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G.O., No. 99
Confidential No. 6
DATED 21-1-97.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr S. D. Simpson.

directing — Dy. Commr of Police, Madras to take leave until 5th July 1897 & then to retire

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper :—

From the Commissioner of Police, Ma
No 110 dated 26th November 1896.

Order No: 99 dated 21 January 1

In the papers read above the Commissi
of Police, Madras, submits for the orders o
Government a report on the conduct of
Deputy, Mr. S. D. Simpson, on the evenin
of the 1st and 2nd October last, at a publ
entertainment held in some tents and a
enclosure on the Esplanade, Madras, an
called the "Sea on Land".

2. Mr. Simpson is charged with havi
been intoxicated both on the 1st and
October at the entertainment referred to
above, while present there admittedly o
duty, and with having behaved in a
manner highly unbecoming his positio
both there and elsewhere on those date
He has been permitted to cross examine
with

essis against him, has called witnesses
is own and has submitted in writing
xplanation to the charges.
The Commissioner's report read above
out in detail the particulars of the
uty Commissioner's misconduct with
vidence for and against him and it
unnecessary to here recapitulate either.
on a full consideration of this evidence
d of Mr. Simpson's explanation His
ellency the Governor in Council has
rived at the conclusion that Mr Simpson's
haviour on the 1st October in directing
itary Policeman Power's badge to be
oved and his other violent conduct at
"Sea on Land" and at the Fort Gate
e in a high degree unbecoming and
nproper and raise the strongest inference
at he was under the influence of alcohol
he time. This inference is further
gthened by the fact that (in the hope,
g rently, that nothing would be heard of
atter) Mr. Simpson altogether omitted
rt the serious disturbance which
ed that evening between certain men
Cheshire Regiment and the employés
"Sea on Land", and out of which
idents in question arose.
As regards the night of the 2nd
October

October His Excellency in Council consic
it to be proved that Mr. Simpson went
to the same entertainment in an
intoxicated condition, and had to be
assisted thence to his house by the pro
prietor and the proprietor's son.

5. It is in the opinion of His Excellenc
in Council clear that it is incompatible
with the interests either of the public or
of the Police Department that with such
misconduct proved against him Mr. Simpso
should be permitted to retain his present
position or indeed any other post in the
Department. In ordinary circumstances
dismissal from Government service would
have constituted the only penalty appropria
to such behaviour. In consideration,
however, of Mr. Simpson's long service
and of the fact that he formerly bore
a good character, His Excellency in Counc
is pleased to permit him to immediately
proceed on furlough to remain on leave
until the 5th July 1897 by which date he
will have completed 30 years' service: he
will then retire on the pension to whic
he may be entitled

6. The Commissioner of Police wil
direct Mr. Simpson to at once subm
an application for furlough as indica
above, and the Inspector General of Po

ll submit proposals for filling the
cancy

(True extract)

Chief Secretary

The Commissioner of Police
" Inspector General of Police
" Accountant General
" Pension Department

Chief Sec's
D.O.s
of 12.10.96

Confidential

Enclosure I

No. 2966.

Madras.
5 October 1896.

From.

Major W. R. Richardson
Commanding 1/2 Bn: Ches: Regt:

To

The Chief Commissioner of Police
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for your perusal reports handed to me by two Non Commissioned Officers of the 1/2 Bn: under my Command.

As the Statements of these two men constitute a very serious charge against the Deputy Commissioner of Police, I am submitting them to you for favour of any remarks you may have to make on the matter before referring the case to superior Authority.

2. The Statements of both men are supported by other Witnesses.

3. The favour of an Early reply is requested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
R. W. Richardson Major
Commdg: Half-Battn:
1st Cheshire Regt.

(True copy)

F. Waghorne
Commr: of Police

Report

To the Acting Adjutant 1/ Cheshire Regt

Sir,-

At Madras on the 1st of October 1896 I was on duty in town, about 11 pm I visited the Sea an Land Company's refreshment bar for the purpose looking up Absentees, while I was there a party of soldiers came for the purpose of creating a disturbance with some servants of the Sea & land Company. The servants of the said Company used some very obscene language & tried, in spite of all my efforts to prevent a quarrel, to urge the soldiers to fight, I at once confined two of the soldiers who I found had broken out of Barracks, as I was on my way home a private of the Regimental Police, who I had left behind to collect some caps & sticks, overtook me & reported to me that the Deputy Commissioner of the Civil Police had deprived him of his Police Badge, I at once turned back & found a Police Officer in possession of the badge, I took it from him & gave it back to the owner, at that time the Deputy Commissioner of the Civil Police came up to me

& pushed me about in a violent
manner & remarked several
times "Go you dirty lot of
bloody Swars." & told a Police
Officer in the name of Phillips to
go to the Main Guard & have
all the Police arrested, When I
arrived at the St Georges Gate
the Deputy Commissioner was
talking to the Lance Corporal
of the Guard, giving him orders
to confine every Policeman that
Entered Barracks either Royal Artillery
or Infantry, I marched all the
Regimental Police before the Com-
-manders of the St Georges Gate &
Main Guard to see whether the
men were drunk
L/c Sergt Heighton was in command
of the Main Guard & said that all
the men were sober, & Lance Corporal
Coffey who was in command of the
St Geo Gate Guard stated the same,
When I visited the Refreshment Bar
of the Sea on Land Company I saw
the D. Commissioner drinking and
I am of opinion that he was worse
for liquor
Sd
Fort St George Madras
3rd Oct: 1896
E Moores Corporal
Acting Provost Sergt
True copy F. Hayhurst

To the Acting Adjutant
1/2 Batt 1st Cheshire Regt
Madras. 3. 10. 96

Sir.
On the night of the 1st inst, I
was in charge of St Georges Gate
Guard, and about 11-15. Pm the Deputy
Commissioner of Police, Madras came
to the Guard Room & inquired
for the Commander of the Guard.
I went outside to see what I was
wanted for, and he gave me an
order to confine every man who
returned to Barracks wearing
a Police Badge, he said they
were all drunk. During the
conversation, Corpl Moores &
three Police men, with two Pri-
soners, were coming through
the Gate. Corpl Moores told me
to take no notice of him the
Dy. Commissioner as he was
Drunk. From the manner in
which he spoke to me I came
to the conclusion that he was
drunk, he spoke in a very
excited manner Corpl Moores
proceeded to the Main Guard
with his Prisoners, but re-
turned immediately after
confining them, with the

three Policemen, he asked me to inspect them & see what state they were in. I did so & found them perfectly sober.

(Sd.) Lce Cpl Hoffey
Commanding Guard

True copy
J. Bagshawe
Commr. of Police
4. 10. 96

Confidential

City Police Office
Madras. 4th October 1896.

No. A.

Enclosures. No. 2.

Enclosure II.

From J. Bagshawe Esqre.
Commissioner of Police
Madras.

To
Major W. K. Richardson
Commanding 1/2 Bn. Cheshire Regt.
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No $\frac{2996}{3.10.96}$ forwarding to me Statements made by Corporal E. Moore and Lance Corporal Hoffey of your Regiment bringing a very grave charge against Mr. S. D. Simpson, the Deputy Commissioner of the Madras City Police.

Your communication is the more a surprise to me as I have received no intimation from the Dy. Commissioner of any disturbance having taken place at the Sea and Land Entertainment, on the night of the 1st Instant.

Mr. Simpson is an officer of many years service in the City Police under the Govt. of Madras, and the charge is such a serious one that I think in justice to Mr. Simpson he should be informed of it.

But as your communication is

"Confidential," I write, in the first instance, to enquire if you have any objection to this course being taken. Requesting the favor of an early reply.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Sd/ J Bagshawe
Commissioner of Police
Madras.

II Confidential

No. 2970.

The Commissioner of Police
Madras

I have no objection to my letter and the attached statements being communicated to Mr Simpson. I have submitted the case to you to enable Mr Simpson to offer any explanations he may wish to make, before I take any further steps in the matter.

Fort St George
5-10-96.

Sd/ W Richardson Major
Commdg ½ Bn 1/Ches: Regt.

(True copy)

J Bagshawe
Commr of Police

Enclosure III

Confidential

City Police Office
No. A.
Madras 9th October 1896

From
The Deputy Commissioner of Police
Madras.

To
J. Bagshawe Esquire
Commissioner of Police
Madras City.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your D.O of the 6th instant, giving cover to correspondence between yourself and Major Richardson of the Cheshire Regiment, and beg to send you herewith my version of what occurred on the night of the 1st instant, together a few statements I have had recorded.

About half past ten as I was seated conversing with some of the Sea and land people, I heard great shouting and screaming towards the back and side of plot, where I saw a large number of soldiers running away from the place on to the roadway — some of them shouting filthy language, while others threatening to wreck the place. I just then saw very great astonishment some 4 or 5 Military policemen come running from behind the bars and apparently joined the mob of of Soldiers, who had just been misbehaving themselves and did nothing towards the confining of these troublesome men. When I saw the Military police themselves rendering no assistance I directed European Head constable Phillips to go to the Main Guard and ask for assistance, and at the same time to have such men confined if possible. Thereupon these men became more rowdy and used most filthy language towards me. I thought, therefore, that the best thing that could be done under the circumstances was to report the matter myself personally, and running out of the Enclosure, jumped into my Carriage (Wagonette) which was about 200 or 250 yards away from the Scene of disturbance. As I was travelling to the fort, I saw the Military Police in Company with these riotous Soldiers on different parts of the road wending their way to Barracks. It appeared to me from the Conduct of these Soldiers both at the Sea and Land Enclosure and on the highway that either the Military Police had no control over them or knowingly permitted a disgraceful scene. When I came at Saint George's Gate those that came after my arrival were uproarious,

and made use of very filthy ~~language~~ and objectionable language, which certainly should have been taken notice of by the Commander of that Guard, but as I found no attempt being made to check these disorderly men and appeared to me to be playing into one anothers hands, I threatened to report the matter to their Commanding Officer and left the place. There was no doubt that I was angry and spoke at one time excitedly, finding that I could get no redress from those who should have come to my assistance. The charge made against me of ~~being~~ being under the influence of liquor is absolutely false, and made only for the purposes of shielding themselves for their neglect of duty and inattention to orders.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Sd/ Saml D Simpson
Dy Commissioner of Police

Enclosure IV
6. depositions

European Head Constable J. J. A. Phillips

I was on duty at the Sea on Land Entertainment on the night of the 2d October from 5.45. The Deputy Commissioner came there at 7.45 or 8 o'clock. He left there at 8.45. He came in his own Carriage. He was not sober when he came. He went into the Refreshment Tent and remained there. He left being led out by Mr Eaves & his son and they put him into his carriage and they went home with him.

Sd/ J. J. A. Phillips
E. Hd C. 7.10.96

(Initialled) F. S.
7.10.96

(True copy)

F. Wapshare
Commr of Police

Sub Inspector Mr Edward Nicholas Slater:—

I am Stationed at C I Station.
It is part of my duty to go round
the Sea on Land Entertainment. I
was there on the 30th night. I saw the
Deputy Commissioner there in Mufti. He
was moving about. I left it about
8.15. I was there again on the 1st October
at 7.45 and I stopped there till
10 o'clock. All was perfectly quiet
then. I did not see the Deputy
Commissioner there up to the time I
left. Of what occurred afterwards
I was told by European Head constable
Phillips.—

I was there again on the night of the
2nd till about 9. P.M. The Military Police
were very strong there then and I went
home. I did not see the Deputy Commr.
there. I was then told by European
Head constable Phillips and the beat
Constable (whose name & number I do
not know but I know the man) that the
Deputy Commissioner had been there
Earlier in the Evening and was so
overcome by liquor, was so when he
arrived and had assaulted a
barmaid (Miss Clarke) and had
scratched her face and was after
-wards taken home in his own carriage
by the owner of the Show Mr Eaves & his
son. I have been on duty at the
C I Station for the last two months
in the habit of going to

the Sea in Land at the conclusion of my beat round to see that all was quiet. Mr Simpson was there almost every night. I have never been there late, at the time of closing. I have never seen Mr Simpson the worse for liquor.

Sd/ E Nicholas
Sub Inspr
G. Station

(Initialed) F.B.
7-1896

Mr Eaves and his son returned to the Show before I left on the night of the 2d & they told me that they had taken Mr Simpson home.

Sd/ E Nicholas
Sub Inspr
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(True copy)

F. Wagshawe
Commr. of Police

3d Class Constable No 739. Bungaroo States:—

I was on duty in plain clothes on the night of the 2d October at "the Sea in Land". I went there at 4 P.M & I left at 9 P.M. Head Constable Phillips came there at 5 P.M. The Deputy Commissioner came there at 7 P.M in his own carriage; he drove himself. He remained there for about 10 minutes as far as I know. and then Head Constable Phillips came and told me to fetch more Constables and I went away to the Police Station to fetch them. The Deputy Commissioner was in plain clothes. I was away 15 minutes and came back again. When I returned, the Deputy Commissioner had gone. I never heard anything of the Deputy Commissioner having been in liquor and having assaulted a woman. I was moving about in the Show till 9 P.M. I saw European Head Constable Mr Nicholas about 7.30 P.M. I did not speak to him.

Sd/ [illegible]

(Initialed) F.B.
7.10.96

Constable 992 did not come there till 7 P.M. He ought to have been there at 4 P.M; that is why I went to get Const No 535 Apparoo & when I came back I saw 992 just arrived. At that time Mr Simpson had left.

Sd/ [illegible]

(Initialed) F.B. 7.10.9

(True copy) F. Wagshawe
of Police

3rd Class Constable 992. Abboye States:—

I was on duty on the night of the 2nd October at the Sea on Land Entertainment at 6 or 6.30. Head Constable Phillips was there. I saw the Deputy Commissioner on the road near the Sea on Land. He was driving away in his dog cart & his horse-keeper was behind him. I was there until 9 o'clock. Sergt: Nicholas came there at 7 or 7.30 and left again at 9. I told him that the Deputy Commissioner had been there & people said that the Deputy Commissioner was drunk and he had struck a woman. I am certain I saw the Deputy Commissioner drive himself away in a dog cart. He was going away and I saluted him. It was quite dark on the road when I got to the Sea on Land & the lights were all lit up in the Show. The Carriage Mr Simpson drove in had 4 wheels. I did not observe if any European was in the Carriage with Mr Simpson when he drove away

Sd Yoorus. C 992
(Abboy)
(Initialled) F.S
7.10.96

(True Copy)
F. Hayshawe
Commr. of Police

Mr J. C. Eaves: States:—

I am the Proprietor of the Sea and Land. On the night of the 1st amongst the visitors was the Deputy Commissioner of Police. He was in private clothes. He was speaking in a loud voice and ordering soldiers about, about 10.30 P.M. I should not consider he was under the influence of liquor. There were 10 or 15 men outside the fence on the road (all soldiers) near the shooting gallery. There were 2 Military Police inside. Mr Simpson was talking to one of these Police and he ordered European Head Constable Phillips to take off the badge of the Military Police man he was speaking to. Phillips did so and I heard him ordered by Mr Simpson to go to the Fort (I presume to report matters). I saw Mr Simpson go away towards his Carriage. I heard him make some remark like "You soon go away". to the soldiers and he found fault with the Military Police for not sending them away. I know no more. I accompanied Mr Simpson with my son on the night of the 2nd in his carriage to his house in Rayapuram. That Evening at 7 P.M. or soon afterwards Mr Simpson came up to me and my son (we were near the shooting gallery) and asked us to go home with him in his

Carriage

Carriage and we went. He did not say why he wanted us. All he said was come & see my house. He drove the carriage himself. He was that night under the influence of liquor. He was pretty bad. He was drunk when he came to my Store, but he had no liquor there to my knowledge. We got in the carriage. I sat by him & he drove and rolled about and I kept him steady as well as I could. My Son was sitting in the well at the back. We got him out at his house and he asked us in, and we had a small whiskey each and wished him good night. We came back in his carriage and the Coachman drove us. It was about 8 P.M. when we got back. I did not hear of Mr Coates having been assaulted or insulted by Mr Simpson before I saw him that evening.

Sd S. C. Eaves.

(Initialled) L. S.

