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To Colonel Walcott

Commissioner of Police

Madras

Sir

With reference to the order of Government dated 5th Instant No. 484 M.S. calling upon me to explain my apparent apathy and indifference on the occasion of the recent fire at the Peoples Park and at the subsequent inquiries, I beg to assure the Court for the information of Government that my attitude was neither to apathy nor indifference nor want of zeal or activity but simply to the absence of orders from the Court to cooperate with him in the inquiries as to the causes of fire &c.

The Court is fully aware that not only in my capacity as a Justice of the Peace I cannot do anything without his orders but also in my capacity as a Justice of the Peace I have no independent sphere of action with the exception of signing warrants and other processes issued from my office or received from elsewhere, nor even the power to order a false case to be struck off, nor to release prisoners on bail or otherwise nor to discharge the accused or their recognizances without the previous approval of the Court and that I can not order a Constable of the Prison or of any of the D.S. to do any extra departmental work within or without this city without orders. I am virtually the Court's assistant in the office helping him in the general work of the department and as such I have to attend office between 11 A.M. and 5 P.M. and occasionally even longer and can not leave it without the Court's sanction even for a few minutes. All the successive Courts have all along treated me and my predecessor only as such with no conventional functions to perform unless specially deputed.

I would have beg to invite the Court's attention to paras 2 and 10 of the late Insp. Genl. Col. Kennedy's

The Court does not know the Court comes to the Court

then to Court dated 26th January 1872. In 1881 recommending
an increase of the Dy Comm^r's pay from Rs 500 to 750 and the
reduction of the Native Dy Comm^r's pay from Rs 500 to 300.
His minimum rising to 350 by annual increments of Rs 50
10. on the ground of the latter having no such special
duties or outdoor functions to perform as the former
and that recommendation was carried out when I
was appointed as acting Comm^r with Rs 500 added
to the 300 recommended by Colonel Baines vide G. O. 10th May
1880 101107. J. D. In accordance with these various reports
of fires, of cyclones, of bad weather, of badis forms,
dead and of suspected murder are all directed to be
sent only to the Comm^r and Dy Comm^r and not to the acting Comm^r.

Notwithstanding the ambiguity and uncertainty
of the position in which I am placed I have always
done other than indoor work whenever so ordered.
As an instance of which I would refer the Comm^r to
the accompanying extract from Page 23 of the admini-
strative reports of the Madras Police for 1880. That
I also did special work during the whole of the famine
time may be seen from the following extract from
Colonel Baines' closing report on the famine operations
within this city dated 17th December 1877

"Mr. T. Bannerman, now, my interpretation, was
from the commencement worked heartily and well."

The Comm^r himself then Chief Presidency
Magistrate, while on special duty at Bangalore
investigating into charges of corruption and fraud
against some of the employees of the Commisariat
Department wrote to Colonel Baines and by his order
I obtained for him every information I could from
time to time.

I invariably attended the High Court sittings
even when I was only an interpreter to relieve the Dy
Comm^r until the present Dy Comm^r's appointment in 1883.
Even since I attend the High Court by order of Comm^r whenever
it is necessary. I personally inspect all theatricals and all
special marriages and Bazaar fairs and suggest
any alterations or additions that are necessary before
opening the premises for them and visit Police Stations

only when I have occasion to do and every now and then
the Lingakshana or the Muralidharan poor house in Triplicane
which I have had charge of.

Having never had any dislike for outdoor
work whether I received any official notice of any
fire or not. I have always been at the spot in hopes of
rendering some assistance. In the same manner on the
night of the catastrophe at the Park, I proceeded to
the scene of the disaster as soon as I could on hearing
of it from passers by and remained there I believe
from 7½ till 11½ P.M. or until after all the dead bodies
had been collected and secured and the Comm^r had
directed Sub Inspector Gopal Rao to take the Mount
Police men to his Central station and lodge them
there for the night. Though I often met the Comm^r during
these hours and even brought myself to his notice by
speaking to him on behalf of the Praderottah Chinnis
people who wanted to search for some one amongst
the dead bodies, with the sole object of being dis-
turbd by him to do some thing, I was not fortunate
enough to get any instructions from him. I felt pained
at it and I also felt as wanted to stand amongst a large
number of Police officers like a spectator doing nothing
at all, while I was there entirely at the Comm^r's disposal
and might by him have been utilized for any
special work. Being unaware of what was the
general line of conduct pursued by the Comm^r with
reference to the catastrophe, I did not feel uncomfortable
in doing any thing of my own motion which might
unadvisedly have clashed with his policy.

