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[Despatch Abstract.]

Report on the Conduct of Mr
Pendergast, Ag. A.S.P.,
Vizagapatam

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Chief Office of the Inspector General of Police,
No. 6364. Madras. 21st November 1884

From Colonel. H. D. Cloete
Ag^t The Inspector General of Police,

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

Sir,

Enclosures.
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I have the honor to forward the enclosed report by Lieutenant Colonel Hicks, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Northern Range, on the conduct of Mr Pendergast, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police, Vizagapatam (with enclosures A to H) for the orders of Government.

2. The charges against Mr Pendergast are,

1st That he failed to take any notice of men recommended for

for punishment (vide enclosures A, B, C and D).

2. That he appropriated Rs. 50 sent to him as reward money for distribution (vide enclosure E).

3. That he borrowed money from Zemindars (vide enclosure G).

4. As regards the 4th charge it is evident that Mr. Pendergast has been most remiss in the performance of his duty and has culpably neglected very important matters that should have received his prompt attention; his neglect to pass orders on punishments recommended by the Inspector was a grave dereliction of duty which must have a disastrous effect on the discipline of the force under his charge. His explanation (enclosure A) on this charge is most unsatisfactory.

unsatisfactory.

4. As regards the second charge I am not prepared to agree with Colonel Hicks; it is quite possible that the office Head Constable may never have shown the Selugu memorandum to Mr. Pendergast and have appropriated the money himself, or that Mr. Pendergast in his usual careless manner of performing his duty either forgot (as he says) that he had received the money or mixed it up with other sums; the amount was so paltry that he could have replaced it at any time, and I think his explanation (enclosure E) should be accepted.

5. As regards the third charge Mr. Pendergast in borrowing money from

for against him).

A 9. I am constrained to observe
2 that the supervision exercised
Ser over Mr Pendergast by his superior
for officers appears to have been de-
3 fective) or the irregularities he has
Ser been found guilty of would have
3 come to light sooner than they did.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant.

H. J. Christ

Ag. Inspector General of Police

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J. L. (1881) DEPARTMENT
 (Police)

From *Ag.*
 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
 OF POLICE.

No. 6364.

Dated 21 } November 1881
 Recd. 22 }

No. 3461.

SUBJECT.

Submits a report on the con-
 duct of Mr. Prndergast. Acting
 Agt Supt of Police, Vizagapatam

Note.

Mr. H. G. Prndergast was ap-
 pointed Assistant Superintendent of Police,
 Vizagapatam on the 27th July 1876.

His superior officers at that time
 and subsequently were -

Lieut. Col. W. Robertson - Dy Insp. Genl.
 Northern Range from June 1876 - now
 on furlough

Lieut. Col. F. J. Hicks - Ag. Dy Insp. Genl.
 from March 1881 -

Lieut. Col. W. M. Frazer - Insp. of Police.
 Vizagapatam from 16 June 1874
 to 8th January 1880.

Major C. J. B. Harris - present Insp. of
 Police from 5 April 1880.

The Co. of 1865 is put up.
 P. V. F.

Report of Mr. Prndergast.
 W. P. has done good service
 & has suffered in health. He may
 act for some time in improving
 discipline. He has however
 lost his promotion. He has
 already been passed over in
 the recent promotions because
 these charges were under
 investigation. The "loans"

nothing further is required,
 as there is nothing low, slabby,
 or disreputable about the
 two loans -
 I particularly object to his
 being transferred - He is famous
 for going amongst the hill people
 & treating them well, & the hills
 are the most important parts
 of his charge - He is having near
 one that hill handles and
 commands -

Oct 3/81

No.

From R. Insp. Gen. Police d. 21 Nov. /07 no 6364

Mr Pendergast (Actg
Supt. Police, Vizagapam)
- Case.

For orders

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H. J. J.

Mr Pendergast's Case

FOR ORDERS.

I quite concur in
thinking that there is very
little in all this. Except the
manifestations of Inspector
Lynold's apt. Mr Pendergast.

Submits a report on the con-
duct of Mr Pendergast. Acting
Act Supt of Police, Vizagapam.

W. P. has done good service
& has suffered in health. I may
act. for some time in improving
discipline. I have honored &
lost his promotion. He has
already been passed over in
the recent promotions because
these charges were under
investigation. The "loans"

I really don't see much
in this. I will suffice to
pass him over, for a while,
in promotion - on view of his
neglect of a General Order;
nothing further is required,
as there is nothing low, slabby,
or disreputable about his
two loans -

I particularly object to his
being transferred - He is famous
for going amongst the hill people
& treating them well; & the hills
are the most important part
of his charge - He is having new
men at hill hordes and
communities -

D. J. J.

are clearly drawing of the
name. Mr was appointed
an advance of \$100 from a
known money lender & to
a work S. C. at the
reposed. Reason
for account. The
other was also formerly
accounted. S. C. was
deposed in a few days.

Any man who has in
touch of the sheet letter
of the S. C. of 2 June 65
but scarcely of its
spirit.

Mr. S. & explanations
were done & he perfectly
straightforward & honest
& I fully credit them.

S. C. big him for his
loyal service. but
can do it in recognition
of his good service

As the fact that illness
contrasted them may
account for it in some
measure. In the last
S. C. accept his S. C.
but warn him against
a finding a hand in
charge of them by
failure to observe
rules to the utmost
strictness.

I remember perfectly
well that when the S. C.
of June 65 was under
discussion it was fully
admitted that in dealing
with the cases S. C. it
was pointed out. honesty of intention
must be recognized & were
given the letter was not
strictly observed - & that
one of the reasons for
obligations S. C. are in conflict
with the perfect freedom
and independence of spirit.

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Ben D. Fairbanks

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From A. Knapfstein d 21 Nov - 81 no
6364

Order. 78th Dec. 1881. No. 2521.

N. 4. The for. ^{For.} after careful consideration
of these papers have come to
the conclusion that Mr. Prendergast
clears himself of any dishonest
or dishonourable intention in
the money transactions reported,
and that although there has been
a breach of the letter of the
instructions contained in the
Notification of 2 June 1865,
there has been no purpose to
violate their spirit. At the
same time Mr. Prendergast
will be warned against of

As
J. forcing a handle to charges
L. against him by failure to
H. observe with the utmost strict-
ness the rules prohibiting
dealings ^{by public officials} with persons resident
within their official range.

2 With regard to the
other charges, the Govt. request
to advise Mr. Pendergast orally
in enforcing discipline; but
are willing ~~however~~ to condone
it ^{in this particular instance} in recognition of his recent
good service by the fact
that illness contributed thereby
may account for it in
some measure. They trust that there may be no
future occasion of
condemning his conduct
in this respect.

(From order)
J. H. [Signature]

To J. of Police
with Encls. let. } dep. 8/17/01

No (62)

Mr Ruderfaster

Case

Co 8th December 1881,

No 2521 Judicial

Mr W Huddell

From order

