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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rangoon Commissariat
Frauds.

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Rangoon

My dear Davidson,

If some decision be come to as to what is to be done with the two officers and the Conductors whose papers have been sent in by the Court of Inquiry to H.E. the Chief I think I may close my labours here. It has been an unpleasant task and I fear I have incurred much odium because I refused to take for granted that there was only one side to this story - but I cannot help that feeling nor undertake to bring a more honourable sense of duty home to some who should know better than they appear to do.

Fort St. George
10th March 1880

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I fear my report this week is very long but I could not well curtail it.

A great deal now depends on the result of any action taken by Govt. or the Chief. If the entries in Cohens books be accepted in the major cases they may be taken as true in the minor cases & the shoal of small people be disposed of in bloc. There are numbers of understrappers Elephant Jemadars - Mahouts - Maistries ~~&~~ suspended under the general order of Government that all persons mentioned in Cohens books were to be suspended.

It will be simply impossible within reasonable limits of time to take all these petty cases in detail and no satisfactory result beyond statement by Cohen that he paid & denial of receipt by payees - wd. be obtained.

The Chief has twice telegraphed to Hallett to know what the Recorder said & did in Cohens case - there seems great hesitation in replying, partly through fear of prejudicing the accused & not a little because H. cannot understand how the Chief or Govt. or anyone else cannot possibly want to go beyond him for an opinion!

I will be very glad when this is all over.

Yrs. sincerely

Weldon

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C in Chief's Office.
9. March 1880

Dear Mr Davidson.

The C in Chief hopes Govt have decided as to the disposal of the Commissariat Officials in Burmah, and that if it is settled that they are to be tried by the Civil Courts that no time will be lost in commencing Proceedings.

Yours truly
S. O. Attwood

P. T. O.

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The C in C. has also
desired me to ask for a
Copy of a P.M.G. Memorandum
dated I think about the 26
Feby 1880 as to the Municipal
Taxation of Officers –

R. D.
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My dear Davidson.

Judge Advocate General has brought ~~all~~ the papers about the Commissariat in Burma here – ~~do~~ Do you want them? Or shall he take them to the Advocate General as he is going there to talk on the subject?

Yours sincerely

H N D Prendergast

My dear Prendergast

As the Judge Advocate proceeds in going to see the Advocate General on the subject of the papers he had better take them with him but let me have a note to that effect for record in the office please

R. 9.3.80

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Fort St. George
10. March 1880

Desp. with orig. papers & notes 10/3

Dear Mr. O'Sullivan,

In continuation of the papers brought to you yesterday by Coll. Wilson, in charge of the Judge Advocate General's Office, I am desired to forward to you confidentially the accompanying papers and notes by Members of Government relating to the Commissariat frauds

case in Rangoon, ~~and~~ I am
to request your ~~you to~~ advice
as to the mode of prosecution to be adopted
~~of those concerned~~, and
~~to state~~ whether you
consider it desirable ~~necessary~~
to send ~~over~~ a lawyer
from Madras to conduct
the prosecution.

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D. O. to Mr O'Sullivan
of 10th March/80

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Strictly Confidential.

15 March 1880.

Dear Mr Tarrant,

The Govt. have decided on deputing you to proceed to Rangoon to assist in prosecuting the persons connected with the Commissariat frauds Case. All the papers connected with the case are being sent to O'Sullivan with whom you will be good enough to confer in accordance with the enclosed Order.

15.3.80

Yrs sincerely.
Sd/ R. Davidson.

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to ~~[illegible] O'Sullivan~~ Mr Tarrant

of 15 March /80

My dear Mr. Davidson

Will you kindly send me the papers which I forwarded to you with my letter of the 12th inst —

Yours very sincerely

15th March 80.

P. O'Sullivan

In reply to yr. note just recd.
I imagine that the papers
you refer to were those
made up in a long cloth parcel (which you sent in on Saty) If so,
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handed over to the
Mily Dept with a
note to say that it
contained the papers

which were obtained by
you from Col. Wilson.

All the commissariat
frauds papers are I
believe, now with
Col. Wilson —

D/O from Hon. J. O'Sullivan

15/3/80

Madras. March 15th 1880.

My dear Mr. Davidson,

I have just received your note as to the Commissariat frauds. I will at once put myself in communication with O'Sullivan.

Have you any idea when I shall have to start? as I must make arrangements. I have cases hanging over in various parts. I must give them up, or get them postponed. I have got leave on about 2d. April. but of course will give it up if necessary.