I eventually concluded that the Comm^r did not
wish to use me so that I might be free to do all the
office work during the time he would himself be
engaged in the subsequent investigations. Having
however heard on the evening of Monday the 3rd
January last that by order of the Comm^r all the clerks
had attended office that day, I attended it myself

on the following day and the successive days and did
the routine work - Even then the Com^{te} was not pleased
to give me any special work to do while he could leave
of his close command. My screams at every turn before
this as I live only within half a mile from the office.
The Com^{te} who directed his own office to open at 10 instead
of 11 a.m. on the ground that the old Com^{te}'s work and
that of the establishment was very light might have
availed himself of that very lightness to delegate to me
some particular sort of special duties had he been
so pleased.

With reference to my alleged want of activity in ascertaining the character of the Police I would beg to remind the Court that I was conscious that the defence of the force was in able hands. I was not unaware how or in what direction my interposition could tend to relieve the Police of the aspersions thrown upon them. I was at all times ready and anxious to place my best abilities at the disposal of the Court. His objection to retaliate thus, pleased me. But I could not in the face of that objection be expected voluntarily to intrude myself upon his action. My action was never influenced by any mental indifference or by any physical love of ease.

In February 1880 when the Court was sitting at the Old Bailey I was present at the trial of the Duke of Argyll and the Duke of Devonshire. I was present at the trial of the Duke of Argyll and the Duke of Devonshire. I was present at the trial of the Duke of Argyll and the Duke of Devonshire.

In February 1860 when the then Court Colonel
Drum C. S. D. went to Kenmore on two different occasions
for a change and remained there for about a week
each time and when Major now Colonel Blair who
had been appointed acting Dy. Comdr. Police had not
arrived. I had to attend the Dy. Comdr's office in the
Town up to 12 and the High Court where the Sessions
were going on up to 2 P. M. and attend after that
at the Court's office and do all the work leading
to Kenmore all important papers. Every third day
more over I had to drive out to Kenmore to wait
upon the Court to make my reports and receive
his orders. For weeks together I have been in charge
of the Dy. Comdr's office but have never on any one
occasion given dissatisfaction to my superiors.
and lately through relief of the duties on relative

I had been deputed on the arrival from Burmah of Genl King Tuleau I did not cease to render my services to Colonel Coe the special Political Officer in charge whom he repaired thence whither the Govt. himself is aware of. I have never been inactive or showed any want of zeal or indifference to my work. On the contrary I can satisfy the Govt. that I have been an active and zealous servant of Government from 1853 and the Government have three recognized my services. First when I was only an attaché in the Mysore Residents Office in 1856. Secondly when I volunteered to go to Kyzaputnam by Sea when in 1859 that same Govt. Colonel Boulton was deputed by Sir Charles Trevelyan to detect the murder of Captain Leicester the Pay Master and thirdly when I was at Mysore on furlough in 1871 as the accompanying printed papers will show.

In the possible event I hope not probable
event of the Court's still thinking that I am to blame
for having miscounted his silence as to utilizing
my services for any special duty to mean that
I should not be justified of my own motion to
adopt any solely personal initiative, I trust the
Court will be pleased not to treat me with any
thing more serious than a pardonable error of
judgment and continue to treat me as kindly as ever.

I have the honor to be

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Yours most Obedient Servant

W. Dauchand in Rome

could be obtained for Rs 300. but as there will be savings I think it would be useful to grant a yearly increase of 10 Rs per annum up to a maximum of Rs 350 after 5 years service

Proceedings of Government, 10th May 1880. No: 1107.

