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[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr R. Hood

Directing the dismissal of —, Asst Supt of Police, from the public service for neglect of duty and the preparation of false returns and travelling allowance bills.

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CURRENT No. 1667

DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

No. 1866

Madras,

April

1895.

FROM

M. Hammick Esquire, I. C. S.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

SIR,

32 Enclosures.
in a separate
packet

I have the honor to report to Govern-
ment the following facts and on them
with much regret to recommend the dis-
missal of Mr. R. Hood from the Police
Department
2 — Mr Hood has been officiating as Assist-
ant Superintendent of Police in Nellore District
since the beginning of last year. He took
three months leave from the 16 April 1894 to
16 July 1894 and was on sick leave from the
14 September to the 28 October.
3 — When I took over charge of the office
I found Mr Hood very irregular with his
Weekly Reports and doing little work. I had
very great difficulty in obtaining any
explanation

explanation from Mr Hood and eventually had to direct the Deputy Inspector General to go in person to Nellore and insist on Mr Hood submitting some explanation. It was a very unsatisfactory one when submitted, and on the 18th February 1895 I was obliged to warn Mr Hood that he would get into very serious trouble if he did not at once turn over a new leaf and show great improvement in his work.

4 — Mr Sullivan, the Deputy Inspector General after returning and completing his inspection of Kurnool, again visited Nellore entering the District at the northern end and working down through the Sub-Division of Ongole — Mr Hood's charge.

5 — On information given by the Sub-Magistrate of Addanki to Mr Egan, the Superintendent that Mr Hood had not visited his Police Stations in Addanki Division, Mr Sullivan made an enquiry and the results given very clearly in his letter dated 10 March 1895 N^o 2. Extra. which I enclose for the information

information of Government.

b — The proved facts admitted by Mr Hood are briefly as follows:—

(1) — In Mr Hood's itinerary return for 1894, Mr Hood showed that in March 1894 he inspected the following stations

- a. Podily
- b. Chinabata
- c. Peddarhatta

This travelling bill for March shows that he did not visit those stations and Mr Hood has admitted that he did not inspect those stations and entered them in his itinerary return in order to show good inspection

(2) — In November 1894, Mr Hood actually reported in his Weekly Report that he had inspected the Police stations at

- a. Chinapavani. 12 November.
- b. Chundry. 16 do —
- c. Tungella. 19 do —

He entered these places in his travelling bill as visited and he went out his way in his inspection report to make remarks to show that without doubt he was waiting after personal inspection of the station.

It is perfectly clear from Mr Hood's own admission, from the Divisional Inspector's diaries and from the Station House reports

that

Exhibit M

(Ex. F
para. 5 of A.P.
letter)
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Exhibits. B.B.C.C. D.D.
N.F.F.

that Mr Hood never visited the above stations at all. He had the records of these stations brought to Mandukur and Ponnalur and examined them there.

(3) — Mr Hood in December 1894 reported that he inspected the Police Stations at

Chilakapad . . . 29th November
Chimathurbi . . . 1st, 2nd & 3rd December.
Kothapadame . . . 6 & 7th December.

Exhibit D-3

Mr Hood submitted inspection reports on these stations and made entries in his travelling bills of having visited these places.

From Mr Hood's own statement, from the Ongole Inspector's Diaries, from the Circuit Writer's statement, it is clearly proved that Mr Hood never inspected these stations but had the records belonging to them brought in to Ongole for his perusal there.

Exhibits.
T. U & S

(4) — Mr Hood reported that he inspected the Police Stations at

Nagaluppalapad . . . 18th December
Daddukur . . . 19th & 20th — do —
Valapurla . . . 21st & 22nd — do —
Addanki . . . 24th — do —

Exhibit I

In his Weekly Report for the week ending the 22nd December he entered his arrivals

arrivals at and departures from the first three of these stations, and in his Weekly Report for week ending the 29th December, he stated he had arrived at Addanki and was writing the report on that station.