Yours ever

W. J. Tarrant

D.O. from
Ch. Secy
H. J. Tarrant
of 15th March/80

Chief Secretariat, 15 March 1880.

My dear Mr. Tarrant,

In reply to your letter just recd. I cannot tell you until the result of your Conference is known, when you will have to start, but you may rely on my giving you the earliest intimation when the ~~thing~~ time is settled.

Yours sincerely

Madras 16th March 1880

Revd Council
A16/3/80

My dear Mr Davidson

I return the papers received yesterday. When I get the papers from the Judge Advocate General I shall communicate with you again -

I understand the Govt wishes to act promptly in the matter - If so it will

Fort Saint George
16th March /80.

Confidential

Dear Mr Mason.

The Government have decided on deputing Mr Tarrant to proceed to Burma on special duty, and they desire to know what you consider would be a proper remuneration to give him while so employed. Yrs. truly

Sigd R. Davidson

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Chief Secretariat, ~~15~~ 16th March 1880.

My dear O'Sullivan,

In reply to your demi official of this date, I am to inform you that, as Mr. Tarrant will not leave Madras before the 22d or possibly, the 31st instant, there will be ample time for his going thro' the papers, in consultation with yourself and the Judge Advocate General

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R. D.
16 MAR 80

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My dear Mr Davidson.

Thanks for your note. If the matter is so heavy it might be as well to consider whether I should not devote my whole time to it [illegible] here at once, so as to get things in train to start as early as possible. In that case I should have to give up all private work, & attend only to this & the current work of the Crown office until I start. This will expedite matters possibly. Then in what capacity am I to appear in Burmah? Your note says to *assist*. Will the Rangoon Government Advocate prosecute, or what is proposed? If I am to appear in Court I should have to be admitted first in the Rangoon Court, & this if the Recorders Court is looked upon as a High Court will involve an admission fee. Again I have no right to appear as a Public Prosecutor there, is it proposed to get the Local Govt. to appoint me in any Capacity – or am I to be looked upon as General Adviser conducting the ~~[illegible]~~ Court work this' others. Lastly You will pardon my asking, as it saves all misunderstanding afterwards. What am I to understand in the way of Honorarium? You will please understand that I do not put this offensively, but that I may know what arrangements I can make with the Accountant General here for payments during my absence, or whether I shall have any Credit in Burmah. I ask this, as some years ago the Govt. of India sent me to Burmah to act as Recorder of Moulmein, it was found that no arrangement having been made as to funds I could not draw on any one. I was left in rather a helpless condition until the Chief Commissioner on his own authority made a special order on the Depy Acc.t Genl. to advance me until proper orders could be passed by the Govt. of India.

Please look upon this as merely notes jotted down for your consideration in case any thing should crop up at Council to day.

Yrs sincy

W. J. Barnard

Confidential

Fort St. George
16th March 1880.

My Dear Mr. Tarrant,

In reply to your letter of this date, I am to state that you will be specially retained for the duty on which you are to proceed to Burma, and that it will be necessary for you to start as soon as you can get a steamer after you have gone through the papers.

There is no B.I.S.N. Co's Steamer direct to Rangoon till the 31st instant (after tomorrow). There is, however, a P&O Steamer leaving Madras on the 22d instant and reaching Calcutta on the 26th idem; and there is a B.I. Steamer leaving Calcutta on the same date (26) which is due at Rangoon on the 30th idem. If therefore you can feel

assured

assured that the P&O. Steamer leaving Madras on the 22d will be in time to catch the B.I. Steamer leaving Calcutta on the 26th, you had better proceed by that route.

The Government Prosecutor, by whatever name designated in Burma, will, it is presumed, be necessarily retained as 1st Counsel.

In any cases however in which it may be practicable, without violating the etiquette of the Local Bar, you may take the leading position - but that would probably be before the Magistrates' Courts.

The question regarding honorarium will be answered shortly.

Yours &c

16.3.80

To J. H. Tarrant Esqr.

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To Mr Tarrant

d/ 16 March/80

Offl. Memo.

The agents of the B. I. S. N. Co. are requested to be so good as to inform the undersigned whether the B. I. Steamer which will leave Calcutta on the 26 instant for Rangoon sails before or after the arrival of the P&O. Steamer due on that day at Calcutta from Madras.

Sd/ R. Davidson
Chief Secy.

16 March 1880

BINNY & Co
MADRAS.

