

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

22nd August 1892
Madras

The Inspector General of Police
Madras

Sir,
with reference to your Official
Memorandum No. 4346 dated 7th
July 1892, I have the honor to report
that the Inms. of the Superintendent
out of the Govt Press informing
that Abstract No. 48 was missing
reached me while I was in
camp and writing from memory.
I informed him that it was not
received and that that fact
was reported at the time.

2. As you say this is not
fact, but it is not fact only
as regards Abstract No. 48 of
1891. It is a fact as regards
another Abstract of a ^{information} ^{when were not}
year as may be ^{from the fact not} ^{made a fact}
by reference ^{48 turned up} ^{have taken an} ^{where he}

1. In handwriting named Abstract No. 48 of 1891 - and acknowledged receipt thereof
2. When all the Abstracts for the year 1891 were sent to the Govt Press to be printed
3. The particular Abstract (No. 48) was found missing -
4. Mr. Superintendent has called upon to explain this - and immediately
admitted that he had not received it.
5. Had at the time reported same receipt of it.
6. When it was printed out to him. Then it was not fact.

1. The Inspector General of Police
2. The Superintendent of Police
3. The District Magistrate
4. The District Collector
5. The District Engineer
6. The District Judge
7. The District Commissioner
8. The District Officer
9. The District Assistant Commissioner
10. The District Assistant Engineer
11. The District Assistant Judge
12. The District Assistant Commissioner
13. The District Assistant Officer
14. The District Assistant Clerk
15. The District Assistant Peon
16. The District Assistant Watchman
17. The District Assistant Porter
18. The District Assistant Cook
19. The District Assistant Sweeper
20. The District Assistant Gardener
21. The District Assistant Carpenter
22. The District Assistant Blacksmith
23. The District Assistant Shoemaker
24. The District Assistant Tailor
25. The District Assistant Barber
26. The District Assistant Barber
27. The District Assistant Barber
28. The District Assistant Barber
29. The District Assistant Barber
30. The District Assistant Barber

Branch. As I have not kept copies
of correspondence with the Special
Branch I am unable to refer to
the No.

3. Your Memorandum under
reply reached me while I
was in attendance on the
Deputy Inspector General
of Police. On return to
Head Quarters, I have searched
for the mislaid No. and
now beg to enclose it for
favour of forwarding to the
Superintendent of the Govt. Press.

4. I deeply regret that a
lapse of memory has led
me into such a mistake

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

R. G. Pendergast

Supt Police

Keshmir

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NOTE FOR THE

24. Nov

Explanation has not been
received from Mr. Pendergast
and the finding of his
abstract is in consequence
delayed. It is suggested that
he be reminded.

Tomullaly
agent w. foot.

Stonehouse

8th Aug 1922.

Mr. Pendergast was called upon
(on 7th July 1922) for an explanation.

A reminder is being sent to him
to-day.

It is suggested that he find an
explanation "definitely".

10.8 [initials]

information
when were
from the fact
he made a list
48 times up to
have taken an
When the 2nd
Ed

Submitted for perusal and
orders - 46 SEP 92

Mr Pendergast Jt Suplt of Office No. 6
Police - Kistna - seems to be
persistently negligent of S.B.
abstracts. The remarks passed
by the S.G. on Mr Pendergast's
explanation point out clearly
in what manner he has failed.

Dated

6 — 9 —

1892.

FOR ORDERS.

A note to me from the S.G. Special
Branch is submitted.

he complains against Mr. Pendergast and
(1) that he is very careless with regard to the
Kistna Abstracts. (2) that he has up to date not
complied with a call from the S.B. which
was sent out on the 14th July though all
other Supts have.

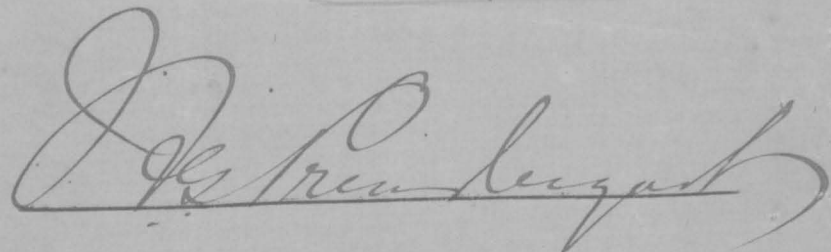
With regard to (1) the S.B. found when
the Kistna file of S.B. Abstracts for 1891
was received the bound that No. 48 was
missing. In the Supt's communicating with
Mr Pendergast on the subject he replied
that No. 48 was not received and that
this was reported at the time. S.B.
then sent the S.G. of Office No. 6's receipt
for the missing number. Mr. Pendergast
was then called upon for explanation the
result being that the missing No. 48 was
found. Mr. S.G. is sure that when the
Supt's letter reached him he was in camp
and not in the office. This however
is no excuse for what has occurred. Supts
have distinct instructions to keep these
Abstracts with care. It was Mr. S.G.
duty to have gone over the file before he
sent it to the S.B. and to have satisfied
himself that it was complete and of Mr.
complete to have given the Supt. information
that such and such numbers were missing.
It is quite evident from the fact that
as soon as he made a file made.
No. 48 turned up & was found in
hand before and was found in
when the S.G. was in the office that
S.G.

DISTRICT.

Week ending 19. 12. 91

NIL.

Nos 47 and 48



Superintendent of Police.