As far back as January 1872, the Inspector General of Police, Colonel Hearn, in his letter, dated 26th January 1872, No: 301, recommended the abolition of the office of Native Deputy Commissioner of Police in the town of Madras L.C. dated on Rs 500, and the appointment instead of 2nd February 1872. No: 159. an Assistant Commissioner on Rs 300. The Government, however, deferred taking action in the matter in consideration of the services of the late Mr Ramachandra Row. His death enables the Government to dispose of the matter, and they resolve accordingly to sanction the abolition of the office of Deputy Commissioner on Rs 500, and to appoint instead an Assistant Commissioner on Rs 350 a month, rising by annual increments of 10 Rupees to Rs 400; the appointment being conferred permanently on T. Ramachandra Row, the Interpreter, who has been acting as Deputy Commissioner since the death of the late Mr. Ramachandra Row.

2. The saving effected by the arrangement will for the present be Rs 300 a month, viz., Rs 150 from the pay of the Deputy Commissioner and Rs 150 the pay of the Interpreter, which office it was decided to abolish as soon as T. Ramachandra Row could be provided for elsewhere.

3. The Inspector General of Police will submit a tabular statement showing the present and proposed scale of establishments for the Commissioner of Police, Madras in view to its being submitted with copy of these Proceedings, to the Government of India for their confirmation of the change now sanctioned.

Extract from Page No: 23 of the Administration Report of the Madras Police for 1880 by Col. Hearn the Inspector General Police

A heavy house breaking occurred at Trivellore in September in which a Mattam of the Trivellore Pagoda was broken open and valuable jewels to the amount of Rupees 88000 were stolen. Rupees 19000 worth of jewels have been recovered of the supposed offenders 10 in number 8 were arrested but only 3 were convicted, the others were acquitted by the Sessions Court. The offence seems to have been planned for some time by men of different castes in Madras 2 of whom (Brahmins) had formerly served in the Mattam under a former Jeer now dead who bore an indifferent character. With these men were joined a Rajput and 2 Hindus. To commit the actual crime they obtained the assistance of some cabulies who lived in Poonah and Bangalore; one Gulam Russul being the head of the gang. Some of these were engaged in a heavy case housebreaking in Tanjore in a dancing girl's house five years ago; Gulam Russul having just been released from jail in that case.

the case was detected through the
Madras men quarrelling and splitting
on each other and was skilfully
huddled over by the Madras Police
under the Assistant Commissioner
but by that time the cabulies had
made off with two-thirds of the booty
and although 3 men were arrested
in Poonah with 2000 Rupees in cash
conviction was not obtained.

To

Colonel W. O. Swanston,
Commissioner of Police,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I beg to submit for your favorable consideration and that of the Inspector-General of Police, the following circumstances, which I hope will fully bear out my claim for the indulgence I ask for.

2. I entered the public service in 1849 as a Volunteer in the late Tanjore Resident's Office and in 1853 was appointed as an Assistant to my father, Venkat Row, the Sheristadar, still as an unpaid servant (Vide order noted below marked A), that the duties that since devolved upon me were of a very onerous and exceptional character, in consequence of the Rajah's death in October 1855 and the Political difficulties that then arose; by the Court of Directors declaring the Raj extinct, and the Rajah's family suing them in the late Supreme Court in the matter, can better be imagined than described here, and the manner in which I conducted them during that trying time will be amply testified to by the letters of Messrs. Forbes and Phillips. (B. C.)

A.

TANJORE, Vellum, 16th March 1853.

RAMCHUNDRA ROW, eldest son of Venkat Row, the Residency Sheristadar, will be considered as an Assistant to his father in the Residency Office, where he has for several years been a Volunteer steadily working. There is now no opportunity of giving him a paid appointment; but it is hoped that this public acknowledgment of his usefulness and diligence will stand him in good stead by and bye, and in the meantime he will conduct himself, as though he were fully appointed, his father being responsible for his work, though from what the Resident has seen of him it will be no heavy burthen.