R. D.
17 MAR 80

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Madras, 17th Mar

R. Davidson Esq,
Chief Secretary to Government o
Madras. –

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No. 604 of
terday's date, we have the honor to inf
you that the Steamer to Rangoon wi
(provided the overland Mail has arr
leave Calcutta at daylight on 26th
and would therefore pass the upwar
P & O Steamer, due at Calcutta sa
date, well down the Hooghly. –

We have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obdt Servts
Binny & Co.
Agents

Home Agents B.I.S.N. Co.
Madras.
Dt. 17/3/80.
Affording the information
asked for as to time
of B.I. Steamer leaving
Calcutta

R.D.
17 MAR 80

My dear Mr. Davidson.

I do not see how I can feel assured of the P. & O. St. getting in in time. & it seems very risky to me. The P. & O. is only due, according to the list, at noon on 26th & if the B. I. left in the morning, or if the P. & O. was only an hour or two late, I should miss it. When Mrs. Tarrant came to me at Burmah the Calcutta Steamer left at 1st a.m. & in a similar case there would of course be no chance of catching the Burmah St. If the vessel left next day it might be advisable to try. but I hardly think so under present circumstances. However just as you like.

Yours truly

W. Tarrant

17-3-80.

P.S.
Ever since I have been making all arrangements since I heard from you. & yesterday had to give up work

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March 1880.

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D.O. from Mr. Tarrant:
d/17. 3. '80

My dear Mr. Tarrant.

Adverting to your letter of todays date, you may accept it as definitely arranged that you will proceed to Rangoon by the B. I. Steamer leaving Madras on the 31st instant and you may inform O'Sullivan accordingly. This will enable you to acquaint yourself thoroughly with all the circumstances connected with the Commissariat frauds Case without necessarily interfering with your private engagements until your departure

Mofussil would do,

Meanwhile, it is of importance that Govt. should be informed, at the earliest date, of the names of all those who are to be proceeded against, and the section or sections of the Penal Code under which they will be charged.

Yrs sincy.

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viz: to apply for processes

D/O. to Mr. Tarrant.
9/17 March 1880.

R. D.
23 MAR 80

Madras. March 23rd. 1880.

My dear Mr. Davidson.

I have to acknowledge with thanks the G.O. sent me yesterday afternoon as to the [illegible].

1st I have an appointment with Mr. Hall for this morning. but may as well jot down one or two things I have thought of.

I suppose some separate order or authority which he can show, if necessary. (having no remarks on the cases,) will be sent Col. Weldon, appointing him to prosecute for Govt. in all the cases. Somebody will have to be put forward as prosecutor, (over & above the Counsel engaged,) as they are sure to ask first thing; "Who is the prosecutor". This will also aid him in getting

2 any telegrams or Docts. from officials. & assist him generally with the authorities.

I presume the local Govt. will be asked to aid us all in their power.

3" Over & above the management of the case generally, & its conduct in Court, there are of course many applications made in the Court offices for process, subpoenas, & numerous other matters, not made by Counsel, & here done by the Govt. Solicitor. & when we go to the Mofussil. by the Govt. local Pleader. or some Vakeel. Is this proposed to be done by a local Vakeel or Pleader. or How?

Mofussil would do, (+ Auston

to apply for process

Then. Am I to be allowed a Clerk, as there will of course be a good deal of copying? & would it be advisable to take one, who would not be so easily got at, if any thing of the kind is tried on? I think I know one. a man who was some time with Mr. Cunningham our late Adv. Genl. now I think out of employ. & studying to become a Pleader. tho' I don't know whether he would cross the water - & I say nothing to any one until I know the views of Govt. I think he might be useful.

Am I at liberty to Telegraph Col. Weldon that I am coming? I really want to make some arrangements.

How am I to draw pay? Am I at liberty to draw up to the 30th before starting - as I shall want funds? & after I get there - am I to draw on the Madras Acct. Genl. or rather send in my Bill -? I suppose that Acct. Genl. will want directions as to this.