From Mr Hood's own statement, from the Addanki Inspector's Diaries, from the statements of the Inspector and writer, from the Station House report of Addanki Division and from the office Head Constable's diary, it is quite clear that Mr Hood was at Ongole from the 1st to the 26th December and left on the 27th December for Villampalle where he remained on the 28th and 29th. Mr Hood appears to have examined the records of the stations mentioned above at Villampalle.

(5) — Mr Hood in January 1895 reported in his Weekly Reports and Station Inspection reports and made entries in his travelling bill that he had inspected the following stations

Chimata . . . 26th January
Bedderkutta . . . 28th — do —

It is perfectly clear from Mr Hood's own statement, the Inspector's diaries, the Station House reports that Mr Hood remained at Podily from the 24th to 28th

Exhibits.

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of January and never visited the above stations.

This concludes this series of charges.

7—The further and more serious charge against Mr Hood is that in his travelling bill for December 1894 he deliberately charged for travelling from the 1st to 26th December, during which period he was in Ongole. There is as shown above ample proof of this and in addition there is the fact that Mr Hood initiated the Ongole Hospital Book daily from the 1st December to the 26th December.

In the other cases of claims for travelling Mr Hood has not apparently claimed more than he was entitled to, as he was out of Head Quarters on the days mentioned though not at the places shown in his bills.

Mr Hood has however claimed for halts at Head Quarters as having halted with his camp equipage and he actually gave the details including a three carts hire by the month. He has admitted to Mr Sullivan and Mr Egan that he did not keep his carts by the month and was not entitled

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to the allowance.

Exhibit E.E.

note his
explanation F
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8—On the point of false travelling bills Mr Hood pleads carelessness. This plea cannot be admitted. Clerks in an office make errors in travelling bills, but they do not go out of their way to make the bills fit in with false Weekly reports. No body can have done this but Mr Hood himself and I much regret to say that there can be no doubt he did this intentionally. Had it not been however for the false entries as regards charges for halting, I should have acquitted Mr Hood of any intention to defraud and considered that he only wished to so frame his travelling bills as to make them tally with his Weekly Reports, knowing that otherwise he must have been discovered. But the serious fact exists that Mr Hood deliberately tried to obtain money under false pretences by asserting that he kept a permanent set of carts on monthly hire which he did not do.

These bills have all been objected to and no public money has so far as can be known been

been lost

9 — Mr Wood's written statement to Mr Sullivan is enclosed.

F F

(see para 6/2)

10 — Mr Wood was ill when Mr Sullivan made his enquiry and hearing from the District Surgeon, Melore that he was in such a state that it was best to send him to the Central Hospital. I ordered him to go there.

11 — I saw Mr Wood there this morning and asked him if he wished to add anything to the statement he had already made, which is enclosed. He said he had nothing more to add. When I further warned him of the very serious consequences that must ensue on conducts such as had been reported, he said that he only wished me to understand that at the time he committed these faults he was under the influence of drink. I pointed out to him the serious nature of the charges as regards his claim of the travelling bills and he said he had no intention of claiming more than he was entitled to.

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29 March 1895

Sub. A.

12 — I understand from Mr Wood that he is better than he was and will probably be discharged

discharged before long from the Hospital.

13 — As to Mr Wood's previous conduct, I regret that there is very little that is good to be said of it. His confirmation as an Assistant Superintendent of Police was a matter about which the Government hesitated (L.O. dated 20 February 1892 N° 324. Judicial) and Colonel Porteus left on record for me his opinion that he was a most unsatisfactory officer, mentally, morally and physically weak. He has apparently never done satisfactory work since his appointment in 1885 as an Inspector in Malabar. He was confirmed as an Assistant Superintendent in May 1892.