Date 21. 12. 91

In accordance with a requisition
of the Genl. Supt. Thaji and
Dacoity for a return of convictions
obtained under the Arms Act
from 1st June 1891 to 31st May 1892
a Circular Letter - No 35 dated
14th July was addressed to
all Superintendents. This was
readily complied with by all
the officers to whom it was
addressed, except Mr Pendergast.
a reminder was accordingly
sent to him on the 11th August, of
this also no notice was taken
and a telegram was despatched
on the 30th idem. The return
is being unnecessarily delayed
for want of the particulars from
the Kistna; and it is submitted
that this apathy is deserving
of censure by Government.

J. Mulla

Agent: W. Soot

Stonhouse

6th Sept 92.

It was ~~from~~ discovered as soon as
he took the trouble to look for the
Mr. I may like many others not
consider the Abstracts of much importance
but it is nevertheless his duty to comply
with the orders regarding them.

He acknowledges that he never keeps
copies of his communications to the S.B.
so it seems probable that had his
receipts not been produced the missing
numbers would never have been found
& that he would have stuck to
his story that he had deposited the
same receipts.

This is not the first instance of
Mr. Prendergast's being taken to
task for carelessness with regard
to Police Abstracts as in 1889 he
was severely reprimanded for
losing a number of Abstracts besides
some papers connected with the
S.B. of an essentially secret nature.

It is submitted that his conduct
in the present instance betrays
as it shows a continued disregard
of orders and carelessness calls for
action.

S
S. B. P.

Mr. Prendergast evidently neglected
orders & was fairly careless. He should
be told that he has incurred the
displeasure of Govt. that severe action
will be taken if any further instance
of neglect of S.B. work on his part
is brought to light.

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S. B. P. - He should be the further
that it is his duty to keep them
S.B. Abstracts very carefully in
as the possession of
confidential records, & to submit
them personally to all reports
to be made in connection with

JAP

Mr. Prendergast

S.B. Papers

How R. 9/9

Hon. Mr. Garton C. S. 14/9.

R 16/9.

Judicial Deptt.

CONFIDENTIAL.

ORDER 74. 10. 92 No. 1860 M.S.

It has come to the notice of Govern-
ment that when the file of Police
Abstracts from the Kistna district for
the year 1891 were received at the Govern-
ment Press, Fort St George, for the purpose
of being bound, it was discovered that
Abstract No 48 was missing. On this being
pointed out to Mr Prendergast, the Super-
intendent of Kistna, he replied to the
Superintendent of the Press that "No 48
was not received & that was reported at
the time". On this Mr Prendergast's re-
ceipt for No 48 was forwarded by the
Assistant with Government to the I.G. of
Police, who thereupon called on Mr Prender-
gast on the 7th July 1892 for an explan-
ation of his statement. This, dated 22nd
August, was not received until after a re-
minder had been sent to the Superintendent.
He then forwarded the missing Abstract
& stated that when he received the memo
of the Superintendent, Government Press,
regarding the non-receipt of Abstract No.
48 he "was in camp & wrote from memory!"

2.. It has further come to the no-
tice of Government that though Mr Prender-
gast was, by S.B. circular No 35 dated the

14th July last, called upon to send a return of convictions under the Arms Act, which was required by the Government of India & which was promptly replied to by all other Superintendents, and although two reminders, one of which was by telegram, were sent to him, he did not submit his return until the 14th September & then did so without a word of explanation as to the delay which had occurred & which led to the detention of the return to the Government of India for a much longer period than would have been the case had the Superintendent attended to the call at once.

3. H.E. the Governor-in-Council regrets to observe that this is not the first occasion upon which Mr Prendergast has been taken to task for carelessness & neglect of orders with regard to papers connected with the Special Branch which were in his charge, as in 1889 he was ^{very} severely censured for a wholesale loss of papers of this nature for which he was unable to account. He will now be informed that he has incurred the serious displeasure of Government and specially warned that it is his duty to keep all papers in the Special Branch very carefully & in his own possession they being confidential records & that excuses

such as have been put forward by him for gross carelessness with regard to these will be no longer tolerated.

4 He will be further warned that if any more instances of neglect on his part to promptly furnish the Special Branch with reports or statements for which it may call or of careless custody of papers connected with that department which may be furnished to him, come to the notice of Government, his conduct will be seriously dealt with.

(From orders)

28/10/92

To

The I G of Police *Depd. 4/10.*
,, A.S.B. (in original for perusal & return)

It seems desirable that this be filed in S.B. !

*J. H. M.
A.S.B.*

5/10/92.

Forwarded to the Inspr.
Genl. of Police for
perusal; it will be noted
that Mr. Prendergast
acknowledges receipt
of No 48 in the attached
'Nil' report for week ending
19.12.91.

Tomullaly
a post. with Govt.

For Mr. George
2nd July 92.

Mr. Prendergast has been
called on to explain
his extraordinary
attention to Sub. Sec. Mr.
W. H. Seal
will be sent to the Post
but Govt. Secy. Mr. Seal
7.7.92

Form No. 1-3,000-1-12-91

Government Press,

MINT BUILDINGS,

Madras, 16th June 1892

No. 2181

From

R. HILL, Esq.,
SUPERINTENDENT,

To Government Press,

H. G. Prendergast, Esq.,
Supt. of Police,
Mashlipatanam.

His - No. - dated -

Has the honour
to inform that
No. 48 is missing
in the parcel
containing Police
Abstracts for 1891
sent by him
to be bound
and to req.

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H. M. ?

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that the same may be despatched
by return post, if it has been
kept back by overnight.

R Hill

Supt.

No. 8 was not received, and
that was reported at the time

J. G. Frendorgast
Dist Supt Police
Kustma

28/6/92

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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. J. G. Prindorff S. B.
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