Box will I imagine give orders for copies of the Adv. Genl's opinions & letters on the matter to be furnished me -

I suppose some one will be appointed to act for me - The Sessions are due 26th April. & there is the preparation of the Cases beforehand - Jury list for 1880-81 - an important matter, or we shall have no legal Jury list for 1880/81. I have sent to Govt. Press the preparatory lists which must be published before 15th April. but which I had well in hand & sent last week. The final lists have to be prepared after a certain time & signed & republished in Govt. Gazette. & there is the Central work. This is all after I leave of course, but I should want to speak to whoever acts. When I acted on the High Court Bench. Mr. Walter Morgan acted as Clerk of the Crown, & Mr. Michell as Crown Prosr. I only mention this for information, as I think you were away at the time - The Chief Justice I believe appoints the Clerk of the Crown, & Govt. the Crown Prosr. -

Yrs sincly

W. F. Damant

Chief Secretariat, 187 .

25. 3. 80

My dear Lord Duke

I am sorry to trouble you today, but the enclosed note from Mr. Tarrant seems to require an early reply.

I sent the letter on yesterday [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] YES 27/10

You had better telegraph [illegible]

6th 1880.

news of yesterday
they made a considerable
his house. but I

of the 25.th of
copies of the two
22nd inst. & copy

not go after all,
I shall have some
as the best
journey are seaboard

servant

As directed in Council this letter was circulated and has not yet returned. I suppose I may tell Mr Tarrant he can have the Clerk.

I am My Lord Dale
yrs faithfully
R. Davidson.

R.D.
25 MAR 80

My dear Mr Davidson.

Was my application as to a Clerk sanctioned?

I don't want to be trouble some. but the man I want to go can only go by instalments, if I may so say. that is, in some mysterious way by breaking his journey at Gopaulpore & joining a I. Steamer there, & not thus being beyond a certain number of days at sea, he can avoid damaging his Caste. & this he can only do by starting to morrow & being picked up by me later on. so he must start by tomorrows Calcutta SS.

Yrs truly
W.O. Tarrant
25-3-80.

25 March 1880.

My dear Mr. Tarrant.

In reply to your note of today. I am to inform you that you can have the Clerk. As your previous letter has not been returned from circulation I cannot at present answer the numerous queries it contained. It was shown in Council on Tuesday and ordered to be circulated.

Yrs truly.

25.3.80

R. D.
27 MAR 80

Madras. March 26th 1880.

My dear Mr. Donaldson.

I have received your memo of yesterday with the 3 covers for O'Sullivan. They made a muddle of it at first by taking his letters to his house, but I managed to get them in the evening.

I also received the copies of the 2 G. Os of the 24th inst. viz. Nos. 682 & 683. with copies of the two opinions of O'Sullivan dated 12th & 22nd inst. & copy Col. Clephanes letter of the 20th inst.

My Brahmin Clerk would not go after all, Parents interfered I believe. I fancy I shall have some difficulty in getting any one, but I shall do the best I can. Caste stands in the way, a journey over sea being involved.

Yrs truly

W. J. Tarrant

D. O. from
Mr A. J. Irwin
of 26 March/80.

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No 2

R. D.
7 APL 80

Rangoon
26. 3. 80

My dear Davidson

I hear Tarrant is coming wh. I take it means Civil prosecutions of an extended nature - Will I be allowed to return to India on T. arrival? - I cost Inquiry and Hallett should be able to instruct T. without prejudice to his own duties as Dy. Judge Advocate - Even if I be not released, I think H. might help in the hard work. for the strain on me for last four months has been very severe and has told on me physically and mentally but while the matter was incomplete I could not give in - You see every time I or the 1st Inquiry wanted to refer to books or hunt up a document I had to drive down to the Recorders Ct. which is in the town and dig among the heaps of rubbish - H. is very impressive and imposing as the high judl. dignitary but what we want is someone who will do as I did and had to do - take off his coat and use his hands as well as his brains - I do not see that it is more undignified for him than for me - Seeing the No. of Milty. Offrs. implicated the Dy. Judge Adv: wd. be a very proper asst. to Tarrant - & perhaps a sense of responsibility for the supply of working details wd. infuse activity of body as of mind

Remember ~~[illegible]~~ I am not trying to get out of my share of work - I have had a little more than my share already - Every single paper - every copy - Extract - letter had to be written by me and at the same time I had to keep my eyes open & provide both for prest. & future - It was like watching a tumbler full of leeches - You know how difficult it is to keep them all in the glass - Some will get over the edge & then have to be pursued. I am getting quite nervous & shaky - Naugle was a good man - If you come across him he can tell you a good deal more than I can write - I am afraid H's feelings are fearfully outraged at the prospect of there being no Cts. Martial but you may still let him have a share in the administration of justice - The whole orchestra cannot be composed of first fiddles - I cannot sleep at nights now - I am worried thinking if there is anything I have left undone - or if what has been done had better not have been done - or if I have placed matters fairly before Govt. with due regard to conflicting public & private interests. I will be very glad to see Tarrant - Govt. Adv: here very good fellow but very young & like many of his neighbours overworked -

Yrs. ever

You will have to give me a cot after this - or find lodging for me at Lecocks' Gardens!

to do what the Govt:

No 2.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

No.

