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MR. E. H. VINCENT

Directing, with remarks, the dismissal from the public service of
-- fourth class Reserve Inspector of the Tanjore Police.

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Col. G. N. Porteous,

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of 4th Class Reserve Inspector
Mr. E. H. Vincent of the Canton
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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras, 12 December 1894.

FROM

Colonel C. A. Porteous,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Enclosures.

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In forwarding the accompanying reports on Mr. Vincent, Reserve and Store Inspector, Tanjore District, I have very strongly to recommend his dismissal from the Service for which he is in every way utterly unfit.

2. Mr. Vincent was formerly a Head Cow-Stable in Malabar, the Reserve Inspectorship of that District being vacant and no other man being at the time available he was tried as Reserve Inspector Acting, when he did fairly well.

3. He was subsequently made Reserve Inspector Substantively and was afterwards confirmed. Soon after confirmation he began to fall off, neglected his duties and took to drink so that I considered it advisable to transfer him to another District. I

accordingly

accordingly determined to try him in Tanjore - but before sending him there I personally warned him against his weakness (drink) but to no effect. His whole Career in Tanjore has been as bad as it could be.

4. Were he on probation I would dismiss him at once - but as he is a Confirmed Inspector his case (under G. O. N. 1035 dated 8th June 1874 P. D.) requires the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant,

Wm. S. Holland Colonel,
Inspector General of Police

Current no. 6637 of 12 December 1874
from the

Inspector General of Police

For Orders

The I. G. sends up his recommendation for the dismissal of Mr. E. H. Vincent Reserve & Store Inspector, Tanjore District.

2. There are 17 items in the charge formulated against him. They may be described as follows:-

- (i) neglect of his duties as Store & Reserve Inspector, as evidenced by (a) the dirty & untidy state of the store-room (b) unexplained shortage of 1 1/2 lbs of shear steel, & 14 books & forms, counterbalanced by an unexplained surplus of 7 or thereabouts.
- (c) the dirty condition of a number of scabbards (d) failure to check the Quarterly returns of arms. (e) failure to repair the Reserve lines satisfactorily, for the repair of which some Rs. 300/- had been handed to him.

These form charges 1 to 4, 16 & 17.

Mr. Vincent's "explanations" are

- (a) that the store-room is too small to be kept now tidily, (b) that he does not give out shear steel "by weight but when it is required for use" that the missing books "might have been issued when I cannot say" (c) that the distances of the scabbards "will be attended to" (d) - no explanation is proffered, though the charge was definitely formulated, (e) that the failure to repair the Reserve lines properly "has now been rectified".

These charges & "explanations" suffice to show great neglect of duty & inefficiency.

A good many of the charges are trivial, but, taking them all together, the man is evidently quite unreliable. He may be dismissed as recommended.

W.S.

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- (iii) Frequent unpunctuality & absence from office without permission; e.g.
(a) late attendance at office on the 29th Sept^r on the D.I.G.'s inspection
(b) failure to attend at the Magazine on the 24th Oct^r with accounts & keys; the D.I.G. had consequently to send for him, when he appeared without accounts & keys, & the inspection could not therefore be held.

- (c). Absence from office on the 24 Nov^r 94, H.N.
the evening of the 2nd & 3rd November, the 4th September

For orders

These form charges 5 to 8 & 10. W. Vincent's explanations are (a) That he did not come late on the 29th Sept^r, - [note this is giving the lie direct to the D.I.G. who made the charge], (b) that the Magazine keys had been sent to the store-writer, who took them home the evening before [note there was apparently no reason why W. Vincent could not have sent for them that night, as he received the Sup^r D's order regarding the Magazine inspection when he got home himself.

(c) W. Vincent now here explains his absence on the 24th Nov^r (evening); he refers to his diary which merely explains his handwriting as being due to fever; as regards the 2nd & 3rd November he states that he reported his absence to the head-quarters Inspector but forgot to mention it in his diary, in his diary he explains in answer to a query from the Sup^r D: that he was "not well" in his "boots" but left to go & play cricket as allowed by the late Sup^r D. He "does not remember being absent on the 4th Sept^r."

It is thus clear that W. Vincent was regularly absent from office without leave, unpunctual.

- (iii). Submitting false reports
e.g. (a) stating that he had no debts - when information on the subject was required for embodiment in the annual report, (b) stating that he took 10 men out for ball practice on the 4th August when he did not do so.