8.10.96

(True copy)

F. Wagstaffe

Commr. of Police

Mr Thomas Eaves states:—

I am the only Son of Mr S. C. Eaves. I remember the night of the 1st Instant. Some Soldiers came and made a row with Mr Leib near the Shooting Gallery. They called him outside and when he came near the fence struck him with a stick. The reason was some of them had been refused liquor after 11 P.M. the evening before by Mr Leib and a Mr Williams and they had come that night in consequence to hammer them. Mr Simpson who was in plain clothes came up as the row was going on. There were two Military Police inside the fence. I saw Mr Simpson speak to one of them. He also told Mr Phillips the European Head Constable to take off his Regd Police Badge and he did so. Mr Simpson then told Phillips to go with them to the Guard room. The Soldiers were abusing Mr Simpson and saying they wished FS he ~~they~~ had been outside & they would do for him. He called to them "Tas you Sirs". Mr Simpson found fault with the Military Police for not removing the soldiers and that was why he ordered Phillips to take the badge off the Regd Police man. I saw Mr Simpson get into his carriage, take the reins and go away towards the Fort. I saw Mr Simpson again on the night of the 2d about 9 P.M. I was near the Phonograph & he came to me and said "You have got to come home with me you little [illegible]". I said I was busy. We afterwards met my father and he asked him to come and see his house and we went. We drove home in Mr Simpson's carriage. He was driving and my father sat beside him and I sat behind. I did not know where he lived or that it was so far or we should not have gone. Mr Simpson had been drinking. My father had his arm round him. We got to his house. I got hold of Mr Simpson's shoulder and helped him into his house. He asked us to drink and we had each a glass of whiskey. He did not drink. We stopped there ¼ of an hour. We were driven back by his syce in his carriage. I know nothing about Mrs Coates having been insulted by anyone on the night of the 2d.

Sd/ Thomas H. Eaves
(Initialled) F. B.
8.10.96

(True copy)

F. Wagstaffe
Commr. of Police

Miss Clark (Mrs L. Coates) states:—

I was attending the Bar of the Sea on Land on the night of the 1st October. I do not remember there being any disturbance with Soldiers on that night. The Bar was closed at 11 P.M. & I left. I was not assaulted nor was my face scratched by anyone on the night of the 2d. I knew the Deputy Commissioner Mr Simpson. He was in my bar at 9.30. He did not have anything to drink. He was talking to me and my husband. Mr Simpson was not at all Excited or under the influence of liquor at that time. He left the bar in a quarter of an hours' time. He went out by himself. Mr Eaves came to my bar at 10.30, he did not come before.

Sd/ Mrs L. Coates.
(Initialled) F. B.
8.10.96

(True copy)

F. Wagstaffe
Commr. of Police

Confidential

G./8 1,000-7-11-95.

No. D.O.

City Police Office.

CHIEF SECRETARY
12 OCT. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madras, 10th October 1896

From

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
MADRAS,

To

Dear Mr. Arundel —

I forward herewith copies of a ×letter & depositions rec.d on the night of the 3rd Oct: from Major Richardson commanding ½ Batt Cheshire Regt Fort St George, bringing a charge of intoxication against the Dy. Commr of Police -

× Enclosure I

Enclosure II

After ×Confidential correspondence with Major Richardson (copies enclosed) I at once forwarded the papers on the morning of the 6th to Mr S. D. Simpson for his version of what had taken place, & he has this day furnished me with his report, ×copy of which I enclose.

Enclosure III

Considering the gravity of the charge I deemed it my duty to make some personal enquiries, & I went down to "the Sea-on-Land Entertainment" on the night of the 4th for that purpose. I questioned several parties & in the course of my enquiry I was informed that my Deputy Mr. Simpson was in the habit of frequenting the bar of the Sea-on-Land of an evening, & that on the night ~~in~~ of the 2nd Inst he had arrived there in a state of intoxication, & later had been conveyed away by the Proprietor & his son, in his own (Mr Simpson's) carriage to his house.

I enclose ×true copies of depositions which I took on the 7th & 8th from parties who were acquainted with the facts.

× Enclosure IV

I request you will kindly place the enclosed papers confidentially before Government for their orders.

I need scarcely say that I greatly regret being obliged to make a report of the above nature against an officer of Mr. Simpson's long service.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

J Bagshawe

To

A. T. Arundel Esqr. I.C.S.
Ag Chief Secretary
to the Govt. of Madras

H.M. (The Hon. Mr Grose)
[In the absence of Hon. Mr. Bliss.]

The Commr's enquiries ~~do~~ have not adduced evidence that the Dy. Commr. was the worse for liquor on the night of the 1st Inst as charged by Major Richardson, but very strong evidence is forthcoming that he was drunk on the night of the 2nd. This evidence has clearly not been seen by Mr Simpson and the first thing to be done is to let him peruse it, and, if he desires, to crossexamine the witnesses. Submitted that Mr. Bagshawe may be instructed to this effect at once. N.H.
12.10.96.

[G. / 25 A.]
1,000—21-3-96.

Indl. DEPARTMENT

~~C. No.~~

Hon. W. Grose.
[In the absence of Hon. W. Bliss].

D.O. dated 10.10.96. from
Commr. of Police. –

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Bagshawe shd be told to take Mr. Simpson's explanation as to what happened on the 2d – to show him the depositions & let him crossexamine if he wants to.

J.G.
12/10/96

CS

D.O.

My dear ~~Mr~~ ? Bagshawe

In reply to your D.O. of ~~the~~ the D.C. 10th. regarding the charges against Mr Simpson I am to ask you to ~~kindly~~ show Mr Simpson the depositions taken upon the subject of his condition on the night of the 2nd last October, to allow him an opportunity, if he desires it, of cross-examining the witnesses, to make any further explanation that he wishes to ~~submit~~ offer ~~so far~~, & then to report again on the whole case not confidentially but officially.

AH 12.10.96

(f.o.)

F. Bagshawe Esq

Commr. of Police

FOR ORDERS.

H. M.

I see that Mr. Simpson in his Expln. of what occurred on the night of ~~the~~ 1st Inst. makes no reference to the alleged removal of a Police badge under his orders.

AH 12. 10. 96.

If there is any add! evidence ~~available~~ forthcoming of the occurrences ~~either~~ of the night of the 1st or the 2nd Inst you will of course ~~avail~~ ~~ask~~ avail yourself of it.

I have copied & sent this. AH

[G. / 75]
300—19-8-96.

U.S.
add to file
AH 13.10.96

~~NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.~~

Do. 12.10.96

My dear Bagshawe

In continuation of my letter of today I write to say that you may find it desirable with Major Richardson's permission to examine in Mr. Simpson's presence the corporal & others who are acquainted with the occurrences of the night of the 1st Inst.

AH

Madras 24th October 1896

To

His Excellency

The Right Hon'ble Sir Arthur Havelock, K.C.
G.C.S.I.

Governor & President in Council

Fort St George
Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY
26 OCT. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The humble petition of the inhabitants of north Black Town Madras.

Most respectfully sheweth,

That your petitioners hear that there is an enquiry going on against the Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. F. D. Simpson regarding his disorderly behaviour at "Sea on Land" sometime back.

That in connection with this your petitioners beg to bring to your notice that the procedure now adopted in the matter of enquiry may be changed, because if the matter is disposed favourably to Dy Commr: the public will say that the Commr: tried to screen him while if it is disposed favourably it will be said that he said so out of spite towards that officer.

That your petitioners therefore to avoid all such difficulties beg to suggest that an independent officer may be deputed to enquire into the case for instance Mr. O. R. Jones, the chief Presidency Magistrate, whose decision for weal or woe will be accepted satisfactorily by the public.

That your petitioners in the first and foremost humbly beg to inform

your

your Excellency that the occurrences of disorderly on the part of Deputy Commissioner were on two nights, the one being an assault on some soldiers when he was not so drunk while the assault on the 2nd night was on the Bar maids when he became totally incapable of taking care of himself and the proprietors of "Sea on land" had to escort him home in a Carrige.

That your petitioners hear that the enquiry of the occurrences of the first night only is under enquiry while that of the 2nd night is lost sight of the Deputy Commissioner and his friends trying to hush up the matter.

That your petitioners humbly beg to state that this is not the first time when the Deputy Commissioner had behaved in the manner above stated but a hundreth time, the most prominent being in Philips Circus when he struck some gentlemen and the then Ag: Commissioner Mr. A. L. Agar though present on the spot and was an eye witness, passed it off without taking notice of the same.

That your petitioners most ardently beg your Excellency will be pleased to send for the Confidential minute and other records of Col: G. Weldon, which are now in possession of Mr: F. J. Bayshawe, wherefrom your excellency may very well understand that opinions held by such able officers of an officer who was held an equally responsible position like himself regarding his veracity and straight forwardness.

That your petitioners beg to add for your excellency's information that Mr: S. D. Simpson, has only risen from the ranks without any estate left either by his parents or ancestors and has to maintain his position out of his bare pay

That

CHIEF SECRETARY
26 OCT. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

That your petitioners beg leave to suggest to your Excellency to reflect for a while how an officer of such a poor begining could have amassed a fortune of Rs 3 50,000 with his wife in England to whom he has to send a monthly remittance of Rs 500. and has to keep up a house at a rental of Rs 95. per mensem driving pair in hand.

That your petitioners further beg to impress in your Excellency's mind that his house establishment is a novel one, with five horses in stables and three Carriges, himself driving in a Mail Phaeton or a Brougham and his daughters in Landau and pair, all in Rs 800 a month.

That your petitioners earnestly pray that taking into consideration the above facts which your Excellency will find every one to be true, institute more regid enquiries be deputing an independent officer and relieving the inhabitants of Black Town from the iron yoke of that officer.

In fine your petitioners humbly beg to state that should the conduct of the Dy: Commr: be allowed to pass unnoticed then no one is safe in Madras at Public entertainments where public officers instead of keeping peace break it by striking and thumping people at random.

For which act of kindness your petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray for your Excellencies long life and prosperity.

We beg to remain
Your Excellencies humble petitioners.

J H Rawlins
H Robert
P. Sleap Smith
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Madras, 13th November 1896.

From

S. D. Simpson Esqre.

~~THE~~ Dy. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
MADRAS,

Enclosure VI

To

F. J. Bagshawe Esquire,
Commissioner of Police
Madras.

Sir,

The open enquiry ordered by Government into the charges preferred against me relating to occurrences said to have taken place at the "Sea-on-land" show on the night of the 1st and evening of the 2nd October 1896 having closed I have the honor to place before you for submission to Government, with your own report, my version of the occurrences in question and my review of the recorded evidence.

+It closed on the 30th Oct. F.B.

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2 —— I request you will do me the further favour of transmitting this letter also with the accompanying papers for the Consideration of Government.

3 —— I desire before proceeding further to acknowledge with my heartiest thanks, as my duty and gratitude demand, the obligation I am under to Government for the opportunity they spontaneously and graciously accorded me of meeting my accusers face to face, and Cross-examining them in your presence on the statements they had made behind my back, and of producing evidence in refutation of their Calumnies.

4 —— This was so manifestly the Course that should have been followed throughout *and was* so *properly* adopted by you in reference to the recorded adverse

evidence on the night of the 1st, that with every disposition on my part to judge dispassionately of the procedure actually pursued in Connection with the extraordinary and audacious Charges made later against me, I yet Cannot Suppress a feeling of indignation at the *avidity* with which the matter was taken up, Carried through, and placed before Government; and as far as I was *Concerned*, the profound Secrecy with which all this was done; and also a feeling of indignation, induced by the discovery that many years of long, highly approved, and honorably recognized and rewarded Service, had not shielded me from an intensely unfair and Cruel attempt to prejudice me, unheard, in the estimation of Government on evidence shown in the accompanying papers to be as *malicious* and false as it was, when made

The Commr was making a preliminary enquiry such as Mr Simpson or any other Police Officer may have to do any day, not in the presence of the party enquired about FS

This has scarcely been proved? FS

trumpery and baseless.

5 ——— I deem it only right to explain why I use the word "avidity" in the above paragraph, and this is further necessary to account for an omission noticed by both the Officer Commanding the Cheshire ½ Regiment and the Government in my report on the occurrence of the 1st October.

6 ——— The Charges preferred by the Police of the Cheshires were received on the 3rd and 4th; further evidence was personally sought on the 5th (not on the 4th Sunday as stated in your D.O. to Government) at the "Sea-on-land" when fresh Charges, relating to alleged occurrences on the 2nd were preferred; and on the 6th evening the Charges from the Fort, and only those were referred to me Confidentially for

A clerical error. I enquired on Monday 5th night when the Show was again open F.S

report. On the 7th and 8th the fresh charges were reduced to writing and signed by the persons from whom they had been elicited.

7 ——— Thereafter followed reminders for my report on Major Richardson's letter. The telephone rang out demands for that report, while I was all this time kept in the dark as to the later Charges that had been already recorded. My reply was apparently Considered the simplest matter imaginable — One of mere routine — demanding attention even at the risk of incompleteness or other defects. That I had to deal with a personal Charge of a grave nature did not appear to call for Consideration; Neither did it seem to have occurred to any one that evidence was possibly

Our D.O letter & only one telephone message (copy send.) Exhibit & that in reply to the D.C's own message F.S

The reply is attached & consists of 4 pages & 3 copies of record which could have been supplied in 4 hours F.S being Cautiously obtained on your Confidential requisition, to show that special Circumstances had occurred and that I had acted in an emergency - which my accusers sought to hide by being first in the field with their absurd and false Charge -

No such evidence relating to the DC was obtained confidentially thro' Police. Only evidence that Mr & Mrs Coates were not married as they swore they were was so obtained FS

8. ——— The pressure put on me for my reply was inconsiderate in the extreme; and to it, and it only, was due my omission to refer to the removal under my Orders, of the badge from one of the Military Police -

No pressure was put. No first report of the disturbance of 1st had been recd — 4½ days passed before any explanation was sent in reply to papers despatched on the 5th to D.C. FS

9 ——— The Correspondence (with my reply dated 9th) was sent to Government on the 10th and with it went a great deal more - Fresh charges of disgraceful and Scandalous Conduct first made against me on the 5th and Carefully kept from my knowledge accompanied that report; and the avidity with which this was done disclosed why I had been so unduly urged &c. to expedite my reply -

No. They were renounced their only statements were taken on the 7th & 8th FS

10. ——— Major Richardson who temporarily Commanded in the Fort, when the Charges against me were preferred, and I had unfortunately Come into Collision some short time before, first in reference to the misconduct in the Town of members of his Police and Secondly about a Colour-Sergeant of his (Correspondence enclosed); and it is to be regretted that in these Circumstances he took up the Case against me, and did not leave the matter of my alleged

Enclosure No. 10.

An imputation of this sort against Major Richardson is surely unfair and unjust? FS interference with his men on the 1st October, to be enquired into by Major Bromfield an Officer who Could not possibly be even Suspected of prejudice, and was then on the eve of resuming Command.

11 ———— I did not make a special report to you of the disturbance because faction fights and Street-brawls are not usually so noticed and are dealt with under the City Police Act. The allusion to it in the Sub-Inspector's Diary was remarked on and I regret that, that record of it had not been sent on to you. I Certainly intended it should be and Can only attribute it to an oversight on my own part or on the part of my Office that this was not done.

Called a "riot" & "serious" later on F.S

There is no endorsement on Sub Inspr's diary "Send to Commr" as is invariably done even in very minor matters & initialled "S.D.S." by D. Comr see (Enclosure No)

12 ———— I would strongly urge that Sanction to Bar-keepers of all classes to sell liquor to Soldiers should be strictly prohibited and never on any occasion be specially allowed. The Canteens should suffice for all men under Military Control.

This might well have been recommended before – as liquor had been given to soldiers at the "Sea on Land" from the 15th Sept Mr Simpson had been there two or three times ~~this~~ each week & had reported and recommended for 10 days Suspension E. Hd Con Jarvis for being drunk on duty at the "Sea-on-Land" on the 26th Sept. The Commr dismissed the man F.S

13 ———— My visit in mufti to the "Sea-on-land" Show on the night of the 1st October was a Casual one as it was the first occasion of my presence there at a late hour 9-30.

14 ———— I was Curious to know whether and to what extent the public patronized the place, later than my occasional earlier visits, and thus to discover whether the Community testified in this way its acceptance of the claim of the Showman to be

6 weeks had passed & the Show was nearly at an end before this seems to have occurred to the D.C. F.S

deserving of Support. The Proprietor and his staff were total strangers to me, and as I could not recall to my mind any occasion on which they had previously visited Madras; My police instincts influenced me to discover further, if possible all about them.

They had been there since 27th Aug. (35 days & [illegible], since you had been there 2 or 3 times each week at least on his own admission

15 ——— Arriving there, and perceiving no indication of public patronage I purposely laid aside my professional reticence and Caution, showed myself at the Bar, and endeavoured to encourage Conversation. The Small Audience present being almost exclusively Composed of the Show staff, I started the Barman, Mr Coakes, (Manager at the time of the Sirdar Carbonic Acid Invention Syndicate Company, Limited, of Bombay, who as a friend of the Proprietor

Mr Eanes, gave a helping hand by managing the Refreshment Branch of the business.) on a narrative of his travels in Europe and America, and gained from him much interesting information, as to national traits of Character &c. &c.

16 ——— I pause here to remark that I never miss an opportunity of studying individual Character, and that the desire is always strong in me to get at the life history of Strange visitors who put themselves forward as providers of an uncommon entertainment and solicit public patronage.