(Signed) J. F. BISHOP,

Resident.

B.

TRANQUEBAR, 22nd May 1856.

RAMCHUNDRA ROW,

You speak of some present opportunity of my employing you in my Cutcherry, but you do not say to which employment you allude. I think you mean the Frontier Chowkidar's situation which was vacated by the death of the last incumbent, which office I have now given away; and even if I had not done so, it is not one which would have in any way suited you or given you any credit. It was good solely for its salary, which I do not think is your object in wishing to enter the Government service.

If you do not know it yourself, your father will be able to tell you that, since the abolition of the Resident's Office and its attachment with that of the Collector's, it has been the rule with every Collector to keep the two offices distinct from each other, and not allow one to have anything to do or to interfere with the other. This rule, which I consider to be a most judicious one, has prevented my employing you hitherto in my Cutcherry.

You know that Mootosawmy Iyah was not long in my office when he got a good appointment and high salary in the Educational department; thus young men of intelligence and capacity are certain to rise in these days, so you need not be impatient; opportunity will sooner or later arise giving an opening for you, and I cannot put you into any office that becomes vacant.

You must not be disappointed at my telling you that you have yet time enough to wait for a proper opportunity; in the meantime you are neither in want of money, nor in want of occupation, and by continuing to study you will make yourself more and more fit for office and more and more useful to your employers.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. FORBES.

C.

Extract of a Memo, from Mr. Phillips, to the Residency Sheristadar, dated 19th October 1857.

As your son is desirous of proceeding to and settling himself in Madras, I have determined not to offer any opposition to his departure, and I hope he will get on under Colonel Boulderson.

But the work here must be done as efficiently and without interruption; therefore of course his appointment (a special one) as Translator in the Commissioner's Office, ceases at once when he quits Tanjore whether on leave or otherwise.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS.

3. During this period, in August 1856, I was sent to Madras with the witnesses for the defence in a case that was then pending in the same Court against the East India Company in the matter of certain stolen Bank Notes, and my exertions then to secure the interests of Government, were fully noticed by the Company's Solicitor, Sir H. Montgomery, the senior Member of Council, and by the Government. (D. E. F.)

D.

Extract from a letter from the Acting Honorable Company's Solicitor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 25th October 1856, No. 471.

Para. 5.—In conclusion I would take the liberty of stating that Ramchundra Row, who came up from Tanjore in charge of the witnesses for the defence, has made himself very useful to me as an Interpreter between the witnesses who speak Marhattah and myself, and that I have been most favourably impressed with his unusual intelligence and his attention to the duty entrusted to him.

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON,
Acting Hon. Company's Solicitor.

E.

Copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 3rd November 1856, No. 415, Political Department.

The Government approve the course proposed by the Acting Honorable Company's Solicitor to be adopted with respect to Balsamy Ammal, the Plaintiff in the Suit referred to, and notice with satisfaction the favorable mention made of Ramchundra Row, who came in charge of the witnesses for the defence.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary to Government.

F.

I was much pleased with your son, who has intelligence and ability, which, if properly applied, will render him a very valuable public servant.

30th March 1857.

My good friend VENCUT ROW.

It is, as you observe, a long time since I last wrote to you; not since I saw your eldest son here, with whom I was much pleased. Ramchundra Row is so much improved in every way for being at Madras, that I have no doubt but that he will soon distinguish himself there in the public service, and I am really glad to find my having put him into office while he was very young has done him much good. That was a most spirited act of his to go by sea with Colonel Boulderson up to Waltair.

Ever your true friend,
(Signed) JOHN BIRD.

4. In April 1857, I was brought on the strength of the Resident's Office as a paid servant and filled the posts severally of Clerk and Translator at the same time. In November following, I was appointed Interpreter to the Commissioner of Police at Madras. That was a time of much trouble and anxiety in consequence of the Bengal Mutiny, and my duties were neither of a light nor of an ordinary nature. They were chiefly of a confidential character, and I was fortunate in securing the entire confidence of Colonel Boulderson, the then Commissioner, and of his successors in office. (G. H.)