From Colonel Weldon.

Dated 26 March 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

As Colonel Weldon was informed by a Cipher telegram of 2d instant that he was to remain and prosecute in Burma Courts, it is submitted that the following telegram be despatched

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Solicitor at Madras, or

R. D.
27 MAR 80

Note

In this letter Mr. Tarrant wants to know -

1st Whether a separate order will be sent to Colonel Weldon appointing him to prosecute for Govt. in all the cases, as somebody must be put forward as prosecutor.

Very well

I think Colonel Weldon the best person. 25/3

2nd. Whether the Local Government (British Burma) will be asked to aid him & Coll. Weldon.

Yes - I think so -

3rd Is it proposed to appoint a Local Vakeel or Pleader in Burma, to do what the Govt: Solicitor at Madras, or Local Pleader in the Mofussil would do, viz: to apply for processes, subpœnas &ca. not made by counsel.

Whatever is necessary according to procedure & custom in Burma

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Mr Tarrant

4" Is he to be allowed a clerk as there will be a good deal of copying. It would be advisable to take a clerk from Madras as he would not be so easily got at; if any thing of the kind is tried &c.

I shd say he shd certainly have a clerk from here — & a trustworthy one —

Yes. M.

5" Is he at liberty to telegraph to Coll. Weldon that he is coming.

Not till we have Burma Govt reply

Yes. M.

6" How is he to draw pay.

7" Is he at liberty to draw his pay up to the 31" March, before starting?

8" Is he to send in his Pay Bill to the Accountant General Madras? If he is, Accountant General should be advised accordingly.

Need be arranged with Ad. Gen —

Yes M.

9" ? Town Bar will, he imagines, give orders for copies of Advocate General's opinions and decrees in the matter being furnished to him.

Do so at once

10" Is any one to be appointed to act for him? the Sessions being due on 26" April, and it being necessary he should speak to his locum-tenens before he leaves. When he acted in the High Court Mr Walter Morgan was appointed Clerk of the Crown and Mr Mitchell Crown Prosecutor. The Chief Justice makes the former appointment and Government the latter.

Mitchell who acted before

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Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~Read the following letter.~~

Dd. 29 March/80. No. 710.

His Grace the Gover-=nor in Council resolves to appoint Colonel T Weldon, Madras Staff Corp, Chief Magistrate for the town of Madras, to prosecute, on behalf of the Madras Local Govt, in the Recorder's Court in British Burma of Rangoon, all among the parties the officers connected with ~~concerned~~ in the Commissaria Frauds Case, named in the margin of G.O. dated 24th March 1880, No. 682, and any other officers whose prosecution ~~who may~~ may hereafter be ~~ordered~~ determined on ~~be hereafter named~~

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2- Mr. H. J. Tarrant, who has been retained as one of the Counsel for the Prosecution, will, after ascertaining the procedure in Burma, arrange for the employment of a local Pleader to apply for Processes, Subpoenas, &ca. in the Recorders' Court in connection with the prosecution, and report for the sanction of Govt, the remuneration which should be given to the person so employed.-

3- The Chief Commissioner, British Burma, will be requested to afford Coll. Weldon & Mr. H. J. Tarrant, the Counsel, generally such aid as they may need in ~~conducting~~ discharging the duty entrusted to them.-

27.3.80

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To, Coll. T. Weldon.- with G.O. 682.
To, H. J. Tarrant. Esq: Dispd. 29/3/80
Copy sent to Military Dept- 1/4/80
with Enclosures. B No. 1118

Commissariat Frauds Case

G. O. of 29th March
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Govt. of 18 } Madras.

To

Dated } 18 , No.
Recd.

Nos.

Appg Col. Weldon
to prosecute in
Local Courts Bur.

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Judicial Department.

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3- The Chief Commissioner, British Burma, will be requested to afford Coll: Weldon & Mr: H. J. Tarrant, the Counsel generally such aid as they may need in discharging the duty Entrusted to them.