The Bar-Manager, Barmaid & Proprietor of a steam "Merry go round" & shooting gallery FS

17 ——— The dread of being occasionally seen in the Company of such people, of a passing acknowledgment of a Casual peg given or received, and of even

an instance of sparce hospitality is not the weakness of, or a bugbear to, an honest, true and dutiful Policeman, whatever his departmental position - A Keep-at-home and Socially Sensitive Policeman has in my opinion mistaken his Calling, and even if ornamental and popular in the Circle of his own private friends must necessarily be a professional failure.

18 ——— I acknowledge I had a half brandy and Soda at the Bar, and I am not deterred by any affectation of shocking Social prejudice from recording the fact - that small peg helped to encourage all present in the belief that I was not on a professional visit, and to break down reserve - I was however in imperfect health that night×, and in accepting the proferred peg and

× also when visiting Mrs Hope Ross [illegible] 2nd Octr see para 36 FS

restricting myself to a half one, was even more influenced by that Consideration than by Concealing the real object of my visit. I was suffering then from an intestinal dyspeptic pain, and hoped the stimulant would somewhat allay it.

19 ——— My visit to "Sea-on-Land", now in question, proved in a very exceptional manner to have been happily most opportune. I was there apparently only interested in the Current Conversation, but when later on there were symptoms of external Commotion - I held myself in immediate readiness for any possible Call for action.

There had apparently been rows at 8.30 or there abouts by the statements of Mr Simpsons own witnesses but of which he seems to [illegible] known nothing FS

20 ——— Mr Coates scenting mischief from his personal knowledge of antecedent Circumstances×, which had at the time been withheld from me seemingly -

×. Refusal to supply soldiers on night of 30th September with liquor after 11 o'clock× and their Consequent threat. see para: 24 of this letter - 2 last clauses -

× He had no business to supply liquor to any one after 11 P.M. FS from the prudential motive of suppressing facts, which if divulged might effect the financial Success of the Show hurried away from the tent the moment those symptoms surprised us; but indications of the excitement becoming general and even Serious, following quickly, I rushed out and discovered that immediate and energetic action on my part was imperative to prevent an evidently preconcerted and now imminent riot.

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21 ——— The night was dark, but the Show though closed as regards work, was not yet quite without light. High voices attracted me to the Shooting Gallery and there I found all was Confusion and Strife. Several Soldiers, some in white others in Khakee, were abusing the man of the Show in very foul and insulting language.

The distance from the Bar to the Shooting gallery can be but 60 yards vide plan (Enclosure No VII) An oblong of 75 yards by 40 yards would cover the entire Show FLS

Many of the Defence witnesses say the Mil Police were present inside the enclosure FLS

No Military Police was then present or at least visible, though a Considerable number of Soldiers were standing Somewhat apart from their Comrades in advance, and were Seemingly prepared to Support the latter, if not bent on more Serious mischief. With these men possibly, and engaged probably in holding them in Check, the Military Police might have been, but again I assert that wherever they were, the Police was not in the Show enclosure, when I needed help and was practically Single-handed.

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22 ——— My first impulse was x to quiet the prevailing excitement and disperse the Crowd. The discovery that the Crowd I had to deal with was a Considerable body of infuriated soldiers showed that I had a Serious job in hand, and as abuse and insult were intensifying the excitement

x By getting excited himself FLS

Vide para 11 for D.C.s reasons for not reporting FLS and the Civil Police was represented by only one man besides myself; I entered Single-handed on the duty that had so unexpectedly demanded action on my part – and to that duty I set myself with all earnestness and determination.

European Head Constable Phillips–

& Phillips the only Civil Police Officer who was beaten by soldiers, & yet when he appears to give evidence against Mr S. the D.C says he was "indifferent & afraid to move"
Phillips is a sober man of excellent character & quite the best Eur Head Constable I have had
FS

23 ——— A riot had evidently been prearranged, and mischief to either the men or the plant of the Show, or to both, determined on, for on no other hypothesis are to be accounted for (1) the presence, Concentrated near the scene of action, of so many (estimated at about 30) soldiers after 11 at night; and (2) the hostile demonstration that had already been made as a preliminary manoeuvre – It is now notorious that to almost a man, this Considerable force had broken barracks and escaped

Going on before Mr Simpson came out & yet he took no notice and remained in the Bar talking to the Barmaid.
FS

All this not reported afterwards to the Commr
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from the Fort through an unguarded – though known means of egress and ingress a postern probably. That the Military Police suspected that mischief was intended is proclaimed by the fact that reinforced to 23 men after my visit to the Fort they returned direct to the "Sea-on-Land" about 11-30 to look for runaways, who had all by then slipped back to Barracks.

There is no doubt that the Military did expect a possible disturbance vide Corporal Moore's first report to his C.O
FS

24 ——— To stop the riot at the stage it had reached and prevent its further developement was my only object. I was quite aware that I thus incurred great personal risk, but I did not act blindly or impulsively – I am not a Novice at such work, having on former occasions faced and Controlled "excited soldiers" and had hard experience of the probabilities – involved in a Collision with them. It is also now known that liquor had been

Vide Major Bromfield's allusion in para: 4 of his Letter No. 112 of 12th October, to the peril I had incurred.

refused to a party of Soldiers, after the closing hour (11 P.M.) the previous night, that the men clamoured for it, and being still denied, threatened, as they retired, to have the following night what they might then desire" – Hence the exclamation, "here they come", by one of the Showman when the Soldiers appeared at the wire fencing.

25 ——— With the unavoidable and irrepressible excitement of manner which characterises me on all occasions of emergency, where breaches of the peace and danger to life, person or property, are imminent, and suppressive measures imperatively demanded, I addressed myself to the task, that had now so unexpectedly devolved on. I was gratified at the result, for after some further display of defiance, and giving

me personally a liberal share of the abuse with which they had earlier greeted the Showman, discipline began to assert its sway over the Soldiers, for they received with silent attention my announcement that I was going myself into the Fort to the Main Guard, and upon my immediately moving from the scene to carry out my purpose commenced a stampede to Barracks, some across the glacis to the unrecognized postern, others along the road by Saint George's Gate.

26 ——— I am unknown by sight to probably only a few men of the Garrison, and I was satisfied that when the men discovered that the Deputy Commissioner himself was present, they would not long retain an offensive attitude, and so the event proved. I addressed them authoritatively, ordered them to go back to Barracks

and after a noisy show of bravado away they went; when they saw that I was really on my way to the Main Guard.

27 ——— I did order in the excitement of the moment the removal of the badge of a Military Policeman, but this was done advisedly and in Circumstances which I now submit fully justified the act. As I have already said,× the Military Police was not in evidence when I got to the Scene of the disturbance. Indeed, I had not previously that night seen a single man of them at the Bar or at the Show — their statement to the Contrary notwithstanding. How one managed to place himself behind me there, I do not know, nor has any one shown. I discovered his presence from hearing him addressed by the younger Eanes. Turning round and finding that he

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×Vide para = 21.

This is very strange as many others say they had seen them FS

There was a Bar & along it the drinkers were congregated. Some must necessarily have their backs to others FS

belonged to the Military Police, I demanded of him what he was doing there and was told in reply he was "on duty". That duty, whatever it was, did not appear to give him any Concern, for there he stood silent and inactive — perfectly apathetic and indifferent to what was going on — and neither offered nor gave me any assistance. As I intended then to report him to his immediate Superior Officer when found, I deprived him of his badge for the purpose of identification, and bade him begone. He allowed himself to be divested without demur or protest and retired at once. His Corporal is stated to have been placed in possession of the badge soon afterwards.

There is no record to show that Mr Simpson made any report of the sort to superior Military Authorities FS

Quite right. He showed discipline FS

28 ——— If it be held that I was not justified in taking away this man's badge in the Circumstances detailed — and that those Circumstances cannot be accepted as a Sufficient excuse for what

I did, I can only plead an error of judgment on an occasion of emergency and possible public danger.

29 ——— Major Bromfield, strong in the integrity and veracity of Moore, his provost Corporal, reports the disturbance as "Chiefly a wordy dispute" and the breakers from barracks as "excited soldiers". He will no doubt be surprised to learn from the evidence of provost Private Phillips (what Corporal Moore had failed to report), that from words his men advanced to blows, a man of the Show (Leal) having been actually assaulted by one Soldier with his fist and by another with a stick — a good sized knobbed one called, at the open enquiry by Private Phillips, "an umbrella", though soldiers when abroad do not carry such an article — also that the Civil Police in the person of Constable Phillips had been belaboured with blows in the execution of duty.

Vide para: 4 of his letter No 112 dated 12th October 1896.

Earlier in the evening before Mr S went to the Show or while he was in the Bar. If the former he ought to have found out about it from his Police FS

This is the Hd Con Mr Simpson says was "supine & indifferent". FS

30 ——— I assert that the whole story of the Corporal is a fabrication — and that I did not see the man at any time that night on the scene of the disturbance much less come "personally into contact with" him.

It is passing strange when the Corporal was seen by Mr Coates, the Hd Con Philips & other witnesses present at the same time FS

31 ——— I have already suggested that the Military Police might possibly have been engaged in keeping the detached soldiers in check, and I admit that the peace force (a Corporal and five Privates) alleged to have been on duty that night at 11 o'clock was absurdly weak for the purpose of efficient control. I cannot however shake off the suspicion, their conduct from first to last created in my mind, that sympathy with their comrades rather than numerical weakness accounted for their inaction. In this connection I invite attention to the evidence recorded by

Vide last clause of para: 21 of this letter.

Mr Coakes as to the language used by ~ Corporal Moore, in reference to me, when they met on the return of the Military Police from the Fort. viz: "I heard the Conversation "between the Military Police, they said, "Had we known it was him in his gharry "that passed us on the road - we would "have chucked him into the moat - gharry "and all". Corporal Moore x x x said, "Bet "I'll make it warm for him."

This is mere hearsay which Mr S objects to in others
F.S

32. ——— My manner and loud assertiveness helped probably to favor their idea, that I was under the influence of liquor and to make the men find in every word and act of mine, proof that I was intoxicated - and Confirmed the Military Police in their purpose to hide their own failure by accusing me of drunkenness.

33. ——— The foregoing Narrative of the facts of the Case and of my work on the night of the 1st supported as it is by ample evidence, will I trust Convince the Government that I Could not have then been otherwise than perfectly sober. I had met, with determinate firmness, and a disregard of immediate risk and after probabilities - e.g. the misrepresentations of a supine and jealous opposition police - the first symptoms, only too well known to me, of mischievous intentions on the part of the soldiers who were abroad near upon midnight in unusual numbers and were only too evidently acting in Concert:

The evidence of the same persons who Mr. Simpson discredits regarding the occurrences of the 2nd
F.S

And yet this was never reported to the Commr who received his first intimation from Major Richardson on the 3rd
F.S
It was deemed so serious & yet not worth reporting
F.S

34 ——— I unequivocally deny the Charges of both drunkenness and also uncalled for interference - and declare without hesitation, that it was well for the safety of the persons who were that night the immediate and special objects of military antipathy - and for the peace of the Neighbourhood - that I accidently happened to be on the spot when hostility was first manifested.

*D.C was on the spot nearly every 3rd night & on the previous night vide Sub. Insp: Nicholas' evidence
F.S

35 ——— The Charges elicited against me in reference to the evening of the 2nd October 1896

are as follow:-

I. Being in the habit of frequenting the Bar at "Sea-on-land".

II. Arriving at the Show in a state of intoxication.

III. Going then direct to the Bar and remaining there an hour.

IV. Being led thence, incapable, by the Proprietor and his son, who "took" me away in my own Carriage to my house.

V. Assaulting the European Bar maid.

36 ——— Before remarking on these, I must express my regret at my inadvertently omitting to adduce evidence to show, where I had been, before I went to the Show, and to call before you at the open enquiry my Office writer and others to prove at what time I left the Office on the 2nd, that I was there quite sober, had not, indeed, taken any

These are not so recorded under headings F.H.

liquor while at Office from 11 A.M, that I was not in the habit of taking any kind of stimulant during Office hours, or having it sent to me, or of keeping a supply in the Office - My Coachman can further testify that I went direct from my Office to the Male Asylum Press (Factory) and after my inspection there, went to the house of Mrs Hope Ross, senior, in Vepery, was perfectly sober then, and when I left the place. Mrs Hope Ross being in some difficulty at the time with her Landlord who had threatened her with an action at Law for an ejectment had come to me for advice and I promised to do what I could in the matter - When I called she had already decided to leave her house and was then busy packing up to move-

She will state that I was sober when I arrived, had only one small whisky at her house and was equally sober when I left. This peg was all I had had that day and it can hardly be said that that quantity was sufficient to intoxicate a man of my physique and age. Mrs. Hope Ross. Sr. is the widow of Mr. G. Hope Ross, who had been the Madras Harbour Trust Board's Accountant and is herself the Secretary of the Ladies Committee of the Madras Civil Orphan Asylum and now resides with Miss Hill on Rundalls Road, Vepery.

37 ——— I proceed to notice the extraordinary and Calumnious allegations set forth above in paragraph 35.

38 ——— With reference to Nos. I and V the evidence I have put in clearly establishes that both charges are false.

39 ——— So far from being in the habit of frequenting the Bar the latter evidence discloses that my visits to the Show itself were only occasional and that I was not more than twice at the former during the five weeks the latter had already run. I cited a score or so of the Policemen (European and Native) who were in their turn on duty at the Show, night after night, and they testified to a man, that no ground whatever existed for this allegation.

At least 2 or 3 times a week on D Cs own admission and evidence FS

40 ——— My visits to the Show were made Officially though in mufti and were intended to keep my Subordinates on the alert.

1 Eur Hd. Cons & 1 Native Constable sometimes 2 in the course of a night FS

41 ——— Mr. Coates, the husband of the Barmaid, whom purely "hearsay" and

wholly unCorroborated evidence alleged I had assaulted, and the woman herself (who in her recorded statement of the 8th had indignantly denied that I had in any way misconducted myself towards her) both gave at the open enquiry the lie direct to this infamous Scandal.

42 ——— I notice that in your Confidential D. O. to Government you did not make specific reference to this matter — Mrs Coates's denial having accompanied the papers. I cannot but regret, however, that such a Scandal, expressly mentioned by a Subordinate of mine, as nothing more than "hearsay" and gossip, should have been sent on to Government instead of being expunged from the record.

43 ——— The other three Charges (2-3 and 4) have been found equally false. The Proprietor and employees of the Show

Her indignation to me was evinced by a laughing denial & she said she was not Miss Clark but Mrs Coates which turns out to be absolutely false
FS

I sent up all the papers both for & against
FS

Not so — Mr I examined them in what he himself calls his "loud & ascertive manner — so much
× so that his shouting disturbed my Office & I had to remonstrate — also on several occasions to refuse to record words palpably put in the witnesses mouths
× by the DC. FS

I solicit attention to the remarks on this man's evidence in paras 10 to 12 of my Review.

× He had applied for a transfer to the Mofussil Police long before the 1st Octr & I was very sorry to lose his services FS

The Eaves did not say DC was incapably intoxicated nor did Philips. They said he was pretty bad —
It is not difficult for a man to drive even when in liquor over roads he has known for 25 years — vide London Cab drivers
FS

were unanimous in Contradicting the allegations as to my Condition when I arrived at the Show and my prolonged stay in the Bar-Tent or at the Show made by European Head Constable Phillips,× whose Connection with the City Police has since Ceased, Consequent on transfer to the Mofussil. The two native policemen on duty speak to the same effect. The allegation that I was led by the Eaveses to my Carriage, being myself incapable, was so absurdly a fabrication that the wonder is, it was for a moment seriously entertained.

44 ——— My traducers sought to show that I was so incapably intoxicated as to be unable to walk to my Carriage unaided — but the telling fact that the men Eaves did not hesitate, in these Circumstances, to jeopardise their persons, if not their lives, by seating themselves behind an unknown horse, and in a

strange gharry, of a dark night, and let me handle the reins, incontestibly gave the lie at once to this barefaced Calumny, appears to have been wholly ignored or surely it would not have been so hardly pressed against me.

45 ——— That the men Eaves are not Credible witnesses one way or the other is only too evident from the astounding change of front they made at the enquiry under Cross-Examination though their evidence then was in my favour, I do not hesitate to say that by it they deprived themselves of all claim to respect and Credence from either the prosecution or defence - One remark more however, in reference to their Statements to you - If they Considered me drunk on the 2nd they would to a moral certainty have told Sub-Inspector Nicholas so, when they returned to the Show and talked to him of me.