14 — I leave the matter now in the hands of Government. The facts show that Mr Wood yielding to the temptation of trying to show better results than were possible, did not hesitate to make false weekly reports, false travelling bills, false entries in the Station visiting books and false inspection reports. It is obvious that he cannot continue in the Government Service.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant,
M. Mammich
Inspector General of Police

CONFIDENTIAL

(1895) DEPARTMENT.

Just
CURRENT No. 1688

CONFIDENTIAL No. 113

FROM

M. Hammick Esq. Esq.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL

OF POLICE,

To

CHIEF SECRETARY
-2 APR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No. 1866

Dated 1st April 1895.
Received 2
Encls. 32.

No.

SUBJECT.

Recommending the Dismissal
of M. R. Hood from the Police
Department for reasons noted
within

Chief Office of Inspector General of Police.

Madras 17. 11. 1895.

CHIEF SECRETARY
19 APR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Sir

Leutnant to Eschmayer of Madras of York.
in connection with the papers now before you
in Hood's case.

I went to see Hood on Monday last
at the hospital - he is almost well - He
asked me what I thought would be done
to him - and I told him that as far as
I could judge the Government must dismiss
him - He then asked me if I could
advise him - so I told him, but although
he much understood that I knew nothing
of what the intentions of Government were as
what would happen to him, I was ready
to submit his resignation to Government if he
wishes. He gave the way I put it to him
was this - I said - "You must know"

D.C.

From

Mr. Hammick Esq. J.C.S.

No.

Dated 17 } April 1895
Received 19 }

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders Mr. R.
Hood's resignation of his appointment
of Asst. Supt. of Police.

From

No.

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or conf. no. 113

+ Conf. no. 130 7/7/95
to J.G. of Police

Dated 1 - 4 - 1895,

FOR ORDERS.

is a perfectly clear and a melancholy case. It would be easy to dispose of it by accepting Hood's resignation, but the question is whether it is right to do so. (Itinerary return) is a clear case of attempted fraud, which I should say a conviction could certainly be obtained. Of the best of my recollection, I have had men prosecuted before now on precisely similar grounds, & the question is whether it wd. be right not to prosecute Mr. Hood. Perhaps the papers had better be brought up in Council.

23/4/95

* as also does the Asst. Supt.

Yes, let us talk it over in Council. The charges are proved, but I cannot see that they have been reduced to writing, that a written defence has been obtained as to the more serious charges (four) of Mr. Hammick's letter. If dismissal is ordered there must be a decision in writing.

J.G.

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This is undoubtedly a very bad case. We must do one of 3 things.
1. Prosecute him - 2. Dismiss him.
or 3. Accept his resignation. As

In the current to J.G. of Police recommends the dismissal of Mr. R. Hood Asst. Supt. of Police at once on the following grounds

(a) making false entries in his diaries, inspection reports & in police station-visiting books with the object of showing that he had inspected stations to which he had in fact paid no visits whatever
(b) making false entries in his travelling allowance bills, partly with a view to corroborate the false entries referred to supra in (a) & partly with the object of obtaining money to which he was not entitled.

2. The J.G.'s letter sets out the case clearly & concisely; & I have spent several hours verifying the statements made by comparison with the numerous enclosures, & can find no material discrepancy. The charges are proved up to the hilt & Mr. Hood himself does not challenge their truth except as regards that portion of the indictment which charges him with endeavouring to obtain money by false pretences. His contention that the false entries in his travelling allowance bills were made by his office, & carelessly - but not, & made

signed by himself, is completely broken down by para 8 of Mr. Hammick's letter.

3. Mr. Hood has had the most ample opportunity of explaining the charges against him, as is evident from para. 11 of the D.I.G.'s letter. & para 11 of Mr. Hammick's report. ^(chaffers)

4. His previous career has ^{been anything} but satisfactory. He was seven years a probationer before proving his fitness for confirmation, & during that period received repeated warnings. Subsequent to his confirmation Colonel Porteous in his letter in G.O. No 1244 Routine of 21-10-93 wrote as follows:-

"Mr. Hood has been for the last two years Asst. Supt. of Karnool where his work has not been at all good, in fact he is altogether an unsatisfactory officer - he has ability and for a time will work fairly but he is constantly lapsing into carelessness, delay in submitting reports and inattention to Supt's orders."