G.

To
COLONEL R. CREWE,
Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

SIR,
It affords me much satisfaction to forward to you, previous to my embarkation for England, for submission to His Excellency the Governor, a Memorial which has been entrusted to me for that purpose by my Interpreter, T. Ramachundra Row, the eldest son of Vencut Row, who was for many years the Chief Native Officer in the Office of the Resident at the Court of the Rajah of Tanjore. He is a young man whom I selected for the confidential situation which he now holds in the office of the Commissioner of Police, not only because of his fitness for the post by reason of the excellent education he had received and profited by, but also because, from previous knowledge of his character, I felt I could place the utmost dependence upon him in every respect, and in that expectation I have been in no wise disappointed. On the contrary he has secured my good-will and esteem by attention to, and a faithful and able discharge of, his duty.

In the letter herewith forwarded, Ramachundra Row asks for employment under Government in a higher and less subordinate situation, and looking upon him as I do as one of the most able, intelligent and deserving officers in the service of the Government, I recommend him to the most favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor for promotion to a higher office in the full assurance that to whatever situation he may be raised, he will secure the approbation of those above him by a faithful and satisfactory discharge of the duties thereof.

24th December 1860.

My dear COLONEL BOULDERSON.

I have received and laid before the Governor your letter No. 154 of the 24th instant with its enclosure, a Memorial from Interpreter T. Ramachundra Row. I am directed to acknowledge its receipt and to acquaint you that the Memorial has been sent for record in the Government Office.

26th December 1860.

I am, yours truly,
(Signed) R. CREWE,
Private Secretary.

H.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

5. In October 1859, I accompanied Colonel Boulderson to Vizagapatam by sea and helped him in his investigation in the case of Captain Lycester's murder. In recognition of my services, I was allowed the reward of a month's pay, besides a liberal rate of batta and of travelling allowances for the return journey by dawk.

6. In 1871, while at Tanjore on furlough, I was again employed on duties connected with suits relating to the Tanjore Raj. I was then instrumental in bringing matters in which the members of the family of the late Rajah Surfojee and the Secretary of State were contending parties to a satisfactory conclusion, and secured to Government the surrender of bonds to the extent of about two lacs of rupees. The Government were then again pleased to record their acknowledgment of the assistance rendered by me to Mr. Cadell, the Government Agent (I.)

I.

To

RAMACHUNDRA ROW,
Tanjore.

VULLUM, 9th February 1872.

SIR,—It is with much satisfaction that I do myself the honor to inform you, that Government, in their Order on my final report on the Kullian Mahaul, have recorded their acknowledgment of the assistance which you have rendered me in the settlement of the affairs of that Institution.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. M. CADELL,
Government Agent.

7. I was at the same time engaged in settling a dispute between the present Rajah of Poduncottah and his eldest wife in regard to her daughter's marriage, and am glad to say that through my exertions, aided by those of the late Serkele, the matter was so well arranged that it pleased not only the parties concerned, but also Lord Napier, the then Governor of Madras, and his Chief Secretary, Mr. Ellis, whose anxiety for a speedy termination of the long standing dispute will be pretty clear from the following:—

My dear RAMACHUNDRA ROW.

Please bring me over the Poduncottah Serkele as soon as you can to Mr. Kindersley's house.

TANJORE,
Sunday.

Yours
(Signed) R. S. ELLIS.

8. You are of course aware that in December of this year Colonel Bowen, the then Acting Commissioner of Police, recommended that the late Native Deputy Commissioner be pensioned and succeeded by me with the designation of the office changed to that of Assistant Commissioner on reduced salary, but the Government not being disposed then to carry out his suggestions in their entirety, the matter rested in abeyance. (K. L.)

K.

Extract from a letter from Colonel Bowen, Acting Commissioner of Police, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated 15th December 1871.