Changes made under "loud as-certaine questioning FS

They qualified it but still do not go back on the statement that the DC was in liquor FS

The D.C seems to put a vastly different value on their evidence on the 1st & on the 2nd Oct: FS

They merely told him they had taken Mr S home FS

46 ——— There is but one other feature of the Case to which I deem it necessary to make a passing allusion in view to prevent possible misconception of the motive that influenced me in asking the men Eaves to my house

47 ——— It might be said that an Officer in my position should know that, that position demands scrupulous Caution as to the selection of even casual acquaintances and associates - On general grounds I accept this doctrine, but I unhesitatingly join issue with those who would apply it too strictly to the special Office and duties of a Policeman - My advancement to the Office of Deputy Commissioner did not take from - was never intended to even tone down - my instincts as a Policeman - Those instincts had previously developed under a hard education, and a harder

training, and while I regarded myself as fortunate in having had them publicly recognized by my selection for advancement, I never allowed myself to be deluded into the notion that such advancement - Called for even a partial stifling of professional instincts, or for a depreciated sense of my duties as a member of the Police Force. As I have already said, it has ever been my habit to seize every opportunity of learning the history of strangers, of getting, in fact, at all that I can, by open means, ascertain regarding itinerating visitors, avoiding detective agency unless professionally Called for - I submit that with my method of affecting this and keeping myself, for the public weal and professional ends - not from personal predilection - in touch with all sorts and Conditions of men, is purely a

See paras: 14-15.16 & 17 of this letter.

matter for my own Consideration, provided I do not intrude such methods or people upon others or allow any unknown characters to go beyond such superficial touch.

48. ——— this and this alone was my object in driving the Caves' after dark to my Solitary home - all the members of my family being away from Madras then, as they still are - and this was the extent of my acquaintance or association with them - Neither previously nor subsequently have any amenities passed between us.

Had not Mr. Simpson made the acquaintance of these itinerating strangers "in pursuance of his professional instincts" before or any of his visits to the Sea or Land FH

49. ——— My recent experience will not deter me from Continuing to follow my own Course of action in this respect, unless the Government itself see fit to directly interdict it, and require that I shall in future be less of the Conscious policeman, than I am

I don't understand this phrase unless "[illegible]" is and have been, from the day I was honored by special selection to be Deputy Commissioner of Police in this City.

50 —— I feel it incumbent on me to refer now to the allusion in your D. O. of the 15th October to a Conversation I had with you on the 9th October – you wrote, "you told me of a promise to your wife in 1889, asked me to overlook the present matter and said it should not occur again" – the "promise" referred to was to "keep away from every public bar," and when I gave it, I determined to go even further and practically abstain from liquor – I told you I was sorry, only because of this promise and my subsequent abstemious habit, that I had taken a half brandy at the "Sea-on-land" bar on the 1st. I now avow that my sole object in mentioning

the promise to you was to show how improbable it was that I, who was under such an obligation, and had been for more than 6 years held by it – should have exhibited myself in public, in an advanced stage of intoxication.

51 —— In reference to the alleged appeal to your forbearance, I had no intention of doing anything of the kind. I had urged, by way of protest against any further action, that if supposing I had actually given occasion for scandal, my antecedents and known good character surely merited consideration – Not a thought of pleading guilty – there was not the faintest shadow of reason for such a plea – occurred to my mind and no promise of future good behaviour was at all necessary – I naturally desired that

not even the slur of scandal should be brought against me after so many years of an unblemished official life.

52. ——— I now leave my Case with perfect Confidence in the hands of Government, claiming on the evidence I have adduced and the explanation I have afforded, full and honorable acquittal of the several Charges brought against me. My long and spotless Career as a public servant in an important, though necessarily unpopular, branch of the administration, gives no colouring whatever to the Calumnies whereby it has been sought after, nearly 31 years of loyal, and unimpeachable Service, to throw the shadow of grave misconduct on my unsullied Career, and towards the end of my Service to do me the terrible wrong of discrediting me in the eyes of Government and darkening my future.

Enclosure No. 11.

53. ——— I forward a printed memorandum of my special services and crave the attention of Government to the testimony, of the appreciation of them by the several Officers I have served under. specially those numbered, 19, 23. 31. 33-36-40-43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 50. 52. 53. 57. 60. 61 63 - 64 and 65.

Mr. Simpson has 31 yrs. 2 mo & 20 days service FS

During the whole of my long Service of 31 years I have not had a day's furlough and only 3 months' privilege leave.

Last para: of this letter No 112 dated 12th October 1896.

54 ——— I further solicit attention to Major Bramfield's favorable notice of the assistance I have often given him or as he writes "us" of the Cheshire Regiment and beg finally to say that I can call many personal friends to speak to my general abstemious habits and to my having repeatedly declined a peg

Govt. directed an enquiry into Mr. Simpson's conduct on the 1st & 2nd of Octr. only & this enquiry has been confined to that. If an enquiry is desired of the same during the last few years much independent evidence would doubtless be produced FS when Offered it.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Saml. Simpson
Dy. Commissioner of Police.

From.

The Dy Commissioner of Police
Madras

To

The Commissioner of Police
Madras

~~Dated~~ 13th. }
Despd. 14th } November 1896
Received. × }
× Sunday. 15th F.S.

No. 364.

Enclosures - 11.

Submitting report on the open enquiry, ordered by Government into certain charges preferred against him re occurrences said to have taken place at "Sea-on-land" show.

Enclosures.

1. Further explanation relating to 1st
2. Review of evidence. ——— do. ———
3. Head Const Phillips's Report dated 9th October — do —
4. Sub. Inspector Nicholas diary ——— do —
5. Showmen's statements ——— do —
10. Correspondence connected with Color Sergeant Mullin's case Military Police

Extracts of F.S

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the per-

-mission of the Asst. Adjutant-General & President of the Municipality, I sanctioned the erection of the plant of a show called "Sea-on Land" on the Maidan adjoining the Ordnance Lines.

2 — The opening day was 29th of August, and I attended to see that every thing went well & to arrange for presence of Police.

I considered it my duty to visit the place occasionally & accordingly

According to Police Roster & witnesses called by the D.C. he was seen there by, more than 20 constables in 32 days inclusive of 4 Sundays F.S.

went to it twice or three times a week.

4.— On the 12th September Mr. Coates, on behalf of Mr. Eaves, applied for a liquor license. I said, I had no objection provided they looked after the Bar and did not give drink to soldiers.

~~They had no Police Licence. Mr. Simpson & his Police should have known this. I have ordered the prosecution of Coates the Barman for this failure~~
F.S. F.S.

5.— I insisted on this condition because a case had already been reported to me of a Non-Commissioned Officer of the R. A., who going to the show drunk, had smashed "Records" of the Phonograph to the value of Rs. 300.

6.— This condition having been accepted and a license obtained from the Abkari Department, the Bar was opened on my license on the 15th September 1896. The license was renewed on the 18th & 20th September & 15th October and Bar was voluntarily closed by the licensees on the 10th October.

~~But none from Police~~
F.S.

7.— Every thing went well up to the 1st October, on which date, I drove to the place after dinner and finding the boats at a stand still from want of attendants and the place virtually empty, walked about the enclosure for sometime and eventually, when tired, went inside the Bar Tent and sat down.

8.— There I got into conversation with Mr. Coates, who has been a great traveller in Europe and America & gleaned much information from him.

9 — He offered me a peg, which I at first declined, but as he begged of me to do him the honor ~~the honor~~ I took half a glass of brandy in a split of soda.

10 — I should not have taken even this small quantity for I had strictly abstained from all spirits from my last birthday, the 3rd of July, had I not been suffering from a dyspeptic pain which I thought the draught might allay.

11 — The Bar was closed soon after, and we continued to converse about the different European Nationalities and their customs until we were disturbed and surprised by screams and shouts from outside.

12 — Mr Coates was the first to run out to ascertain what was the matter, and I continued to converse with Mrs Coates, but the screaming & shouting being renewed, I bid her a hasty good night and hurried across the premises towards the shooting gallery, whence I saw a number of soldiers running across the high way, away from the Show enclosure, while others were standing just outside the railing, and using filthy and threatening language towards the employees of "Sea-on-Land".

13 — As I was thus going to the scene of the disturbance, I saw some soldiers run across the premises from behind the bar tent and join their

Therefore in side the enclosure
FS

comrades outside. These men being in Khakee, I, at first, took to be the Military Police, who it has since been shown were not there then. Having returned, it is said to the Fort with two prisoners.

vide my letter W. A. dated 9th October.

No other but M Police in uniform have been shown to be inside the fence & if these men came up from the Bar side they must have been Mil Police
FS

14.— When I got by the railing, I found a Military Policeman having words with Young Bares - who was upbraiding him for his indifference and inaction in the dangerous position they were in and for permitting the soldiers to cause a disturbance in their very presence.

15.— At that time there were still about 10 or 15 soldiers on the road, threatening vengeance and shouting out the filthiest of filthy language. I called out to them & told them to get away home, they then started abusing me in similar language, and were becoming even more boisterous. All this in presence of a Military Policeman.

16.— I then said to the European Head Constable Phillips "take this policeman's badge and go on to the Main Guard and report this disturbance and ask for help".

17.— Even then the men declined to move, and as I found the European Head Constable was apparently unwilling and indeed afraid to act, I announced my intention to them and

No one else says Philips was unwilling, & if so no report was made to the Commr. as should have been done. The Eur Hd Const was the solitary Civil Policeman present & he received a severe beating
FS

running round to where my carriage (wagonette) was & jumping into it, drove to the Fort to report the matter. Even at the Guard Room I found the men on duty disposed to sympathise with their comrades and therefore leaving there, I returned to the "Sea-an-Land". Everything now being quiet I drove home.

18.— My reason for directing the Policeman's badge to be taken will be found in para 28 of my letter. The Military Police have no numbers like the Civil Police, and when ~~once~~ a man gets away after neglecting to do his duty, it is not easy to find and identify him.

I understand that even a Mil Officer has no right to remove an M.P. man's badge?
F.S

19.— As I have already stated elsewhere it appeared to me that the Military Police were either afraid to resort to severe measures, being only a small number compared to the soldiers, or acquiesced in their comrades' conduct.

20.— It would be interesting to know how many of these soldiers had passes that night to be out after 11 P.M. and how many had broken out of Barracks. Surely such a large number of men could not have had permission to be absent at such a late hour of the night.

21.— It would appear from Mr Coates

statement that the Military Police (1 Corporal & 23 men) returned to the "Sea-on-Land" after I had got back from the Fort and gone home, and that even they then made use of threatening language towards me.

One hearsay witness only to this F.L.S

22.— It is very well for Major Bran-field to say that I had placed myself in a very dangerous position on the night in question, but I had no alternative. If I had not intimidated those soldiers, something serious would have happened, for they were seemingly bent on doing injury to either the plant or the persons of the show, and the Euro-pean head Constable Phillips says

even he was beaten twice or thrice, by the infuriated soldiers.

23.— I am not afraid of soldiers, for I have come repeatedly into antago-nistic contact with them during my nearly 30 years of official life in this city, and I know from experience that a little loud talking & bluffing very often restrains men trained to discipline and puts them on the right course.

And yet the OC had been visiting the Show 3 times a week he says & with his sharp Police eyes had never noticed that liquor was being served to soldiers F.L.S

24.— Up to that date I was not aware that the Asstt. Adjutant General had given Mr. Dares bar people permission to sell liquor to soldiers. The follow-ing morning Sub. Inspector Nicholas in reporting the occurrence of the previous night and the assault on

European Head Constable Phillips, brought to notice that soldiers were served at the "Sea-on-Land" bar. I at once directed that steps be taken to discontinue the sale of liquor to them, and only then ascertained from enquiry that Captn. Banbury had signed a permit on the 18th September, for sale to non-commissioned Officers and men of the Garrison.

Wise after the event FW

25 — I now come to the charge of intoxication made against me and forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

26 — In para 10 of my letter I show reason for a suspicion that Major Richardson was not wholly — !?!! unprejudiced when he decided to give furtherance to the charge made by his police.

27 — That Officer was moreover then — aware that I was of abstemious — habits, for I had met him about 6 weeks previously at a Colonel's — house, where being offered it, I declined a peg in his presence, while he had one.

28 — Notwithstanding these circumstances, he accepted without apparent demur, the statements of two Corporals who had, in my opinion, failed to do their duty on the night of 1st and who, with the view of shielding themselves from any charges that were likely to be made, accused me of having there been under the —

influence of liquor.

29 — The evidence of Mr. Bares & his son Thomas, of Mr. & Mrs. Coates and of the European Head Constable Phillips negatives this atrociously false accusation.

The DC with ref: to the [illegible] of the 2nd says these persons evidence is worthless always excepting his witnesses Coates & the Barmaid Miss Clark alias Mrs Coates
FLS

30 — The Cabaal states, he saw me at the bar drinking, and therefore I was drunk. He is not in a position to say what I drank or how much I consumed, whether spirits or aerated waters and yet he has the audacity to say that I was under the influence of liquor. I absolutely deny I was in liquor.

? vide his cross examination FLS

31 — It is true I was in the bar tent, for there was nothing to see in the show, and I have already stated I was interested in Mr. Coates conversation and therefore remained there till such a late hour of the night.

32. — Mr. Coates in his evidence says that I had only half of a glass of brandy and that was before 10.30 o'clock and surely this quantity could not have intoxicated me and continued to have kept me under its influence till 11. P. M. and later.

33. — European Head Const Phillips also states that I was perfectly sober, when I gave him orders on the night in question.

34. — I may here mention that this was the very first night I took a seat

in the Bar tent. In para 7 of this paper I have stated the circumstance under which I went into the tent.

35.——Had the soldiers not been permitted to hang about the "Sea-on-Land" premises by the Military Police, who should have known that the men were not there for any purpose of innocent amusement, for the boats had already ceased to run, but been sent away to Barracks, all this unpleasantness would not have occurred.

36——I regret much that I was called upon to act. Had the Civil Police mustered stronger, I should not have interfered but finding European Head Constable Phillips helpless for want of support and the Europeans so boisterous, I was compelled to take action myself.

[illegible] Simpson

13.11.96. Dy. Commissioner of Police

2.

I will now go through the evidence as regards the 1st October, giving in juxtaposition the story of the Military Police, the Evidence in refutation produced before you by me.

I The Military Police allege that they were present at "Sea on Land" during first disturbance and made prisoners.

Military Evidence.	Refutation
Corporal Moore. Was inaccurate in stating in his report to his C.O. that he was at the Bar Tent when a party of soldiers came for the purpose of creating a disturbance with some of the servants of the "Sea on Land". He should have said that the soldiers made their appearance when he and his 5 ~	Ev: Hd. Const: Phillips. (Report marked A) On the night of the 1st October some soldiers of the Cheshire Regiment came down to the "Sea on Land" ~~enclosure~~ and created a great deal of disturbance. They (about 10 in number) came inside the "Sea on Land" enclosure. He at once called out for the Military Police and finding they were not there ordered the men (soldiers)

5 Policemen were talking to the men of "Sea on Land"- At that time there were 6 or 8 soldiers standing outside the wire fencing. He went up to the wires and quieted them- it was then 11 p.m.- was then talking to the men (Leal and Williams) of the "Sea on Land" with his 5 Policemen and saw the disturbance- did not see "Sea on Land" men struck by the soldiers, neither did he see Ex: Hd. Constable Phillips struck, at the wire fencing, 3 times, by the soldiers. Saw him struck once by the glacis by a soldier under arrest, who believed that he had been made a prisoner by the Hd. Constable. Saw 6 or 8 (men) soldiers on the road further down in the dark. Saw another crowd made a dash. They all ran towards the (soldiers) to go home to barracks and not try to cause a disturbance- a soldier made a hit at Leal with a big stick- was then ordered by the Dismound:- to go to the Main Guard and report the case- did so- and on his way to the Fort met several soldiers and the Regimental Police- just as the row took place Corpl: Moore and 5 Privates turned up from behind the tent- Corpl: Moore confined Private Neville and Brown for creating a disturbance and the remainder ran in all directions- Received 3 blows on his head with a stick. Could not tell who struck him as there were about 15 or 16 soldiers lying in wait on the road for a further row- He accompanied Corpl: Moore with Private Neville to the Main Guard- At Examination-in-Chief at Enquiry

the Fort as soon as they saw him- These men could not have come through the gates- were not there when he arrived, but must have followed him. Of the 8 soldiers he saw across the wires 6 were on permanent pass, the other 2 he confined for breaking out of barracks- saw several soldiers across the wires at this time, but saw no blow struck- knew one of the several ways soldiers get out of the Fort after breaking out of Barracks- the soldiers he saw out *at night made a rush and got into the Fort through the moat and by the back way- saw them no more- placed no Military Police on this passage inside the Fort to arrest men as they came in as he had to go to the Main Guard with his two prisoners.

