

Judicial (1895) Department.

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G.O., No. 1242

Dated 13th June 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

FROM
PETTY THEFTS OF CARGO IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

Transferring to the Commissioner of Police letter from the
Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, bringing to notice an instance of
lenient punishment to a Custom House peon convicted of theft.

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Madras Harbour Trust,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

30th May 1895.

No. 886.

From *W. J. H. Latham Esquire J.C.S.*
CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To *The Honble Mr. J. F. Price C.S., J.C.S.*
Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department.

SIR,

Sp. 1123 J. H. L.
24.5.95

In continuation of my letter N-520 dated 8th instant, I have the honour to report for the information of Government, that on the 24th idem a Custom House peon named Sabapathy was apprehended at the Central Gate, while passing out in possession of half a ream of paper, which was identified as part of the contents of a case marked CNCC N-6522.

2. On being placed before the Magistrate he was convicted of theft, and sentenced to three months simple imprisonment, and a fine of Rs-15/-

3. Instances of petty thefts from

from the Custom House, and from the Board's premises are becoming again very frequent, and in this case a person whose duty it was to guard the goods in the Custom House, when convicted of theft is let off with a nominal sentence of imprisonment and a small fine.

4. Under any circumstances it is difficult to detect the thieves, and the Harbour Trust Board has to pay for all shortages in packages not noted as landed in bad order. Steamer Agents are in even a worse position, for a broken package is naturally one that would be pilfered when opportunity occurs.

5. I have recently had to admit claims for whole packages which have disappeared either from the Custom House or from the sheds of the Board, though fortunately the value was not large.

6. I submit for the consideration of Government that such very lenient sentences, like those I have brought to notice, are totally inadequate to act as a deterrent to crime, which is rendered specially easy in

in the case of petty thefts by the incommodious and crowded condition of the Custom House, and by the impossibility of properly guarding the extensive open spaces within the Harbour Trust limits, used for the reception and storage of cargo, both import and export.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

W. B. B.

Chairman

Harbour Trust Board

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,
HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
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Convicted of Theft*

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the linked current - no. 2676. Perhaps this may be
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Comr.?*

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to break up this case when
he goes up to the C.D. High*

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