(From Order)

To. Coll: T. Weldon. with G.O. 682
" H. J. Tarrant Esq. dated 29/3/80

Copy sent to Military Deptt. 1/4/80
with Encls. vide R. No. 1118.

Commissariat Frauds
Case

G.O. of 29th March
No. 710

Govt. of {1880} Madras.

To

Dated }
Recd. } 1880. No.

Nos.

App. of Coll. Weldon
to prosecute in Local
Courts. Burma.

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1st April 1880, No. 752.

Comd. to the Advocate General –

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To the Advocate General L&O. Despd 1/4/80

1/4/80

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Mily: Deptt.

to 2043.

Dd 31st March 1880.
Recd 1st April/80.

No. 1119

Comty. letter from the Adjt Genl. intimating that instructions have been issued for the detention of certain persons implicated in the British Burma frauds case.

With Advr

1st April 1880, No. 752.

Comd. to the Advocate General.

1st/80

To the Advocate General L&O. Recd 1/4/80

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No. 2043.

Dd 31st March 1880.

Recd 1st April/80.

No. 1119

Comty. letter from the Adjt Genl. intimating that instructions have been issued for the detention of certain persons implicated in the British Burma frauds case.

With Adv:

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Government of Madras.

R. D.
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MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, the 31st March 1880.

From the Offg Adjutant General, No. 236, dated 29th March 1880.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, No. 682, dated 24th March 1880, and No. 683, dated 24th March 1880, and order of Government thereon No. 1983 dated 25th March 1880, I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief to report for the information of Govt. that instructions have been issued to the General Officer Commanding British Burmah to detain the persons under Military control named in the Proceedings, at the Stations in which they now are, pending proceedings in the Civil (criminal) Courts in Burmah.

2. The Officer performing the duties of Judge Advocate General has been ordered to transfer to the

Advocate General all documents bearing on the case, which it is requested may be taken care of, and returned when no longer required

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Order. Communicated to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract).

H N Prendergast Col. RE
Ag. Secy: to Govt. M.D.

To
The Judicial Department &
" Commissary General

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Police — Abolition of the office of the Dy. Commissioner &c

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

10th May 1880, No. 1107.

Police.

No. 45. *Proceedings of Government*, 10*th May* 1880, *No.* 1107.

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R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secre

To the Inspector-General of Police.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of Madras 1880.

JUDICIAL.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL
OF POLICE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 16th.

Issued

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G.O., 10th May 1880, No. 1107.

MAY.
No. 45.

Police.—The abolition of the office of Deputy Commissioner on Rs. 500 a-month, and the appointment instead of an Assistant Commissioner on Rs. 350 a-month rising by annual increments to Rs. 400, sanctioned.

C No. 15.

Office of the Insp Genl of Police
Coonoor 30th May 1879.

Memorandum

The appointment of a Commissioned Officer as Deputy Commissioner in the northern Range, has never given satisfaction - The salary is not sufficient no house rent or carriage allowances being granted, the distances to the other European Quarters of society are tremendous and no married Captain or Subaltern can do more than barely live on the pay. It is exceedingly difficult to get a house even at a high rent and no one of gentle birth can possibly care for the entourage of Black Town with its open drains and sickening smells - Major Jenkins the first incumbent had to live in Vepery, and was transferred to a District at his own request as soon as possible. — Captain Fleming left sick in 1878 and Captain Hodgson's wife and family have been at death door from typhoid fever and were only too glad to be recently removed to Chingleput even pro: tem. There is no proper Office accommodation, the work having to be done either at home in a Station House, or in a den below the Town Magistrate's Courts which is stiflingly hot.

2. The duties too involve frequent "outings" in Masulah Boats to Ships and dealings with roughs therein of all nations, to which Commissioned Officers do not take kindly. In fact a rougher class of man if I may say so, would fill the position better in every respect and having such a man — available at the present moment, in Mr. S. D. Simpson I most strongly advise Government to accept Major Hick's recommendation.

3. Mr. Simpson's experience in the Town as Police Reserve Inspector and his knowledge of its middle and lower class European and Eurasian population, are unequalled. As a Detective he can scarcely be surpassed and at the present moment whenever we have an exceptional case he is invariably called upon and rarely fails. His past services# speak for themselves and I respectfully submit, entitle him to the best consideration of Government. He is an able linguist and requires no interpreter.