Enquiry Shown A- admitted it was his report of what occurred that 1st night- the Military Police were not present when the row commenced, they came in later on from behind the tent (shooting gallery)- saw a soldier strike at Leal- some soldiers were outside the fence, others inside- they were some 10 in number in Khaki and in White- Saw Leal and J. Eaves (junior) speak to soldiers- It was then one of them struck Leal with a big knobbed stick- Leal ducked and escaped the blow- stick was an inch thick with a knob- Called for the Regimental Police and found none- ordered the men to go to barracks- looked round then and found a Military Policeman (Power) standing inside the rails- Young W. Eaves came up and said

Private Phillips - Corporal Moore and 5 of the Military Police went from the Fort direct to the "Sea on Land" at 10.30 or 10.45 p.m. - went out of the bar tent and saw the soldiers were going to make a row - soldiers were outside the fencing - Corporal Moore gave the order to move them away - some then ran away - and those that would not go away were made prisoners and taken away. The Military Policemen were there for the first disturbance which was 10 past 11 p.m. There were only 6 soldiers at the time outside the fencing believed that there were others outside, but he did not see them. Saw one of the soldiers strike one of the men of "Sea on Land" with an umbrella - witnessed the assault. Private Neville was the striker - he was made made a prisoner by Corporal Moore - the two men (Neville and Brown) arrested were charged with breaking out of barracks and creating a disturbance at "Sea on Land" - did not see Ex: Hd. Const: Phillips on the head by soldiers -

Private Power - Went to the "Sea on Land" just before 11 pm. with Corporal and 4 others - went out of the bar towards the boats and shooting gallery - Corpl: Moore and others joined him soon after and were looking on at the shooting when some one of the "Sea on Land" shouted out "here they are" and went up to the fencing - Corpl: Moore then went up to the wires and stopped the soldiers interfering with the men of "Sea on Land" - There would have been a disturbance but for said to Power "Halloo are you implicated in this row," replied he was not - added "you are here alone I think you are implicated in this row" - replied he was not - added "you are here alone I think you are implicated in it" immediately after Corpl: Moore and 5 of the Military Police came doubling round the tent and asked what this row all about - Corpl: went to the rails tried to pacify the soldiers and told them to clear out as fast as they could - they did not go away. Then Dr. Mounsd came up to where Military Policeman Power was standing - Dr. Mounsd directed him (Wit:) to go to the Fort and ask to send some Policemen as plenty of men were out of barracks - As he was getting over the railings (fence) got 3 blows with a stick (cane) one across forehead, one across back back of head and one on his left temple - the Military Police were then outside the fence trying to arrest two soldiers. After he was beaten the whole of the soldiers began to run - there were about 15 of them - he could not recognise anybody because it was dark - accompanied Moore and Military Policemen to the Fort - Came across several other soldiers hanging about under the trees near the Railway Crossing on the South side of the Railway Crossing - on the left hand side of the road to the Fort - two trees down the avenue. Private Brown was arrested. If Corpl: Moore has stated that he (Moore) was present and saw Leab struck it was not true for he was not there - Did not see Corpl: Moore make a prisoner of a soldier for striking for Corpl: Moore arresting two men - the "Sea on Land" were not beaten by soldiers outside the fence. He has been 3 years and 4 months in the Fort and did not know the surreptitious way out of it -

striking Leal with an umbrella - witness was struck again by the glacis where the road is cut out at the turn into the Fort - There were some soldiers under the trees and one of them struck him on his back but he could not recognise him - Corpl: Moore told him that a number of men had broken out of Barracks that night and explained to him how they must have managed it - There were a great number of soldiers out that night all round the "Sea on Land" show - Corpl: Moore afterwards accompanied him back to "Sea on Land" with about 23 Policemen - the soldiers had all gone away and all was quiet then -

William Leal - Acctt: of the "Sea on Land." About 9 or 10 soldiers came by by the bar and asked for drink at about 11 p.m. or a little after - they were refused as everything was locked up - On going away they used very filthy language - At that time saw no Military Police there - left the soldiers at the entrance of the show and went to the shooting gallery to put things right - while he was doing that some one shouted "Fred Williams is in a row" Went up to the rails - saw Williams there who said soldiers are kicking up a row. Advised soldiers to go home or they would get into trouble - with that one of them struck him (witness) on his temple with his closed fist - there were 9 or 10 of them outside the fencing - immediately after was struck by by another man with a stick - Escaped the blow by ducking - stick was an inch in thickness - military Police then came up from direction of Barracks - there were 5 or 6 of them - Corporal ordered the soldiers to go away and witness went to his shooting gallery. Corporal and his military Police were not present when he was struck - no soldiers were made prisoners of in his presence for striking him - Did not see Dy: Commissioner during the disturbance - Is positive the military Police did not come there till the disturbance was over - not till after witness was beaten - was not beaten with an umbrella - the Corpl: made no prisoners in his presence -

1st disturbance
FLS

Fred Williams - Statement

to Inspector on 7th At about 11.15 pm. his attention was called to a noise made by soldiers - went to the spot - saw a soldier strike Leal with stick which Leal avoided - military Police came up and ordered soldiers to go away - In his Examination-in-chief at the Enquiry - First lot of soldiers came at about 8 pm - there were 8 or 9 of them - were full of liquor - Came to the bar tent to ask for more - were refused by him - they then went out on the road by the shooting gallery - Leal advised them to go away - One soldier hit at Leal with a big stick - Leal stepped back and stooped and escaped the blow - This was about quarter

This was the first disturbance

Quarter past Eight- up to this time there were no Military Police there- After all the ~ disturbance was over the Military Police arrived this was half an hour after the disturbance- no soldiers were made prisoners in witness's presence for beating Leal- Military Police came from the Fort side- is positive no Military Police were present when Leal was struck- If the Corporal of the Military Police stated he was present when the disturbance was going on it would be entirely false-

Which disturbance? HS

S. C. Eaves. Proprietor "Sea on Land" said to ~ Inspector on 7th there was a disturbance by 10 or 15 soldiers about 11 p.m. Dy Commissioner ordered them away- did not hear any one make use of bad language- At enquiry- was ~ standing by Phonograph tent when disturbance occurred on the road about 20 or 30 yards from shooting gallery- went up and saw 10 or 15 soldiers outside fence- some in white others in Khaki- The soldiers were making a row- Dy: Commissioner ordered the men to go away, but did not and remained there- Did not see Corpl: Moore there at that time- saw him with 3 or 4 ~ Military Police half an hour before- was not there at that time-

Thomas Eaves. To Inspector he said on 7th: About 15 soldiers who were standing outside the fence called out to one of our men- he went up and one of the soldiers

Soldiers struck at him (Leal) with a stick – they appeared as if intent on attacking us, and had it not been for the Dy Commissioner we would have fared badly – At Examination in-chief about half past 10 or 11 was going round the show – saw one of our men (Leal) go up to the fence where 10 or 15 soldiers were – saw one of them strike Leal with a stick on the side of his head above the temple – stick looked as if it had been broken off a tree an inch and a half in diameter and 3 feet long – he (Leal) stepped back and called them a lot of Cowards not fit to be Englishmen – Soldiers called to Leal and said "why don't you come outside and fight like a man" – saw no military Police there at that time –

Witness Williams puts time down at 8.15 Leal says 10 or a little after
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V. J. Coats – At the enquiry at Examination in-chief – Have nothing to do with "Sea on Land". Am Manager Sirdar Carbonic Invention Syndicate Cy: was conversing with Dy: Commissioner in bar tent after 10.30 p.m. heard loud shrieks and rushed out to see what was the matter. when witness got up to the shooting gallery saw Leal and Williams inside the fencing and about 20 or 25 soldiers outside the fence about 5 yards from him – There was one solitary soldier of the Cheshires wearing a Police badge he was inside the fence about 30 yards from

Was Manager, resigned as his work was not deemed satisfactory
FS

Of the Conduct of the Soldiers. The Dy Commr. said that a few of the Military Police were present but rendered no assistance and were quite as bad as the soldiers.

II That the soldiers did not use bad language but that the men of "Sea on Land" did, and were the aggressors.

Military Evidence	Refutation
Corporal Moore - 'The "Sea on Land" men rushed up to the wires where the soldiers were and used bad language to soldiers - admitted that considerable bad language had been used by soldiers also. Phillips M.P. Leal of the "Sea on Land" called the soldiers "Cheshire bastards" Power M.P. Some of the 'Sea on Land" shouted "here they are" and as they got near the fencing one of them called the soldiers "Cheshire bastards". Soldiers used no bad language but the "Sea on Land" men did.	Ev: Hd. Const: Phillips. (Report marked A) Soldiers called out to Leal and Fred Williams "Come out here you buggers and we will break your heads". Report to his Inspector (see Extract Diary Pt. of C. Division. About 15 soldiers of the Cheshire Regiment came up to the bar which was closed at the time (11 p.m.) and demanded liquor on being told that no liquor was to be had they went outside and used the most indecent language towards the two employees who refused them the liquor. At Examination

Examination in chief - Heard soldiers shout to Leal and Williams "Come out here you buggers and we will break your heads"-

William Leal. soldiers were refused drink - On going away from bar they used very filthy language - Williams and he were at the fence up to that time neither Williams nor he used any bad language to incite the soldiers - soldiers made use of most filthy language by bar tent when refused drink and again on road by fencing when witness was struck - Constable Phillips was there on duty - soldiers were shouting and making use of most filthy language and making a big noise outside the fence -

This def witness was brought up for examination from the Jail - having been sent there for being drunk & assaulting a native woman in Popham's Broad -way FS

Fred Williams. To Inspector - went to the spot and heard soldiers using most indecent language - told them to go away - they went outside using the same language - At the enquiry - soldiers went out on the road and used most filthy language - language was intended for those of "Sea on Land" who never used bad language - Corporal Creed not have heard us as he was not there, no Police interfered with that row -

This was apparently the first row FS

S. C. Eaves. At enquiry soldiers were making a row - was too far away to hear what the soldiers said -

J. Eaves. To Inspector - Dy Commissioner ordered Constable Phillips to take them (soldiers) to the Guard

Guard room - they said if the Dy: Commissioner had only come out they would have put an end to him -

At Examination-in-chief. The soldiers were shouting most filthy language and called our men out to fight -

V. J. Coats. Examination-in-Chief - Leal and Williams did not use bad language in his presence - heard soldiers shouting filthy language so bad that I do not care to repeat it -

III That the Dy: Commissioner made use of bad language to the Military Police - said they were all drunk and used force to Corporal Moore -

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Military Evidence

Corporal Moore - Dy: Commr: pushed him on his chest and said "go you dirty lot of bloody swabs" - admitted that considerable bad language had been used by soldiers - was pushed about when he returned a second time for Military Policeman's badge - heard Dy: Commr: say to Ex: Hd. Constable Phillips - "Military Policemen are more or less drunk", go to the Fort and bring out a picket" - did not hear soldiers abuse Mr. Simpson when he went back the second time for the badge - the soldiers

Refutation

Remarks by Dy: Commr:- Ex: Hd. Cnst: Phillips does not say one word of my having pushed Corpl: Moore or used any bad language to him and his men - On the contrary he states, as under, in his report

A - Dy: Commr: was called "a bloody old bugger and an old cunt" - even told him to come outside and they would kick him as well as the employees of the "Sea or Land" -

At Examination-in-chief at Enquiry - Corpl: Moore said to me deliver up the cap stick and badge

Soldiers had all gone away-

__Phillips. M.P.__ Dy: Commr. asked for the Corporal- Ex: Hd. Constable Phillips said "this is he." Dy: Commr. pushed Moore towards the gutter and said he was not the Corporal for he knew him- said "joa" (go) and called us "a lot of snars". Dy: Commr. then said to Ex: Hd. Constable Phillips- "Military Police are all drunk", go to the Guardroom with them and represent the matter to the Sergeant-"

__Power M.P.__ Dy: Commr. said to Ex: Head Constable Phillips "give back the badge-" said to us- "go you dirty lot of bloody snars" and ordered Ex Hd. Const. Phillips to go and call a picket- Dy: Commissioner said Military Police were all drunk and should be taken to the Guardroom- badge. gave them a/- heard the soldiers then call the Dy: Commr. "a bloody old bugger and a bloody old Cunt" and say "Come out here you old bugger and we will do the same to you as we did to these two"- was then ordered by Dy: Commr. to go to the Fort and ask for Police-

__S. O. Eaves.__ At Enquiry- Did not see Dy: Commr. push Corpl: Moore- Corpl: was not there then- Dy: Commr. pushed no one.

__Thomas Eaves.__ To Inspector he said. Some one said Sewer (Snar) am unable to say who- there was great excitement- cannot give particulars

At Examination-in-chief Heard Dy: Commissioner direct Ex: Hd. Constable Phillips to go to the Fort and report occurrence. at this time turned round (North) and noticed Corpl: Moore standing there

Guard Room and would go himself and report it to the Main Guard- Military Police were subsequently proved sober by the Sergeant of the Main Guard and the Lance Corporal of the St. Georges gate-

there- he was all alone saw Moore go over the fence and speak to the soldiers and tried to get them away- they did not run away on the appearance of Corporal, in fact they seemed to resist him- Did not see Dy: Commr. shove or push Corporal Moore.

__O. J. Coats.__ Examination-in-chief- Was by the side of Dy: Commr. that night- did not see him push Corpl: Moore or any one else-

IV The circumstances under which the Military Police badge was removed and returned-

Military Evidence.	Refutation.
Corporal Moore- Written report to his C.O. When on his way home with two prisoners who had broken out of barracks- a Private of the Military Police, who had been left behind to collect some caps and sticks overtook Corporal and reported that Dy Commissioner of the Civil Police had deprived him of his Police badge- at once turned back and found a Police Officer (Ev: Hd Constable Phillips) in possession of the badge- took it from him (Police Officer) and gave it back to the owner- At the Enquiry	**Ev: Hd Const: Phillips.** At Examination-in-chief at enquiry- Corporal Moore told the soldiers to clear out but they did not go- Dy Commr then came up to where Power (Military Policeman) stood and asked him who he was, he said he was a Policeman- Power at that time was standing quiet and doing nothing- made no attempt to quell the disturbance- Mr Simpson took him by the arm at the elbow and told me to take off his badge and keep it and ordered me to go to the Fort and report the matter- had a cap

enquiry- when we went back the 2d time the ~ soldiers had all gone and found Power had been deprived of his Police badge.

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by Dy: Commissioner -

Thomas Eaves -

At examination in chief - The soldiers wanted leap over the fencing - Dy: Commd: then rushed up and telling the soldiers not to create a disturbance ordered them to go away - Saw a Military Policeman (Powers) then get over the fence from amongst the soldiers and stand near Dy: Commissioner - identifies Private Powers - Dy: Commd: told Constable Phillips to take away the badge from the Policeman and see the man up to Barracks, and report the occurrence - witness said to Powers "Serve you right for being mixed up with such a crowd" - he Powers came from the same Town as myself - Powers made no attempt to send away the riotous soldiers - he stood like

he did not ask Const: Phillips for the cap and stick although he was left behind to find them - Constable Phillips went with him to the Fort and handed the cap and stick to the Sergeant of the Main Guard

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like a post as if he was a sentry - Dy: Commd: then went up to the fence and told the soldiers to go away - they used filthy language and said if they had him out they would do for him - We would have had a rough time of it if Dy: Commd: had not been there - Saw Dy: Commd: go away and get into his carriage and drive towards the Fort -

O. J. Coates - Examination-in-chief - About 20 or 25 soldiers were under the trees outside the fence - Saw one solitary Military Policeman (Powers) there standing and looking at the boats - by him was Ex: Ho Const: Phillips - heard the soldiers shouting filthy language - wish it to be understood that the Military Policeman stood like a statue

statue and did nothing whilst the row and filthy language was going on - Can recognize him - As was returning from shooting gallery, met Dy: Commr: to whom some one was talking - heard Dy: Commr: say "Is this one of them" pointing to the Military Policeman who stood there, to which heard a reply given clearly "Yes Sir" heard Dy: Commr: then say - "take his badge off" - Constable Phillips did so - this Constable had in his hand at that time a military cap and stick which he put under his arm while he removed the badge - cap and stick he told me he had picked up on the road - Const: had hardly removed the badge when Corporal Moore and 3 or 4 other military Policemen

Policemen jumped over the fence - came direct to where Dy: Commr: myself and Constable Phillips were - Moore asked where is that badge and Constable Phillips gave up the badge, cap and stick - Did not see Dy: Commr: take away cap and stick from Military Policeman Power - heard Dy: Commr: say "Phillips go to the Main Guard" - the Corporal came from among the soldiers who were standing under the trees on the roadway - notwithstanding the presence of the Military Police there were about 20 men there some in white and others in Khaki and were still using very bad language - heard Dy: Commr: tell them to get away from there and addressing Phillips said "get those

those suars away" - when Dy Commr. ordered the soldiers to go away he got for reply "You bloody big fucking suar" - it was after this language that Dy Commissioner said to Constable Phillips - "get those suars away" - was disgusted and went back to tent -

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V Charge of intoxication against the Dy. Commissioner

Military evidence	Refutation.
Corporal Moore - In his written report to his C.O. when he visited the refreshment bar of the "Sea on Land" saw Dy: Commr. drinking and was of opinion that Dy. Commr. was worse for liquor. At the enquiry at Examination in-chief. Went from Fort direct to bar with his 5 Policemen - had a whiskey and soda while his men drank minerals (Aerated waters) It was then 11 p.m. - Saw Dy. Commr. there drinking Could not tell what he was drinking - had never seen Dy. Commr. before - Dy. Commr. did not speak	**European 4th Const Philips** This witness does not corroborate the military Policemen as to my intoxicated condition - he was on duty from 5 to 11 p.m. - received his orders from Dy. Commr. whom he saw there and at the Fort gate - Saw Dy. Commr. driving himself in one horse open carriage and met him at the Fort gate. reported the soldiers disturbance to Sergeant of the main Guard - **William Leal** - Had seen Dy. Commr. in early part of the evening about 9 p.m. - Dy. Commr. was perfectly sober. Seen Dy. Commr. frequently there

speak to him - witness was 10 or 15 minutes at the tent and was of opinion that Dy. Commr. was under influence of liquor - did not notice that Dy. Commr. was in liquor or in drink when he was in the bar tent - In answer to Commr. witness noticed when he first went into the tent that Dy. Commr. had, had some drink - Dy. Commr. had his back turned to him in bar tent - "I say he was in liquor because he said Go Go to one of my men and later on he pushed me"

In Cross examination - Cannot say Dy. Commr. was drinking any spirits - do not know what he drank - it was something in a small tumbler - bar was not closed when witness entered it - purchased ½ a glass of whiskey for myself - there were no~

no visitors at show and the boats in consequence were not running -

Private Phillips. M.P.