Mr. Hammick's opinion of Mr. Hood's work - vide para 3 of his letter - is equally unfavourable.

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17-4-95

Note

The various enclosures are put up in separate bundles according to the para. & sub-para of the 28.10 letter to which they relate. - a separate slip is attached to Mr. Hood's explanation which will be found in the bundle relating to para. 6(2).

The material portions of the vernacular enclosures have translations attached.

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17-4-95

P.T.O.

* May 1885 to May 1892

Regards no. 1. prosecution - I have no doubt in my own mind that he has committed an offence for which he ought to be convicted, but there is the possibility of the prosecution breaking down. He would make out a strong case against any felonious intent - as the false travelling bills were made out not with the sordid idea of making money for himself, but in order to conceal the fact that he had not visited certain stations. In fact if he had ^{not} sent in false travelling bills to correspond with his diaries & reports he must have been detected at once. I don't put these facts forward in mitigation of his offence - on the contrary I think they constitute an aggravation of it, but I am only considering them as they might affect the mind of a Jury. And it would be extremely unfortunate, if a prosecution were to fail. If Mr. Hood had committed some offence against the public such as tortious or cruelty, I would certainly try & smash him, or even a straightforward downright attempt to swindle Govt. But

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FOR ORDERS.

this business assumes a different aspect when we look at the surroundings of the case. On the whole I think he ought to be dismissed. It will be a terrible punishment to him, and much more severe on him than it would be on a halve, but his offence is of so grave a character, that I do not think it would be right to let him off so easily, as to accept his resignation. I have been through the D.I.G.'s letter and Hood's "answer to the charges". See the D.I.G.'s letter of 8 Mar. 1895 para 11. According to the D.I.G. all the statements enumerated by him in the previous paras. were laid before Mr. Hood ^{in person} for him to answer, and so he has seen them all. His defence ^{in writing} is also submitted, and a weaker one could not be put in - He shirks answering them ^{charges} fully - but I do not suppose he has any better answers to make, and his admissions are so condemnatory that no reasonable person could help coming to the conclusion that he is guilty up to the hilt.

Very well. Let him ^{be} dismissed ^{2 May}

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5. C. No. 130 Conf'd received after the above note was written contains Mr. Hood's resignation, ~~para~~ with a D.O. from Mr. Hammick stating under what circumstances the letter of resignation was written.

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Dismissal or Resignation?
of Mr. R. Hood, Assistant
Superintendent of Police

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H.M. & Co.

(For orders)

He submitted to the Hon. Secy
reference to the order of the
The Governor
2/5/95

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Jud. Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

(No. 1688 of 1. 4. 95 from the Sd. of
Police

[D.O. Govt. No. 130 of 17. 4. 95 D.D.

Order. of 17 May 1895, No. 1041.

In the letter read above the Sd. of
Police recommends the dismissal
from the Madras Police public service
of Mr. Reginald Hood Assistant
Superintendent of Police in the
Bellary District.

2. Mr. Hood is charged with having
failed to inspect a large number of
police stations in his division & with
having endeavoured to conceal this
neglect of duty by making a
series of false entries in his weekly
Diaries, inspection reports, travelling
allowance bills, & in the visiting books
of certain police stations. His proposed
has been passed a further charge

itinerancy returns



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper:—

"dates on which I visited these
 "stations. I did not actually visit
 "these stations. The dates mentioned
 "in the visiting books are those on which
 "I inspected the records. I did not with
 "a view to gain to myself but with a
 "view to make them tally and that
 "it might not appear that I was too
 "long at one place. And of in
 "my travelling allowance bills, an
 "excess has been charged. I request
 "that that may be cut out. It is
 "true that I have signed those bills
 "but it is owing to my negligence that
 "I have not scrutinized those bills
 "properly and in order to fit in with
 "those bills I have written my weekly
 "reports accordingly. It is perfectly
 "true that I have neglected to
 "scrutinize the bills and other
 "papers that have been sent up to me

against him are that he has in
 his travelling allowance bills
 made false claims for allowances
 on accounts of journeys which were
 never undertaken, & for the cost of
 maintaining a camp equipment which
 was in fact never kept up by him.