Para. 10. "The present Interpreter, Mr. Ramachundra Row, is a young man of great intelligence and good social position. He has had considerable Police experience, and would make, I believe, an efficient Assistant Commissioner. He has been long in the Department."

L.

Extract from a letter from Colonel Hearn, Inspector-General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 1st July 1875.

Para. 3. "The Interpreter Mr. T. Ramachundra Row also remains unprovided for; he is a native gentleman of good ability and education; and an Inspector's post would be scarcely suitable for him."

9. In May 1879, however, I was appointed Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police on the death of the last incumbent, and received in that capacity a salary (substantive pay and deputation allowance) of Rupees 383-5-4. On the reorganization of the establishment, I was on the 10th May following confirmed in the post of Assistant Commissioner on Rupees 350, rising by annual increments in five years to Rupees 400.

10. It will be thus seen that I have now been in permanent Government employ for a period of 24 years, besides four years of unpaid service in the Tanjore Resident's Office, and that during the larger portion of this time I have held appointments of great trust and responsibility rendering throughout good and efficient service to the State. Without any wish to be egotistic, I beg permission also to allude to my labors connected with the late famine. I worked most indefatigably in co-operation with the camp officers; (Vide **M.**) for this additional and laborious work I received no extra remuneration like all other Police officers similarly employed. I do not refer to this either by way of self-laudation or complaint, but simply to show how uniformly I have devoted my whole ability and strength to the service of Government from the early age of 14 years to the present time.

M.

Extract from Colonel Dwyer's closing report to Government on the famine, dated the 17th December 1877.

"Mr. T. RAMACHUNDRA, my Interpreter, has from the commencement worked heartily and well."

11. Under these circumstances, I pray you, Sir, to recommend me to the Inspector-General of Police, with a view to his obtaining the sanction of Government to allow me to draw retrospectively from the date of my confirmation the maximum amount of the pay of my post at once instead of by annual increments. A similar indulgence has only been lately accorded to the manager of your office in consideration of his good service.—G. O. 7th October 1880, No. 2410, Judicial Department. My duties are not less arduous or responsible than his, while I have in addition devoted the entire vigour and strength of my youth to do all in my power to please my superiors by the faithful discharge of my duties from the date I first entered Government employ. You will also note that while I was only officiating as Deputy Commissioner I drew a higher emolument than I do at present in my substantive post; and that the Accountant-General reckons my annual increments to commence from 10th May 1879, the date on which I was confirmed, instead of from 26th May 1879, the date on which I got the acting appointment.

12. As at present circumstanced moreover the rate of my pension is likely to be affected, for I shall have to serve a longer term to entitle me to a moiety of my pay, calculated as it will be on an average of 5 years' emoluments.

13. Trusting that I may be excused for the liberty I have taken in urging my case for favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

MADRAS,

7th May 1881.

No. 151.

Madras Police,
Commissioner's Office,
9th May 1881.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward in original a letter from Mr. Ramachendra Row, the Asst. Commissioner of Police to myself requesting that the Government may be moved to grant him the maximum pay allowed for the Asst. Commissioner of Police at once instead of by the proposed annual increment of Rupees 10-0-0. In making the alterations in the pay of my Office Establishment lately the full maximum pay was granted to the present Manager Bucktharachaloo Naidoo in consideration of his length of service. I venture to make the same plea on behalf of my Assistant Mr. Ramachendra Row who for 28 years has served the Government faithfully and to their satisfaction in several intricate matters. It gives me great pleasure to make this recommendation for I believe Mr. Ramachendra Row fully deserves and has honestly and fairly shewn title to the indulgence.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. O. SWANSTON,

Ag. Commissioner of Police.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read endorsement by the Inspector-General of Police, dated 20th May 1881, C. E. No. 13, submitting a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras, recommending the grant to his Assistant Mr. Ramachendra Row of the maximum pay of the appointment.

Order thereon, 9th June 1881, No. 1139.