At the Enquiry - The Corpl: witness and 4 others of Military Police arrived at bar from Fort at 10.30 or 10.45 p.m. Corporal had a drink could not tell whether it was beer or whiskey, and the others had Lemonade - Saw Dy. Commr. sitting in bar tent - was drinking something - Cannot say what - Military Police were standing round him - he said to one of them (Borindeer - M.P.) "get out of the way" and we went out - Dy. Commr. passed us in his trap, driving himself and said he was going to report us -

In Cross examination - Saw Dy. Commr. only that night on "Sea on Land" - had seen him before at

Dy. Commr. walked about inside the show and had been to his (witness's) gallery as well - Never saw Dy. Commr. once the worse for liquor, in fact he heard Mr. Eaves ask him on one occasion to have a drink (peg) and he refused -

Fred Williams - At enquiry - saw Dy. Commr. frequently walking round the boats - never saw him the worse for liquor he was always in his sober senses -

S. C. Eaves. To Inspector he said - did not see anything wrong with Dy. Commr.

At enquiry - Dy. Commr. was sober as far as I know - his conduct in no way indicated that he had any liquor in him - he merely shouted to the soldiers to get away home - witness was in and out

out of the bar from 8 to 10.30 p.m. did not see the Dy. Commr. drink anything - closed early that night as business was slack - opened on a Friday 28th August - Bar was kept for the 1st fortnight by Runganadam Chetty and since 15th September by Mr. Coates for me - saw the Dy. Commr. twice at the Refreshment tent since it opened - Friday 1st October was one of those two occasions & once before that - these are the only two occasions witness had seen Dy. Commr. there - On first occasion witness asked Dy. Commr. to inspect the bar - pressed him to have a drink and he drank half a glass of Port wine - On 2nd occasion 1st October Mr. Coates asked Dy. Commr.

at a circus – that was the first time he had seen him at bar tent – was at bar tent at 10.30 pm. – Saw Dy Commr. pouring out into a tumbler something like Brandy – some kind of liquor – the bar was not closed when military Police went to the tent –

Power. M.P. At enquiry went to bar tent just before 11 p.m. with Corporal and 4 Privates to take some refreshments – Corporal Moore had a Whisky Soda – witness had Lemonade could not tell what the others drank – Saw Dy Commr. coming out of St. Georges gate driving two horses – he was driving himself –

In Cross examination – Corporal Moore was also proved sober –

Lance Corporal Coffy – written report to his C.O. was on duty on the St. Georges gate – Dy Commr. Commr. came there at about 11.15 p.m. and enquired for the Commander of the Guard – witness went outside & was ordered by Dy Commr. to confine every man who returned to barracks wearing a Police badge – Dy Commr. said they were all drunk – during conversation Corporal Moore and 3 Policemen with 2 prisoners were crossing through the gate – Corporal Moore told witness to take no notice of Dy Commr. as he was drunk – from the manner in which Dy Commr. spoke the witness came to the conclusion that he was drunk – Dy Commr. spoke in a very excited manner. Corporal returned with 3 Policemen, and witness found them sober –

At examination in chief before Commissioner – Dy Commr. came driving

Commr. to have a drink and he had half a Brandy – Saw Dy Commr. frequently at his show of an Evening – he remained for half an hour – sometimes less and went away – Dy Commr. was there on the opening night also and objected to the Siren (whistle) being blown so frequently as it intimidated horses. Always found Dy Commr. sober – Dy Commr. generally talked to some one as he moved about the show.

Thomas Eaves – At Examination in chief witness was very excited – should certainly say the Dy Commr. was not drunk. Dy Commr. was a little merry but certainly knew what he was doing – he was not merry then he was

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was merry before the row – mean by merry that Dy Commr. tried to liven us all up by spinning yarns – Dy Commr. was driving himself – he came back from the Fort – saw him at first in the bar tent standing and talking to father and Mr Coates – bar was then not closed – cannot tell of any drinks were going –

V. J. Coates – Examination in chief – Remember Dy Commr. coming and taking a seat in the Refreshment tent about 9.30 to 10 pm – have been keeping the bar for Mr Eaves from 15th September up to 16th October – Runganadam Chetty had the bar from 29th August to 11th Septr. Dy Commr. was seated talking. the conversation was driving in his open carriage with one horse. was very noisy - and was talking to sentry at gate - shouted for Sergeant of the Guard, and witness went out - Dy: Commr: told witness to confine every man who came in with a Police badge on, because they were all drunk - Corporal moore passed at this time and said "dont notice him for he is drunk" - Dy: Commr: was speaking to witness at that time - was shouting in such a noisy manner and was quite excited - Dy: Commr: stopped for a little while, turned his carriage carriage round and drove away - witness inspected 3 Policemen (military) (Phillips, ~ Savage and another whose name he could not remember) and Corpl: moore and found them sober - In Cross examination

was my foreign travels in Europe and America - repeatedly asked Dy: Commr: to have something to drink and he refused - and after much pressing he had half a glass of Brandy with soda - witness measured out the Brandy himself - quite sure of this - Dy: Commr: had his half glass of Brandy at about 10.15 to 10.30 p.m. - Dy: Commr: returned in about 15 minutes and told witness that he had been to the Fort. The bar being closed witness went home - Saw Dy: Commr: over a dozen times at the show - had been to the bar tent once before at witness's invitation - on that occasion Dy: Commr: had half a glass of Port wine th

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that was the occasion witness asked Dy: Commr: to inspect the bar - When ever the bar was open witness was there - Previous to the 1st October except on the occasion stated Dy: Commr: had never been to the bar - remembers Dy: Commr: giving him an invitation to his house that night (1st Oct:) at the Conclusion of our conversation, to see some plants we had been speaking about - the night of the 1st October was a poor night for business at "Sea on Land" - When Dy: Commr: came to the Refreshment tent on the night of the 1st October he was perfectly sober and remained so the whole evening -

Mrs. V. J. Coates. In her Examination-in-chief

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Mrs. O. J. Coates. In her examination-in-chief Remember night of 1st October and Dy. Commr. coming high up - Dy Commr was rolling about in the seat of his trap - this was the first time witness had said so, and this statement is not recorded in his first report to his C.O. It was a dark night but he could see as the gate lamps were lighted - Could see a distance of 20 yards - was not aware of men having broken out of barracks that night. Corporal Moore and his Policemen witness knew to be strict teatotallers and Corporal Moore was not smelling of liquor that night - a drunken man could have driven into the Fort over the draw bridges, turned his horse and carriage round and driven out again -

Coming to bar tent - this was the 1st time witness had seen Dy Commr in the tent - had seen him often in the enclosure with visitors. Dy Commr came to the tent at half past nine - he stood talking to Mr Coates and witness for some time - witness went out once or twice by the back way to watch the boats going - and took two young ladies, her friends, with her. Dy Commr was talking about his wife going away - " about ghosts and about Mr Coates travelling from country to country - did not see Dy Commr have anything to drink that night - that was the first night Dy Commr ever spoke to witness - the Dy Commr was in the witness's opinion perfectly sober - On previous occasions Dy Commr left the show at 8 p.m. or a little before - Dy Commr was perfectly sober on these occasions - Dy Commr is a stranger to witness - had never seen him before "Sea on Land" came to Madras - Came from Rangoon 6 months ago -

In cross examination to Commissioner - was never employed at any bar since her arrival except "Sea on Land" -

This witness (Miss Clark is her real name) had been employed at the Bar of Green's Hotel but was dismissed as she had taken up with Coates. F.H.

Maduray - Examination - in - chief - Dy Commr's dressing boy - Head boy on leave - Dy Commr drinks no liquor at his dinner - Remember his going out after dinner about 9 p.m. - witness was not at home when he returned - woke his master as usual the following morning

morning at 6 o'clock when master went out as usual in his wagonette — Remembers this night in particular because Police orderly told him next morning that Dr. Commr. returned at 11.30 p.m. the previous night in consequence of soldiers giving trouble.

Venketasen — Examination-in-chief. Dr. Commr's coachman for 24 years. Remembers day the soldiers rowed at "Sea on Land" — Dr. Commr. walked home from Office that evening at 6 o'clock and carriage followed — Left home again at 9 p.m. and went to the show — soldiers made a row and were bawling out. Dr. Commr. came out and held the horse at about 10 or 11.45 p.m. and told witness to light the lamps — he did so because the horse won't stand quiet — quiet — he is a wicked horse and has broken the carriage 2 or 3 times. Dr. Commr. got into carriage as usual — had not to climb at — Dr. Commr. then drove to Fort and spoke to soldiers (guard) at the Fort St. Georges gate — on the road and round about the show and under the trees there were over 40 soldiers in white and Khaki — As Dr. Commr. was talking to the soldiers at the gate a number of them went past ~ shouting and making a noise. Dr. Commr. was there about 2 minutes or so and drove back — the horse that Dr. Commr. drove that night over the draw bridges gives trouble to go over them — Dr. Commr. drove the horse in and out of the Fort alright — Dr. Commr.

Dy: Commr. did speak loudly to Sergeant of Guard at gate but if it was stated by him (Sergt:) that Dy: Commr. was in liquor and was rolling about in his seat, it is false- Dy: Commr. returned to Show and remained there for quarter of an hour and drove home- heard Fort clock striking two- the half hour- it was 11.30 p.m. we got home at 11.45 p.m. Dy: Commr. got out as usual and was out the following morning at 7 o'clock with another horse and carriage Dy: Commr. driving as usual-

P.C. No. 88 Meer Ghulam Hussain-

Examination-in-chief

Dy: Commr. generally walks out after dinner- returns. writes up to 11 or 11.30 p.m. On night of 1st October at 9 p.m.

9 p.m. he went out in his open carriage and returned at 11.30 p.m.- he drove back himself and his condition was as usual, he was quite sober and directed witness to wake him at 6 a.m. the following day, which he did, and Dy: Commr. went out at 7 a.m. Remember this night because the coachman explained why Dy: Commr. was so late in returning home. On the top of the carriage seat a large cushion is placed on which the Dy: Commr. sits and drives. It makes the seat higher.

Major Richardson

Examination-in-chief

Have been here 2 1/2 years. have had no cause to complain against Dy: Commr.

Dy. Commnr. Remembers meeting him at Colonel Proudfoot's house, end of August about 7 p.m. Remembers Mr. Simpson refusing a whiskey peg and drinking a bottle of Tonic.

General remarks by Dy. Commissioner

Of the Corporal and 5 Privates who are alleged to have come to the "Sea on Land" and to the bar tent on the night of the 1st October, only the Corporal (Moore) and two of the Privates appeared at the enquiry and gave evidence against me—

No reason has been assigned for the non production of the other 3 Privates who are alleged to have been at 11 p.m. at the bar and subsequently at the soldiers' disturbance and witnessed the occurrence—

The Regt. was just on the move – many men were at Salavernaw & I deemed the 4 men examined sufficient
FLS

I presume that if they had had been present, as alleged with the Corporal (Moore) at the bar and later on with him at the disturbance, they would have been produced at the enquiry to corroborate Corporal Moore and Phillips both as to (1) what occurred at the bar tent and (2) my condition there and also as to their having been present with Corporal Moore later on, and so, confirm his statement that he was in conversation with the "Sea on Land" men when the disturbance was caused by the latter in the first instance and not by the soldiers — I must assume therefore that they were not prepared to do this and for this reason were not produced in evidence against me at the open enquiry—

Mr. S has no right to assume this
FLS

At this enquiry Corporal Moore in his statement made a material alteration — He had

had stated in his report to his Commanding Officer that he was at the bar-tent when the soldiers created a disturbance – he said this was not accurate and wished it to be understood that he was actually talking in the Company of his 5 Policemen to the men of the "Sea on Land" when the disturbance occurred and that these men were the aggressors, and that he did not see any blows struck by the soldiers – This statement is denied by his witnesses Phillips and Power and by all of the Civil witnesses as well as Europen Head Constable Phillips –

No – He says he left the Bar & was standing a little outside & later on he says he was talking to "Sea on Land" men but does not say where – whether by the Phonograph or the Shooting Gallery FLS

Private Power although at the bar, does not corroborate Corporal Moore and Private Phillips as to my drinking there and my condition at the time – He was not passed sober by the Corporal of the Guard but still he saw two horses instead of one in my trap – That night he said he drank a mineral water but it is in the evidence of Young Eaves that he had many drinks (Rum) with him (Eaves)

Lance Corporal Coffy attempted to make out the Military Police were all strict teatotalers and smelt no whiskey off Corporal Moore, who however had himself admitted that he had had a whisky and soda that night – Not much confidence can be placed on this witness's evidence for he has been proved a prejudiced one –

How? FLS

European Head Constable Phillips does not say that he got orders from me to have the Military Police confined, and neither does he say that I said they were drunk – This is

is simply a concoction by
the Military Police and Corpl:
Coffy and an after thought.
The Civil witnesses negative
this part.

As regards the assault
on Corporal Moore, the bad
language used by me to them
and with being drunk is
negatived by those witnesses
who were present.

Saml. Simpson

13th Nov: '96 E. Dy Commr. of Police
Madras City.

Statement
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Sir

I beg to state that on the night
of the 1st Instant, some Soldiers of the
Chestershire Regiment come down to the
Sea-on-Land & created a great deal of
disturbance. Those men were about
10 in number came in side to where the Sea
on Land works, & they called out to Mr. Leal
& Fred Williams saying come out here.
you buggars & we break your heads,
I at once called out for the Regimental
Police & on finding out that the police was
not there, I ordered the men to go home to
Barracks & not to try & cause disturbance
when a soldier made a clout at Mr. Lea
with a big stick, then the Dy Commissione
ordered me to go to the main guard & report the
case I did so & on going to the Fort I me
several soldiers & the Regimental Police.
But just as the row took place Corporal
N.B. Moore & 5 Privates turned up from behin
the tent & the Dy Comr. ordered them to g
away, Corporal Moore confined Private
~~[illegible]~~ Nevel & Brown for creating a disturb
at the Sea on Land & the remainder ran i
all directions, I received 3 blows on a
head with a stick, but I couldent te
who struck me, as there was about 1
or 16 men lying in wait in the road fr
a further row, I accompanied Corpora
Moore with Private Nevel to the main Gu
the Dy Commissioner was called a bloo
old bugger & a old Cunt & told him
to come out side & they would kick him
as well as the 2 employes of the Sea on Lan

the Dy Commissioner drove in his Carriage to The Fort & reported the case to the Guard, before I could reach there I also reported the case

I beg to remain
— Sir —
Your obedient Servant
John J. A. Phillips
E. Hd Constable

4.

Extract from diary of Sub. Insp.
C/I Station dated 1-10-96.

Inspector's Remark

These soldiers also assaulted the Eur. Hd. Const. It is submitted that something should be done towards preventing recurrence of similar act on the part of the soldiers.

Sd/ D.A.

By Dy. Commr.

Yes. I shall write to the C.O. The Military Police are as bad as the soldiers.

Sd/ D.F.S.

You had better see that no liquor is issued to these men.

Sd/ D.D.S.

*Dy Commr did not write to the C.O nor did he report to the Commr.
S.S

European Head Constable J. J. A. Phillips reported that at 11.5 am on 1-10-96 while on duty at the Sea-on-Land about 15 soldiers of the Cheshire Regiment came up to the bar which was closed at the time and demanded liquor. On being told there was no liquor to be had, they went outside and used the most indecent language towards the two employees who refused them the liquor. They (accused) then came up and struck them with sticks & ran away. Mr. Phillips was directed by the Dy. Commissioner to go and

Report the matter to the main guard at the Fort.