# Printed copy of Testimonials accompanies

4. In his present appointment which might at any time cease (on the ex: Gackwar's demise or otherwise) his pay is Rs 350 with free quarters. I would propose that as Deputy Commissioner he should receive the same pay as Mr. Ansell# Viz: Rs 500 with Rs 50 for House Rent. Dr. Seward has been good enough to telegraph to me that he "strongly recommends Mr. Simpson's nomination".

# formerly European Deputy Commissioner.

5. The Financial Saving to Government

would be Rs. 250 as stated by Major Hicks and the gain to the Public service by Mr. Simpson's re-employment in his own proper sphere of action would be of very much higher value. I shall only touch on one other point. – Government are well aware of the pressing difficulties as to Officers, this Department is now undergoing. – Mr. Simpson's appointment as Deputy Commissioner would place the services of a Commissioned military man at the disposal of the Inspector General for District Duty. and at the same time be one which would give – eminent satisfaction to the Public and greatly strengthen the hands of the Commissioner, not before it is grievously wanted.

W. S. Drever.
Ag. Inspector Genl. of Police.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Ootacamund.

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Enclosure

On an Endorsement from the Ag. Inspector Genl. of Police dated Coonoor 30 May C.E. No. 14.
of 1879.

Memorandum by the Ag. Insp. Genl. of Police on subject of his Temporary nomination to the post of Dy. Commr. of Police on a reduced salary of Rs 500 with House Rent Rs 50.

No. 360.

Madras Police Commrs.
Office 28 May 1879

From

The Ag. Commissioner of Police
Madras

To

The Ag. Inspector General
of Police

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 312 dated 17th Instant and G.O. No. 1218 dated 23rd Instant I have the honor to recommend that as the post of Native Deputy Commissioner is now vacant owing to the death of Mr. Tanjore Ramachandra Rao, the appointment of Assistant Commissioner under the arrangement proposed in G.O. No. 159 dated 2nd February 1874 be conferred on Mr. T. Ramachandra Row the Interpreter of this Office. This will absorb the Office of Interpreter and as under the proposed arrangement the pay

of

This has not yet been returned from Madras. The G.O. appointed T. Ramachandra Row, junior, & not for his namesake pending disposal of latter's application for pension.

of the Assistant Commissioner is to be reduced to Rupees 350 a month a considerable saving will be effected.

M. T. Ramachandra Rao has served in this Office for nearly 22 years and has every claim to the new appointment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J Hicks
Ag. Asst: Commissioner of Police

C.E.N: 13.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary, for the favorable consideration of Government.

Office of the
Insp. Genl of Police
Coonoor 30th May 1879

Ag. Insp. Genl of Police.

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From
The Ag. Insp. Genl of Police
To
The Chief Secy to Government
Ootacamund

Dd 30 } May 1879
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C. E. No. 13

Submits for the favorable consideration of Govt. a letter the Ag. Commr Major Hicks recommending that the post of Native Depy Commr vacated by the death of Mr Tanjore Ramachendra Row be conferred on T. Ramachendra Row, the Interpreter.

Paper

Question of confirmation of T. Ramachandra Rau, the present acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, in the post.

The Honble Members have recorded as follows.

The pay is at present R. 500 not R. 350. The question is whether it shall be reduced, not increased. If not reduced - it remains a prize for the Department. The Interpreter's present pay is R. 150. To jump him to R. 500 is probably not intended by H.G. I am in favor of retaining the pay at R. 500 & getting the best man we can for the money. I think Ali Dost's claims shd be considered. - 3/8

The Honble W. Hudleston.

On looking again thro' the papers I think the intention of Govt. in 1874 was to leave the pay and designation of the Native Deputy Commissioner untouched.

Mr Sim & Sir A. A. opposed change, and Lord Hobart in his latest note expressed willingness to leave things as they were in respect of pay

I think the post shd remain as at present R. 350 - & interpreter abolished as I before noted - I see no reason for increase 30

The increased pay for the European Deputy Commissioner was provided otherwise.

The Interpreter and the Clerk of the Peace have to be absorbed. The former is now acting Dy Commissioner but if the proposal to reduce the post to an Assistant Commissioner on 350 Rs. is not adopted, there is no particular reason to consider his qualifications for it.

If a Deputy Commissioner on 500 Rs. is retained the Govt. might have a wider field for selection.

I think Ali Dost is a candidate - and is entitled to the utmost consideration on numerous grounds.

His Grace -

Hon. D. F. Carmichael

But if Interpreter is qualified, he must I think be absorbed as intended -

If the pay is 500 instead of 350 - it will be a prize for the best man in the Uncovenanted Service.