Section 38 (b) at page 278 of the 5th Edition of the Financial Code precludes compliance with the foregoing recommendation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. C. RAWSON, CAPTAIN, R. E.,

Under-Secretary P. W. D.

for Acting Chief Secretary.

To

The Inspector-General of Police.

Through the Police Journal of Police V/6
Police Commissioners Office.

Madras 14. March 1887

From Colonel J. Meldon
Commissioner of Police
Madras

To The Chief Secretary Government
Fort St George

Sir, I have the honour to forward as directed by Order of Government No 484 (Misc) dated 5th March 1887. The explanation submitted by Mr. J. Ramachandra Row regarding his alleged apathy on the occasion of the recent fire at the Peoples Park.

2. When forwarding the above Order of Government to Mr. Ramachandra Row for his information I also informed him of the nature of the communication. I had felt it my duty to make to Government regarding him.

3. The explanation now submitted by Mr. Ramachandra Row seems to amount to this, that he did nothing because he was not told what to do. It is obvious that an Officer in his position is expected to know what he can do and ought to do in the course of the ordinary duties of his department without requiring a special instruction each day or each hour. Other
Officers

Officers did not feel any difficulty
in realizing the necessity for
action on their part. The Deputy
Commissioner of Police came daily
at an early hour to his Office
and so did all the Sub-Inspectors
without any Special order and
they found ample Employment.
I think Mr. Ramachandra Row
has probably done more work during
the past year than hitherto, but only
because I had to give him distinct
orders on every occasion. I must do
him the justice to say that he has
never made any objection or put
any difficulty in the way of his
Employment on any duty. I have
never heard any rumour to the
prejudice of his Character for
upright conduct in the discharge
of his duties and if we could afford
to keep a man in his position
employed on purely secular
or routine work his zeal might
be periodically stimulated. I
do not wish to urge anything more
against Mr. Ramachandra
Row than that he is misplaced.
As an Interpreter to the Commissioner
he

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he was very useful and efficient, and
so I believe he would be in any
other Office not requiring great
personal activity. I am confident
he would make a good Deputy
Collector otherwise I would not
have recommended his transfer to
such an important post. and in
this belief I commended Mr. J.
Ramachandra Row to the indulgence
of His Excellency in Council.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Mudoor Colonel

Commissioner of Police.

Forwarded with reference

2-3.0.20.484 Mr. J. B. dated 5th March 1887.

M. P. Puttanna Colonel

Inspector General of Police

Machab
15th March 1887.

From
The Commissioner of Public
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 14th March
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M. D.
Enclosure - One

W. J. Ramachandra Rao

Submits explanation of - as
required by G.O. 5th March 1887
No 484 (Misc.)

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From
The Commissioner of Police
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
Government
Fort St. George

Dated 14 March }
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Enclosure - One.

to. T. Ramachandra Row
Submits explanation of -
as required by No. 5th March 1887
N. 484 (His)

There are not suff. grounds for
compelling him to retire even
if the facts admitted of it, &c.
apparently they do not. His age is
just 51. I gather that his opponent
apathy during the inquiry about
the fire was due in a great measure
to his not hitting it off with Col.
Weldon. He is evidently unsuited
for his present position, but this,
as remarked by Hon. Mr. Master,
that in itself affords no ground for
supposing he wd make a good
Deputy Col. W., still he does seem to
possess the qualifications demanded
in a Treasury Officer. He has good
business habits & a knowledge of accounts,
& is particularly trustworthy & punctual,
& has long been accustomed to deal with
regard to the Commissioner to undertake
just those confidential duties &c.
a Col. W. often has to delegate to his
Treasury Deputy.

17 March
It will be for the convenience of the
Public Service that he should be
appointed to the Treasury & the
consideration of a vacancy
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My dear Weldon,
No appointment as Treasury
Dy. Coll. can at present be
found for the Asst. Commr.
er, Ramachandra Row, but
his name will be registered
for consideration as vacancies
occur. Yrs sincerely

Rev. Secy for Committee

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