W. E. Nicholas
Sub. Inspector
1/I Station

(True Copy)

Saml. Simpson
Dy. Commissioner of Police

+ 5. J. C. Savers. Proprietor.

+ These are mere précis by the DC and do not contain nearly all that was stated. See recorded statements F.W.

I remember the first of the month. The Dy. Commissioner was here that night. At about 11 p.m. I heard there was a disturbance on the road opposite my tent. There were about ten or fifteen soldiers. I heard Mr. Simpson ordering them away. I did not hear any one making use of bad language. I did not see anything wrong with Mr. Simpson.

J. Savers.

I know the night of the 1st Instt, about fifteen soldiers who were standing outside the fence called out to one of our men. He went up and one of the soldiers struck at him with a stick

They appeared as if intent on attack us, and had it not been for the Dy. Commissioner we would have fared badly. Some one said ~~said~~, Sever, I am unable to say who. There was great excitement. I cannot give particulars. Deputy Commissr ordered European Head Constable Phillips to take them to the Guard Room. The Soldiers said if the Dy. Commr. had only come out they would have put an end to him.

William Leal. employed in the Shooting gallery "Sea. on. Land": states.

I was in the Shooting gallery putting by my things about 4.15 p.m. on the 1st Instant when some one whom I do not know came up to me and said "Fred is in a Row". I at once went to the spot and found Soldiers to the number of about nine or ten outside the fence almost on the road making use of bad language and F. Williams advising them to go away. I then called out to them telling them that they would get into trouble if they did not leave. On this one of them came up to me and struck me on the head with his fist while another made a strike at me with his stick which I avoided by ducking. The Military Police came on the scene and the Soldiers retired

towards the Fort. I then went
and finished the work I was doing.

Fred Williams. an Engineer on
the "Sea-an-Land" States.

At about 11.15 P.M. on the 1st Instant I was putting out the fire from the Engine when my attention was called to a noise being made by some soldiers. I went to the spot to see what was up, when I heard them using the most indecent language. I then told them to go away as they might be getting into trouble. On this they went outside using the same language. I saw one of the soldiers strike at Mr. Leal with his stick which he avoided. The Military Police came up and the men were ordered away. I went in and completed my work.

V. J. Coates.

On the 1st Instant I was talking in the bar to Mr. Simpson with my wife. At about 10.30 P.M. I heard a scream outside on the Road. I ran out and saw about 15 soldiers on the Road and some words passed between the soldiers and Mr. Leal. Returning I met Mr Simpson at the entrance. two or three soldiers were inside and seeing Mr. Simpson one man remained.

The soldiers abused the Dy. Commr. and called him a bloody fucking Rener. On which the Deputy advised Mr. Phillips to go to the Main Guard. Dy. Commissioner got into his carriage and drove away. He returned and said he had been to the Main Guard. Some of the soldiers that came back after the Deputy Commissioner had left said that had they known that it was the Dy. Commissioner's carriage that passed by, they would have chucked him into the moat. Dy. Commissioner had half a glass of brandy at my invitation with myself & my wife and no more.

Miss L. Clark (Mrs Coates)

I was in the tent attending to my work and saw nothing of what happened.

Sd. J. A.
Inspector C Division
7 - 10 - 96.

(True copy)
Saml. Simpson
Dy Commr of Police
13 - 11 - 96

robberies lately of a similar nature, I shall be much obliged if you will kindly endeavour to have these notes traced.

4. If you will detail an Inspector to enquire into the Case, all information possible shall be given him.

I have &c

Sd/ W. Richardson, Major
Commdg half Battn
1st Cheshire Regt.

City Police Office
Madras 15th July 1896.

From
The Dy Commr of Police
Madras

To
Major W. Richardson
Commdg ½ Battn
Cheshire Regiment

Sir

In reply to your letters Nos 2142 and 2146 dated 13th and 14th Insts respectively re theft of Currency notes from Color Sergt Mellor's quarters in the Fort, I have the honor to send you extracts from Police reports and Copy of a letter from the Color Serg Clearly shewing that the notes in question were not stolen by anyone, and subsequently concealed in the place where they were found, but that he himse

On his return from the Ordnance Club dance forgetfully put them there, and having mislaid them complained of their having been stolen. These notes fortunately were found accidently, on a search being made for a Photograph amongst some old pay bills, otherwise the belief would have been that they were stolen, and suspicion would have fallen upon some innocent person or persons who had access to the Sergt's quarters.

Kindly return the extracts of Police reports after perusal

I have &c.

Signed/ S. D. Simpson

Dy. Commr. of Police

Fort St. George

Madras 14"7"96.

Police Inspector

B Division.

Sir,

I beg to report the recovery of the Rs 90/- in notes of which I lodged the complaint to you on the 12th Instant.

I cannot blame anyone, as most probably I put them in the place where I found them for safety and forgot it.

Apologising for the trouble I have caused you, and thanking you for the interest you have taken.

I remain

Yours faithfully

Signed/ Jno: Mellaust

True Copy/

Sd/ F. W. Fitzpatrick

Inspector B Dn.

N°. 2184

To,

The Dy Commr. of Police.

Madras

Extracts returned herewith.

2. In perusing these reports, I notice several remarks (under-lined with red) which appear to throw doubt on the truth of Color Sergt. Mellor's statements in the present case, and also to cast a slur on his general character.

By you
Initd/S.D.S

3. Will you kindly inform me if there exist any grounds for making these remarks, so that I may hold a further enquiry into the case.

4. Unless the Police Inspectors have some information, which is unknown to me, I cannot but think such insinuations against

a man of such long Service and well known good Character as Color Sergt. Mellor most unfair + uncalled for.

5th. As Color Sergt. Mellor has sixteen years Army service, and has risen to a high and responsible position in his Regiment, it would seem at least out of place to speak of him as a careless young man

Fort St. George
Madras
18.7.96 } Signed/W. Richardson, Major
Comdg. ½ Battn. 1st Ches. Regt.

Confidential.

Report.

Color Sergeant Mellor has made no less than three Complaints of theft from his quarters since January of this year and on each occasion the loss has been in Cash or notes. His first complaint was made on the 18th February when Rs 95 (one note for Rs 10/- and Rs 85/- cash) is alleged to have been stolen, his Company's money secured in his clothes box - He told us he suspected his batman Private Walker of the theft, but enquiries at the time elicited nothing to confirm the suspicion and the matter remains a mystery/-

Again on 3d. July 1896 Sergeant Mellor reported the loss from his private box, but in different quarters, of Rs 150/- in cash, in a net bag.

this was also he said money of his Company; the box was locked and was at the foot of his Cot, and he was asleep on the Cot; next morning he says the lock was missing and the box open and money gone - Sergeant Mellor on this occasion said he suspected Private Beresford of the theft - Beresford is the batman of Color Sergeant Burges whose quarters adjoined Mellor's, he assigned no reason for the suspicion, and the Police failed to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion in this case either, other than that it was a suspicious case.

The 3rd Complaint is the one now under reference, and in which the notes are said to have been found; here also the money is admitted to be part Company's and part Complainant's.

It is a strange fact that no other N.C. officer in the Regiment has complained of similar losses from their quarters, hence there must be some good reason for Sergeant Mellor's three reports.

Sergeant Mellor has the reputation of being a sober, steady man, but there are other means and ways by which a man may spend his money.

Please omit
this paragraph
in Extract to
C.O.
Initd/ S.D.S.
25.7.96

There is information that Sergeant Mellor is very intimate with the wife of Sergeant Wade (living in the same block) and whose sister he (Sergeant Mellor) is engaged to marry - Sergeant Mellor is said to be seen Constan in the company of these women, walking and driving, and it is also said has made them presents of clothes and jewels.

It is a known fact that a Sergeant in a British Regiment is not so well paid that he can afford to make valuable presents to ladies - money is required to pay for them.

Objection has been taken to the expression in the District Inspector's report "Careless young man" with reference to Sergeant Mellor. Does it then denote care and sensibility for a Color-Sergeant of Sergt. Mellor's standing to mix up public money with his private vings, secured in his private box, d was it the action of a careful sensible man to carry about 100Rs money on his person when

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going about to clubs and dances at night?

Color-Sergeant Mellor though having "sixteen years service and holding a responsible position" and who no doubt is a very good soldier on parade, possesses his little weaknesses, and the probabilities are that he spent the money, and to save himself from the consequences, complained it was stolen from him.

Signed/ A. K. Simpson
Dist: Inspector I Dist.
22.7.96.

To,
The Dy. Commr. of Police
Madras

No. 239. 25.7.96

To,

The Officer Commdg.

1st. Battn. Cheshire Regt.

Sir,

In reply to your Confidential No. 2184. dated 18th. Instant, I have the honor to state that the extracts of police reports sent you were Confidential Communications to me by Inspectors and not intended for perusal outside the Departt. but as I thought you would like to know exactly the results of the Enquiry into Complaints made by Color Sergt. Mellor, I sent them to you. I must therefore ask you not to notice the language in which these reports have been couched, but to Cont[illegible]e yourself to the facts discovered in the Course of enquiry. I now send you an extract of another Confidential report of the District Inspector, setting forth fully the pros and cons in Color Sergt. Mellor's case. It does appear curious that there should have been three cases of theft reported in Sergt. Mellor's quarters - the sums stolen in the two first cases being Company's money, and that in the third being partly his own and partly Company's money - which latter amount was subsequently discovered not to have been stolen, but mislaid. It is also significant that Company's money should have been secured in a private clothes box in Sergt. Mellor's quarters, when I presume there is a regimental cash chest, where Government monies should be lodged for safe custody It also appears strange as in the last case that Sergt. Mellor should have carried Company's money about his person to a Club dance, where he was likely to have incautiously spent a portion, if not, all of it.

If the monies in the two first cases were actually stolen, the offender must have taken advantage of Col. Sergt. Mellor's carelessness, in the first instance to have repeated the offence a second time, not long after. In these cases he suspected two European batmen, and in the third case also suspicion fell upon his batman, but fortunately for this individual the money was found having been mislaid and the carelessness and absent-mindedness of the Color-Sergt. exposed which led to the remarks objected to by you.

As I said before the language used by the Police Officers was not intended to reach either you or Col. Sergt. Mellor, and I trust that you will take no further notice of it

I have &c.
Signed/ S. D. Simpson
Dy Commr. of Police
Madras

The way in which Color Sergt. Mellor seems to have kept his Company's money would seem to most people both careless and irregular. The expression "careless" is in my opinion warranted, and as to "young man" I presume he is not more than 35 years of age and could scarcely be called even middleaged when 45 is considered the prime of life in England.

Initd./ F. B.
29. 7. 96

Report.

There was no "Robbery" or attempt at robbery in this case Sergt. Mellor of the Cheshire Regt. appears to be a careless young man, and has by some happy-knack succeeded in losing or mislaying his Company's money on three occasions lately.

In the first two instances the loss was in cash, and is said not to have been recovered. In the present instance Sergt. Mellor for some reason took notes for Rs100 with him to a dance at the ordnance Club on the night of the 11th. Instant carrying them in the pocket of his tunic, and says he cashed one Rs10/- note at the Club bar and was in possession of Rs90/- part Company's money and part his own money. He left the Ordnance Club at 12 midt. with a lady and returned to the Fort, and when he got to his room he remembers removing his tunic and leaving it on a box. Next morning the notes were missing out of the pocket. Being interviewed this morning by Dist. Inspector and Inspector "B" Dn., Sergt. Mellor stated the notes were found by him yesterday evening on a shelf in his room, among a pile of "Company's Pay Sheets" where he believes now he must have placed the notes for safe custody. — No doubt Sergt. Mellor was just a little hazy after his dance at the Ordnance Club and drowsy as well, and his memory played him false.

A Copy of his letter to Inspector B Division received today is attached

Signed/ A. K. Simpson
Dist. Inspector I Dt.
(True Copy)
Signed/ S. D. Simpson
Dy. Commr. of Police

No. 2284 Memorandum 588 of 1896

From,

The officer Commdg.

Half Battn. 1st Cheshire Regt.

To,

The Dy. Commr. of Police

Madras 31st July 1896.

I have the honour to return herewith Correspondence and reports in the Case of Col: Sergt. Mellor's losses of money.

I am much obliged for all the trouble you have taken to investigate the matter, and am quite prepared to take no further notice of it.

Signed/ W. Richardson Major

Commdg 1/2 Battn 1st Chesh

Extract from the diary of Sub-Inspector N/C Station dated 14th & 15th September 95.

"One Miss Kate Duggan residing in Razabazar relates to Sub Commr on 15.9.95. that at about 9 p.m. the previous day that her step father Mr. F. W. Farcel had struck her mother and turned them both into the street and that they had no shelter till about 2 a.m. that night when the mother took shelter with a Mr. Johnstone and she with a Mr. Flout. That on 15.9.95. she asked her step father for her property as she did not intend returning to his house again and that he refuses to do so. Sub Commissioner directed to see Farcell and tell him he had no business to detain Miss Meagan's property and also to warn him regarding certain threats he had made use of. This order was read to Farrell when he declined to deliver up the property and had not done so till 7-30. a. m this day (16.9.95) when I visited the locality. Shortly after I had left Farrell after communicating the Dy. Commissioner's orders, he struck his wife who happened to go back to him at the time the Dy. Commis order was communicated and she had to leave the house again, but a couple of hours before this happened he (Farrell) deliberately walked into Johnstons house and struck him for harbouring his wife. & cuffed his wife into the street when she went to Mr. Hoati's place for shelter. Miss Meagan again called on the Dy. Commissioner & reported what had occurred since she last saw him and he directed that Farrell be arrested and charged if a complaint was made by Johnstone. on this Johnstone was seen by the undersigned and asked if he had any report to make. when he said he had and reduced same to writing, upon which Farrell was arrested and bailed to appear before the Town Police Court this day (16.9.95). Mrs. Farrell and Miss Meagan intend applying to the Magistrate this day for an order for restoration of property.

In connection with this case I beg to report that I have frequently—

observed soldiers at Mr. Varell's house and on night of 15-9-95 there were two of them there viz. Private E. Vaner a provost man, and Private McKeon who said he was an Asst. School Master of the Garrison School, Fort Saint George. These men were playing cards and drinking and did not leave Rayapuram till after midnight."

By Dy. Commr
Send extract
to Commanding
Officer Cheshire
Regiment
Sd S.V.S.

Sd E. Mitchell,
Sub. Inspector
H division

No. 241. 17-9-95

To
The Officer Commanding
Cheshire Regiment
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In forwarding you an extract from Police Reports, I have the honor to bring to your notice that these soldiers were found out the night of Sunday the 15th instant in the house of Mr. Varell, who had turned his wife and daughter out of it on the night previous. On which night too these military men had been there. These soldiers were produced before me at 11 P.M. on Sunday, one was in Khakee wearing the Military Provost badge and said he was on pass and the other in white uniform, who also said he was on pass. I believe they were again there last night. You will note that on Sunday night, they did not leave Razaloram till past midnight. I would have thought that this part of the town was out of bounds, owing to an epidemic of cholera in the vicinity a short time ago, however it has been brought to my notice that these soldiers supply Mr. Sarell with drink and occupy his house till a late hour of the night. In these circumstances I would request that they be restricted from visiting this locality which is situated in one of the back slums of Razaloram.

I have &c
(True Copy) Sd. D. D. Simpson
[illegible] D. Simpson Dy. Commissioner of Police.
Dy. Commissioner of Police

Extract from the diary of the Inspector B Division dated 3rd August 96.

"About 1.45 a.m. 3.8.96 one Saiyid Maveem, a Turkish woman, living in Mocker Mulla Mosthyn Street complained to P. C. No. B/17 Amir Ahmed Hossain who was on beat that while coming through Jiwa Street a soldier of the Cheshire Regiment had embraced her. The Constable went to a brothel where there were three or four soldiers and the woman pointed out one of them a Military Policeman No. 2786. Private Barlow A. Company Cheshire Regiment. The soldier with the woman and 2 witnesses were brought to B/1 station where enquiries were made. The woman repeated what she had told the Constable and added that the Soldier also kissed her. The two Mahomedan witnesses said the Soldier was rather jolly and dancing in front of a prostitute's house, where he had been since 6 a.m. and that the complainant got frightened when he went near and that he did not lay his finger on the woman. Private Barlow says he was having some fun in the brothel and ran out when the complainant crossed and got afraid, and that he did not touch her, that there were several other Soldiers in the brothel and about the place, and they may have frightened the woman. There is no evidence to prosecute the Soldier even under the Police Act. The woman was covered from head to foot with a black cloth and could not see distinctly. She was told to take out a summons if she pleased. The Soldier with two of his friends was sent back to Barracks.