3. These charges have been ^{distinctly} proved ~~up to~~
~~the limit~~ by documentary evidence, the
 statements of the police inspectors
 subordinate to Mr. Hood, ^{and those of} his circuit
 writer & his office head constable.

Mr. Hood was ^{on the 8th March} asked by the D.P.
 if he desired to cross-examine any of
 the witnesses against him but replied
 that it was "unnecessary to do so as
 they had all told the truth". He
 was at the same time ~~also~~ furnished
 with copies of their statements to enable
 him to note with greater clearness
 the charges against him and to
 prepare a written defence.

4. His defence ^{submitted} ~~presented~~ on the following
 day - 9th March - contains the following
 admissions:—

"It is true that I mentioned in
 my weekly reports that I visited some
 of these stations and that I wrote
 down in the visiting books the

by the writer officer head constable & have signed them off hand."

Mr. Hood's plea of carelessness cannot be admitted. In the S.P. remarks "Clerks in an office make errors in travelling allowance bills but they do not go out of their way to make the bills fit in with false weekly reports. It is not to be supposed that anybody can have done this but Mr. Hood himself."

The most serious of the charges against Mr. Hood is to be found in these travelling allowance bills, for they contain in one case a claim for allowances from the 1st to the 26th December 1894 during the whole of which period he was at his headquarters, Orpely and in another case a claim for a halting allowance ^{permanently} for a ~~period~~ set of carts in monthly hire when in fact he did not do so.

It is therefore impossible to allow Mr. Hood's intention ^{where Mr. Hood} but he ^{has} framed his travelling allowance bills with a view ^{merely} to make them tally with his weekly reports, and that is the only way in which he could have done so.

These are not ^{intentional} ~~intentional~~ ^{misconduct} ~~misconduct~~ which can be ascribed to the negligence of clerks and it is

I have struck this out as it seems to me that should anyone get hold of these orders Govt. might be asked why it did not prosecute.

Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

of having deliberately attempted to obtain money under false pretences.

7. Mr. Hood had another opportunity of ^{explaining his conduct} defending himself on the 29th March when the S.P. visited him in the General Hospital at Madras. He ^{then} ~~first~~ stated that he had nothing more to add to his written ^{statement} defence but ^{subsequently} raised the ^{alleged} plea that ^{the acts of which he had been guilty} his faults were committed under the influence of drink. — It is again utterly impossible this plea, ^{one} is not one which it is possible to believe ^{in view of the nature of} the charges in retutation of which his word, it is not possible to credit.

8. Mr. Hood has since ^{then} tendered his ^{placed before Govt.} resignation, but the ^{of which} offence ^{he has committed} ~~of which~~ he has committed one of so gross a character ^{as to make it impossible to} ~~as to make it impossible to~~ ^{be able to overlook} the only adequate ^{service} ~~service~~.

his misconduct has been so grave a character that Govt. is unable to permit him to retire and is compelled, as the only fitting punishment to direct his dismissal from the Public Service.

punishment for misconduct each
is Dismissal,

Mr. Hodges relieved of his duties
as Asst. Insp. of Police, Melrose, on
the 8th March last, & his dismissal
will therefore take effect from that
date

From orders,

2.5.55 10/5/55

The H. of Police (pro) with enclosures dated 18/5
and sent (abstract from para. 8) dated 18/5

Dismissal of
Mr. Hodges

(From orders)

I submit the Draft to the
as I consider that it should
be so sent without previous
approval

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