These are charges 10 & 14. - As regards 10 a decree was out against him for nearly Rs. 500; this he admits but says the debt was a family one. The Sup^r D's however says W. Vincent is the only earning member of the family. As regards 14, he says the report was not false, but his diary clearly admits that it was so.

This shows that W. Vincent is a man whose reports cannot be trusted.

- (iv). Failure to salute his Sup^r D's 10 & 12
W. Vincent says he did not recognize W. Agar but that gentleman is quite certain that he did, & that being with friends of his own, he did not choose to salute.

- (v). "His indebtedness"
Besides the decree mentioned above, another debt & a debt were back (owed), for non payment of which W. Vincent was twice arrested on a civil warrant. This also is said to have been a family debt.

- (vi). "Delay in returning diaries" - 7 diaries were kept for periods varying from 1 month & 5 days to 1 month & 26 days the only explanation is they were returned "as soon as possible"

- (vii). "Having money dealings with Sub^r D's"
This charge is not of much importance as it amounts to nothing more than a claim for Rs. 5 from a head constable.

He did not borrow money, merely claimed it as a share of house rent due to him.

3. Mr. Vincent had one month's leave in 1893 in consequence of an illness brought on by intemperate habits, & was fined two days pay for absence from duty in June 1894. Both Mr. Thomas & Mr. Agar consider him to have taken to drink again. Matters came to a climax on the 4th December when Mr. Vincent again came to office some hours late, and appeared to have been drinking. When sent for by Mr. Agar, he was at the house of a Mr. Abraham & did not come for a considerable period. He explained his lateness as due to fever, but was evidently in liquor. In his diary for the day, he made another false entry stating that he had attended office at 11 am.

4. On the 7th December Mr. Agar had to report further that Mr. Vincent was taking to drink again & had been again arrested for debt.

5. Colonel Porteous states that on his last transfer he personally warned Mr. Vincent against his weakness (drink).

6. The charges proved against Mr. Vincent thus include Drunkenness, neglect of duty, unpunctuality, & absence from office without leave, lying & submitting false reports, great indebtedness.

These, it is submitted, amply justify his dismissal.

Case of an Inspector of Police

H.M.

For Orders.

The punishment proposed is severe. but the Inspector seems to be more than justified.

H.M.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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Current No. of 18 , dated from

Current No. 6637 of 1894, dated 12 December from the Inspector General of Police

Order 12 January 1897

The current letter read above contains the G.O.'s recommendation that Mr. E.H. Vincent, 4th class Reserve Inspector of Police should be dismissed from Public service. This recommendation is based upon a series of charges which though many of them are for petty nature when taken together that Mr. Vincent is altogether unreliable & unfit for retention in the police.

2. The 17 items which constitute the charges formulated against him may be grouped as follows.

(i) Neglect of his duties as Store & Reserve Inspector, as evidenced particularly by the dirty condition of the store room, by delay in executing repairs to the Reserve lines, & by his failure to check the quarterly returns of forms, & to keep correct store accounts.

(ii) frequent unpunctuality & absence from office without leave.

(iii) The submission of false reports, viz. the statements that he had no drink when a decree was out against him for a considerable sum, & that he took a number of men out for ball practice on the 14th August, when in fact he did no such thing.

relate to a period of only a few months and

1/ Indebtedness, as evidenced by the fact that he was twice arrested on a civil warrant for non-payment of another debt ^{that} referred to in the preceding clause.

2/ Delay in returning diaries, unless than diaries having been retained by him for periods exceeding one month.

3/ Miscellaneous: Disrespect to his superior officer, Mr. Boar whom he intentionally failed to salute. Having petty money dealings with a subordinate.

Mr Vincent's so called explanation which is couched in the most laconic terms is altogether unsatisfactory. The Govt. considers that each of these charges has been made out against him. In addition to these shortcomings Mr Vincent has again been arrested for debt, has made a further false entry in his diary, & has appeared before his Superintendent in a state of some intoxication. These additional offences were committed on the 24th & 25th December subsequently to the framing of the other charges against him. No formal explanation in writing has been taken from him in regard to these. Mr. Cairns report however leaves no doubt as to their commission.

4. Col. Portman states that Mr Vincent's past record is bad & that he was transferred from Malabar to Dae for because he was neglecting his duties & taking to drink. He was at the time personally warned by Col. Portman but has evidently fallen again into his old evil courses.

The Govt. therefore agrees with the I.G. in considering that Mr Vincent's retention in the police force is undesirable & resolves to ^{discontinue} him from the service. 17 JAN 1891

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