Definite orders solicited.

Confidential

Re-circulated to His Grace & the Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael with reference to the Hon'ble W. Hudleston's remarks – and for orders: –

1st whether the pay of the appointment is to continue to be at 500 Rs. per mensem as at present, or not,

2° whether Ali Dost is to have the appointment as suggested by the Hon. W. Hudleston – or

3° whether the present acting incumbent, T. Ramchendra Rau, is to be confirmed – or

4th some other person

I think that R 350 sufficient for post

I have heard nothing to lead me to think the applicant to be confirmed in the appointment he has now acted in for many months. Be untouched

Mr Sim & Sir A. A. oppose change, & some to retain his latest note expressed to this guess to leave things as they

died, the Commissioner & Inspector General of Police recommend that T. Ramachendra Rau

appointed - and, if so,
his name. -

Bd 2.4.80

Confidential.

from Ag. Insp. Genl. of Police
30 May 1879. No 1549

Memo

This matter was to lie over till the return of Govt. from the Hills - vide notes on No 1548/79.

2. Tanjore Ramachendra Rau, Native Deputy Commissioner of Police on Rs. 500, having died, the Commissioner & Inspector General of Police recommend that T. Ramachendra Rau

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Rau the Interpreter of the Police Commissioner's office should be appointed Assistant Commissioner on Rs. 350 per mensem in his stead.-

3. The Govt had on a previous application of a similar nature ˣsanctioned the appointment of T. Ramachendra Rau, the Interpreter, to act as Deputy Commissioner pending Tanjore Ramachendra Rau's application for pension, & His Grace had noted at the time that

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ˣG.O. 23d May 1879. No 1218
J.D.

But if the proposal to revive the post of an Assist Commr on 350 Rs is not adopted there is no post in his [illegible] & consider his qualifications.

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24.1.80.

ˣG.O. 6 June 1879. No. 1327
J.D.

when the permanent holder was pensioned the Interpreter might be confirmed.-

4. He still continues acting however, for in noting on a further letter from the Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police dated May 1879 (Judicial No 1558) on certain contemplated changes in the constitution of the Presidency Police Department - which ˣchanges were not approved - both His Grace and the Hon.

Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael indicated that there were doubts as to the fitness of Interpreter T. Ramachendra Rau for the post of Assistant Commissioner, and Hon. D. F. Carmichael said "as there is "no emergency His "Grace may please "to let him *act* till "His Grace returns "to Madras instead "of confirming him "at once."

5. The question now is whether he is to be confirmed

or

or what arrangement is to be made.

6. Both Major Hicks and Colonel Drever assume that the post of *Assistant* Commissioner is to be constituted & that the pay is to be *Rs. 350*. The G.O. quoted (2d. Feb. 1874. No 159) does not fully bear this out. Such an arrangement *had* been recommended but the G.O. simply sanctioned a higher class of European Officer as Deputy Commissioner on Rs. 750 and abolished the offices of Clerk of the Peace and Interpreter.

It said nothing as to the alteration which had been proposed in the position of the *Native* Deputy Commissioner. Colonel Hearn wished this alteration concurring with Major Bowen; but Col. Drever disagreed. From the original notes of Members it seems that the Govt. of the day were divided on the point. Sir A. J. Arbuthnot & Mr. Sim wished to keep the appointment at Rs. 500.

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Mr. Ellis would not press his opposite opinion and Lord Hobart agreed with Mr. Ellis but did not press his view.

Confidential

Circ. Hon. W. H.

& to Hon. [illegible] on returning from tour

If the pay is 500, instead of 350 – it will be a prize for the natives in the General service. [illegible] – 22/2/0.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~READ the following letter~~

D/ April 1880, No

on reflection, I think 350 ~~too~~ little – better make it 400 – [illegible] – 27/

I do not object to say 350. rising to 400 – Bd

Recorded in G.O. d/ 2d Feby 1874, No 159.

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The Inspectors present pay is Rs 150. I think promotion to Rs 350 is ample for the altered position of the Assistt Commr

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A. W. B.

Dy: Commr. of Police
Madras.

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Govt. of {1880} Madras.

To

Dated
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G.O. 10 May 1880
No. 1107

To

The Inspr. Genl. of Police.
" Accountant General.

Hon. [illegible]

His Grace

Hon. W. Hudleston

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To The Inspr. Genl. of Police
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Dated 10th } May 1880. No. 1107
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