such aid as he may require.

4. The following telegram will be despatched to Major Weldon, care of Colonel Cloete, Madras.

"Government depute you proceed immediately Rangoon, watch commissariat frauds case. Order and papers follow".

(True Extract.)

C Masters

Ag: Chief Secretary

To

Major T. Weldon,

Chief Presidency Magistrate.

with papers

Govt. of {187 } Madras.

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G.O. 2866

Eccl. Dept.

To

Dated 30 } Oct 1877, No.
Recd. 1 Nov }

Nos.

Deputing Mason [illegible]

to Rangoon

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Desp^d 1/12

Mil. Dept.

No. 3047/2.

To
The Commissioner of Police,
Calcutta.

Sir.

In explanation of my× telegram of the 15 ultimo as per margin, I am directed to inform you that in consequence of the report of a Court of Enquiry assembled at Rangoon to investigate certain allegations against members of the Commissariat Deptt of receiving illegal gratifications from Messrs. Cohen Brothers, late contractors, the Govt. of Madras have deemed

× "Colonel Weldon, Chief Presidency Magistrate, employed Rangoon Commissariat Fraud Case - Please render every assistance - Particulars by post."

deemed it expedient to depute an experienced detective officer to the spot to go into the case thoroughly in view to bringing the guilty parties to justice.

2. Colonel Weldon, the officer so deputed, is now at Rangoon and writes that as the Cohens or some of them are said to have gone to Calcutta it may be necessary to enlist the good offices of the Police there, either to obtain information or to secure the attendance of Cohen if such a measure be deemed feasible.

I

Fort St George
1st Decr. 1879.

3. I am to reque
therefore that you
will aid Colonel We
should he apply
you for assistanc

Judicial Dept

To Commr Police, Calcutta

d/ 1 Dec 1879

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1879

No 3047 dated 1st December

No. 677 – { 15 Nov/79.

To Commissioner of Police,
Calcutta.

"Col. Weldon, Chief Presidency
" Magistrate, employed Rangoon
" on Commissariat Fraud
" Case. Please render every
" assistance. Particulars by
" post".

(Sd) W. B. Grigg.

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To
Col. Weldon,
Rangoon

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter fro

Lt. Col. T. Weldon, on special duty. d/ 14th December 1879.

Order thereon. 31 8th Decr. 1879. No. 3325.

The Govt. approve Colonel Weldon's action in the matter of his offer to Joseph Gubboy.

2. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has already ordered the Court of Enquiry to be a *closed* Court.

3. Extract of his diary

*I have however discovered a note dated 28/1/76 from Manager Vyapoory (now stationed at Thayetmyo) to Cohen. My diary relating to Conductor Langley will be communicated to the Military Department in view to explanation being called for from that officer.-

"My dear Mr. Cohen.
"will you please let me
have the amount"
Yours sincly "
Sd/ Vyapoory."

Mr. Cohen may possibly explain the meaning of this - It may be a case of "Chops and tomato sauce".

A much plainer letter I have also discovered from Conductor Langley (now I believe at Wellington) copy as follows -

"My dr. Mr. Cohen

" I fully expected to see "
"you this morning but you sent"
"Mr. Gubboy who could not give "
"me a decided reply, so I now "
"write to you. I have put about "
"200/ in your pocket by this "
"tide and if your brother were "
"here he would give me 60/ or "
"70/- however you can send "
"me 50/ or 60/ per bearer as I "
"have to send money away this "
"mail, and if you can send "
"a Bank Note it would be "
"preferable if not cash will do "
"and the Bearer is to be trusted. "
"Besides putting 200/ in your "
"pocket you were greatly helped "
"in shipping Casks &c. & a pony. "
"Don't refuse and write across "
"this note what you send &
"return per bearer "

Yrs. sinj.
6/7/76 Sd/ J. Langley"

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This was in 1876 and from the books Mr. Langley appears to have received in /77 and /78 no less than Rs. 1336/ in cash besides I presume free rations as all the others did -

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One Clerk Mr. Trevor (now I believe at Cannanore) appears to have been considerably more useful to Cohen than to Govt. He gave all required information and even telegraphed and carried on correspondence signing

p.p. Cohen Bros. & Co.
H. Trevor

He received during 77/78 Rs. 485 cash.

× Serjeant McDermott who was shipping Serjeant at Rangoon has had in the two years /77 /78 Rs. 880/ cash alone. I have seen an original letter of his too asking for money. I understand he has been pensioned or has applied for pension. I do not know where he may be now.

4. The entries regarding Trevor & McDermott will be similarly communicated for such action as may be deemed necessary.

5. The Advocate General will be requested to advise whether Commissariat Clerks are amenable to the Articles of War as

being "attached to
"~~and~~ serving with
or
"the Army" –

For orders

Lt Col. T. Weldon.
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Advocate General
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