Remarks by Dy Commr.
Send extract to C.O. with a letter enquiring if Black Town is not out of bounds.
Sd/ [illegible]
5.8.96.

Sd/ A. R. Sutton
Asst. Inspr. B division

No. 257. 5.8.96.

To
The Officer Commanding
Cheshire Regiment.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In forwarding you extracts from the diary of Inspector B K

divisions dated 3.8.96 & 31.7.96
for your information I have the
honor to enquire if Black Town
is not out of bounds.

I have &c

(Sd) S. D. Simpson
Sy Commissioner of Police

(True Copy)

Saml D. Simpson
Sy Commissioner of Police

Enclosures.

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Mr Coates says in his evidence to see placets after 7 P.M.

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I have &c.
(Sd) S. D. Simpson
Sub Commissioner of Police

(True Copy)

Saml D. Simpson
Sub Commissioner of Police

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6. The Sub Commissioner's version of what occurred on the 2nd October 1896:—

Mr. Coates says in his evidence to see place after 7 P.M.

I considered it my duty after what had occurred there, on the previous evening to call again at the "Sea-in-Land" on the 2nd October and got there at about 6.30 or 6.45 P.M. Finding all quiet & nothing going forward in the way of business, I went to the Bar tent and met Mr. and Mrs Coates there, and asked the former with reference to a wish he had expressed the previous night to see my Residence, to come with me. He said he was very busy then making up his accounts but would come on Sunday. Mrs Coates thereupon suggested I should take young Evers. Leaving the tent then I went into the enclosure and asked that young man, who was at the Phonograph

Stall if he would like to go with me. He referred me to his father, both accepting my offer, father and son accompanied me home. When I went into the Enclosure on first arrival, there was no one there. I mean no visitors and consequently the boats had not started running. I had nothing to drink there. I walked to my carriage which was out on the road and putting the senior Caves in the lady's seat on the box, led his son to the back, shewed him where he was to sit, saw him step up to his place and closed him in. I then moved to the front and got up into my seat to the right of Caves, senior, and drove home. The coachman was seated facing Caves, Junior, in the other back seat. It was

a dark night. The lamps of the carriage were lighted and taking my usual route by Bentinck Esplanade and North Beach Roads I passed a number of Tram Cars and reached home at about 7.20. On arriving at the house I jumped out, asked the Caves to come in, and offered them a whisky and soda. They had one each, and after a little while expressed a wish to return. Excusing myself to the elder Caves for not driving them back — my dinner was on the table. They were driven back by my coachman in the same carriage. I had my dinner and retired to rest later on. Neither at dinner nor when the Caves were there did I have anything to drink.

I had no previous intention of taking

As the Memo attached (Enclosure XI) from the E.T. Co will show only 6 cars could pass either way in the ½ hour between 7 & 7.30
F.B.

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They had been asked to come a mile, to drink a glass of Whisky & Soda which could have been given them at their own Bar
F.B.

Mr. Eaves and his son to my house for I was not acquainted with them. I did ask Mr. Coats a foreigner and the agent of the Sudan Carbonic Acid Invention Company, Limited, who appeared to me to be respectable and well-informed man. I transferred my invitation to the Eaveses out of sheer good nature. The possibility of their being such unscrupulous characters as to make, behind my back, the lying statements they gave you on the 8th of October never for a moment occurred to my mind.

Alick D. Simpson

13-11-96. Dy. Commissioner of Police.

7.

Review of the Evidence Relating to Occurrences on the 2nd October 96.

I Being in the habit of frequenting the Bar of "Sea-n-Land".

Evidence in support.	Evidence in Refutation.
This accusation is made in Commissioner's D.O. to Government dated 10th October in following words.	Every policeman European and Native (more than 20 in number) who had been detailed for duty at Show and had attended at it in turn day after day, testified that Dy. Commissioner was never seen to go to the Bar and that his visits to the Show were itself only occasional.
"I was informed that my Deputy, Mr. Simpson was in the habit of frequenting the Bar of "Sea-n-Land".	Mr. Runganadum Chetty and Mr. & Mrs. Coates
Government requested Commissioner in reply to avail himself of any additional evidence forthcoming.	

Not a shred of evidence was however produced to support the charge which was apparently based in rumour. [x]

Bar keepers in succession of "Sea. n. Land" negative this grave allegation.

x No evidence could be obtained after it was known in the Kolleeria side that the Comm^r was making enquiries concerning the Dy Comm^r. F.S.

Remark by Dy Commissioner

I considered it my duty to pay these occasional visits, in accordance with my usual practice of going to all places of general resort in my Range as the Officer Responsible for the police on duty and for the safety of the public while there.

There were a Dist Insp^r, Dis^t Insp^r & Sub Insp^rs for these inspecting purposes F.S.

II Arriving at the Show in a state of intoxication.

Evidence in support.

European H^d Const Phillips is the man that brings

Refutation

Mr. & C. Coates
Mrs Coates
The 2 native policemen on duty
My coachman.
} all these refute the

this charge against me.

He stated to Commiss^r on 7^th "He (Dy Comm^r) was not sober when he came to the show."

In cross-examination he implied that he considered me not sober because, as he alleges, I called him "a fool".

Eaves, Senior, said on the 8^th to Commiss^r, Dy Comm^r was that night under the influence of liquor. Was pretty bad. Was drunk when he came to my show.

Eaves, Junior stated, on same day, Mr. Simpson had been drinking.

charge and state that I was perfectly sober.

The two men Eaves repudiated their examination-in-chief almost throughout and maintained that I was not drunk.

? vide their recorded statements in x exam^te F.S.

Remark by Dy. Commissioner.

I did not speak to European Hd. Constable Phillips at the show at all. Did not therefore call him "a fool". He entirely failed to establish his charge, which was both very vague and recorded in negative form — and the reason assigned for his considering me not sober was evidently an after thought — It certainly was not true. As for his subordinates the men — Syces — their extraordinary change of front on cross-examination stamp them as un×truthful witnesses. I therefore reject their evidence as incredible on either side

× vide my remarks on para 43 of D.C.'s letter No. 364/13.11.96 F.W.

Neither vague nor negative are applicable terms. His statement though short was given clearly & straightforwardly. F.W.

III Going there direct to the Bar & remaining there an hour.

Evidence in support. Refutation

European Hd. Constable Phillips again. This man amended, by a whole hour, his evidence at examination-in-chief. Declared that Dy. Commr. was present from 6.45 (not 7.45) to 8 (not 8.45) "that Dy. Commissioner went into the Refreshment Tent and remained there." These are his own words.

Every witness is inaccurate & uncertain as to "time" as the Sea or Land. F.W.

In cross-examination he stated he did not tell the Commissioner that Dy. Commr. remained for an hour at Refreshment Tent — meaning apparently that he intended to say

Both Mr. & Mrs. Coates state that I arrived at the Bar at 7. P.M. & remained there for only 2 or 3 minutes, did not drink anything — was sober.

The Syces in Examination-in-Chief and Cross-examination say the time was 7 o'clock or soon after.

The 2 Native Constables on duty on 2nd say this also.

He simply said "remained there" which might mean either the Show or the Bar a part of the Show. F.W.

not allude to any alleged insobriety when, soon after their return from my house, they spoke of me to Sub-Inspr. Mr. Nicholas. This I submit is an important point which speaks for itself.

It might speak in more ways than one F.S.

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my boy Madavan
& Coachman Venka
tesen
} Testify that I was

perfectly sober when I returned home that night stepped out of the carriage and went into my house without any help.

Remarks by the Commissioner.

The Laveses never having been to my house before, and the night being dark with my little light from my verandah lamp, would certainly have stumbled at the entrance steps or over flower pots and so came to grief themselves, if they had attempted to help me out of my carriage into the house.

As far as I remember the entrance to Mr. F's bungalow is the usual [illegible] with low steps F.S.

V Assaulting the European Barmaid.

Evidence in support.	Refutation.
Nil. No definite charge was expressly made. only gossip & rumour had mentioned it. It would	Mrs. Coates who was alleged to have been assaulted, denied the assault at her very first examination or

appear however from Sub-Inspector Nicholas' examination in chief that European Hd. Const Phillips originated the scandal.

Remarks by Dy. Commr.

"Rumour is a common liar."

Miss Clark F.S.

8th October - adhered to her denial when called up for cross-examination was supported therein in her statement by her husband, who was present at the time I called at the Bar and while I stayed there.

Sub-Inspector Nicholas saw these persons soon after I had left. No complaint was made to him by either. Mrs Coates' face was not scratched as stated by Head Const Phillips.

Remarks by Dy. Commissioner

Refutation so marked and complete of the whole scandal points to a con-spiracy between European Hd. Const Phillips & the men Eaves and others inimical to me.

Saml. D. Simpson

13.11.96. Dy. Commissioner of Police.

× I do not see how Mr Simpson draws this deduction F.S.

8. Extract from diary of Sub. Inspec
C/1. station dated 2-10-96.

Two men of the Cheshire Regime
viz. Privates Level and Brown were
sentenced to three and four days con-finement in Barracks respectively
for creating a disturbance at the
"Sea-n-Land" on night of 1st Instant.

Personal Work.

Morning - attended riding drill,
at Egmore till 8. A.M. afterwards
at C/1 station wrote up diary,
checked records, and attended to
current work till 11.30. A.M.
Evening visited station, and moved
about the section. On duty at

The "Sea-or-Land" Hill 10.30 P.M.

Sgd. E. Nicholas.
Sub. Inspector
i/c Station

(True copy)

Saml. Simpson
Dy. Commissioner of Police

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4. Now that the cross-examination of the witnesses, who deposed against me, has been concluded, I have the honour to make the following remarks:—

× No their prel. examination only was made
F.S.

Sub. Inspector
Edw. Nicholas.
Sub. Head Const
Phillips.
P.C. 5/922.
Alleyne.
P.C. 5/739.
Bangaroo.
Mr. S. C. Davis (senior)
" J. Davis (junior)
" Mrs. Coates.

The witnesses named in the margin were ×finally examined by you on the 7th & 8th Instants at your Office. I was not present, had not been asked to be present, and, in fact, was ignorant, and allowed to remain ignorant of your intention to hold any enquiry on the subject into any conduct of mine.

2. The statements were sent direct to Government. I had not been given an opportunity of cross-examining the witnesses, or of an explanation as to the allegations made in them.

3. In forwarding the statements, you told Government in a Confidential D.O. that you "went down on the night of 4th October to make personal enquiries and questioned several parties & in the course of your enquiry you say, "I was informed that my Deputy Mr. Simpson was in the habit of frequenting the Bar of the "Sea-m. Land" of an evening, and that on the night of the 2nd instant he had arrived there in a state of intoxication, and later had been conveyed away by the Proprietor & his son in his own (Mr. Simpson's) carriage to his house. I enclose true copies of depositions which I took on the 7th & 8th from parties who were acquainted with the facts."

4. Had I been given an opportunity of either cross-examining the witnesses, which the Government subsequently directed you to do, or of giving you the facts of the case, you would not, I am sure, have acted as you did.

The first enquiry was perforce confidential. I had written to Govt. for their orders. F.S.

5. I am constrained to remark and I do so most reluctantly and with regret that, had Government not ordered full open enquiry to be made, I should probably have been kept until the end in the dark as to the accusations confidentially made against me.

Mr Simpson mentioned when he came to see me on the 9th & spoke about his promise to his wife re that he heard I was making enquiries about the night of 2nd. F.S.

6. I respectfully submit that there was no evidence worth the name on the 10th instant to show (1) that I was in the habit of frequenting the Bar of the "Sea-m. Land" of an evening.

No where in the first recorded statements have I been able to find this information, and no evidence has been since produced to support it; on the contrary I elicited in cross-examination from both the Military & Civil witnesses that this allegation is absolutely false.

I was present as well as the DC and did not hear these wholesale recantations F.W.

7. It has been now established on the clearest evidence that I never went near the Bar from the 29th of August (when in half a glass of Port wine I wished the Show success) to the 1st of October (night of Soldiers' disturbance) and that I had not a drink of any kind there before the latter date and on that night only half a glass of brandy.

I can not agree with this F.W.

8. I have also proved, to your entire satisfaction I believe, that (2) I did not arrive at the "Sea-or-Land" in a state of intoxication and (3) had not been conveyed away by but had accompanied the Proprietor and his son in my carriage to my house.

9. Then again as regard the latter charges, I do not know upon what evidence they were based. It will be seen from the evidence of Mr. & Mrs. Coates, the boarders and Police Constables (natives) that I arrived about 6.45 or a little later, when there were no visitors and when the Show was not open; that I had no drink at the Bar; that I was perfectly sober; did not behave

in any way unbecoming my position; and was not led to or conveyed away in my own carriage, in consequence of my intoxicated condition.

10. With reference to the evidence of the European Head Constable, I submit that I could not possibly have been in two places at one and the same time. Every one else says I left at 7 p.m. Phillips says he saw me there at 7.45 or 8 p.m. and that I left again at 8.45 p.m. that I "went into the Refreshment tent and remained there"; that I was led out by Mr. Raves and his son when I left; was put into my carriage by them and then went home with me. With reference to

Almost all witnesses in this Enquiry have made mistakes in time. F.S

Time corrected in cross-examination to from 6.45 to 8 p.m.

He did not volunteer any information. He simply answered any questions as in duty bound. F.S

this statement I have only to point out that in his cross-examination he was forced to admit that he did not see me get into my carriage. He, however, repeated to Sub. Inspr. Nicholas at 7.30 p.m., that I had been there previously in an intoxicated condition, had beaten the barmaid and had gone away. This latter fact he had failed to state to the Commissioner in his examination on the 7th October. He repeated the occurrence to Sub. Inspector Nicholas as if he had been an eye-witness both as to my condition and the assault on the barmaid.

11. The evidence is overwhelming that I left the place at 7 p.m. and therefore the Head Constable could not possibly

as stated in his corrected version up to 8 p.m.

12. Sub. Inspector Mr. Nicholas has stated in his evidence both on the 7th and at the enquiry that when he arrived at the Show on the 1st October soon after 7 p.m. it was reported to him both by European Head Const. Phillips and Const. No. 992 Allogee — that the Dy. Commissioner had been there and gone away; and that the former stated that the Dy. Commissioner had been taken away by the boxers' in an intoxicated condition and had beaten the barmaid; that he, Nicholas, saw the boxers that night; that neither of them had said a word in corroboration of European Head Const

Phillips's report as to my condition and assault of the barmaid. This, I submit, goes to prove that Phillips' evidence was not reliable, and that the boxers' statements to you on the 8th were equally fabrications.

13. As regards the "hearsay" evidence to the effect that I assaulted Mrs. Coates, I think it will be admitted from the statements taken later, that there is no foundation whatever for this allegation.

Saml. Simpson

13.11.96. Dy. Commissioner of Police

Enclosure VI

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Enclosure No. 11 of letter No 364 dated 13th October from ~~Dy~~ Commr to Commr of Police

MEMORANDUM
OF THE
SPECIAL * SERVICES
OF
Mr. Samuel David Simpson,
Deputy Commissioner of Police, Madras City
AND
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

STAR OF INDIA PRESS, MADRAS.

Date

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MEMORANDUM
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No. 1.

Extract from Remarks by Sir William Robinson, K. C. S. I., Inspector-General of Police.

"Examined Crime Register—satisfactory, Crime light, detection excellent. The Inspector deserves much credit.

S. D. Simpson.

* * *

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

21st August 1867.

No. 2.

Desertion.

A reward of Rs. 30 from the Milty. Dept. in 1867 for apprehending a Deserter, Private Cuddihy, of the 105th Regiment.

No. 3.

A reward of Rs. 20 sanctioned by the Dt. Magistrate, Coimbatore for the apprehension of one Chinnia Pillay, charged with criminal breach of trust by a Damoodur Shet.

(True Extract)
(Signed) R. G. JENKINS, Lieut.,
Acting Supt. of Police.

No. 4.

17TH SEPTEMBER 1867.

Murder by Professional Druggers.

A reward of Rs. 50 for meritorious conduct. (*Vide* G. O. No. 1,505, dated 17th September 1867, and Police Weekly Circular, No. 581, dated 28th September 1867.)

Police Officers Rewarded.

Judicial Department.

Read the following Papers :—

No. 189.

Extract from a letter from

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

To

THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort Saint George.

1. Several cases of robbery by drugging with datura have been brought to light recently in different districts and I am most anxious to put the Police on the alert in respect to this most serious crime.

2. I beg to submit correspondence on the subject of a case recently brought to justice against professional druggers in Coimbatore and beg that the rewards recommended by the Acting Deputy Inspector General and Magistrate may be accorded to Inspector * * and MR. SIMPSON (Rs. 50) both of the Coimbatore Police.

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(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector-General of Police.

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From

THE MAGISTRATE OF COIMBATORE,

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras.

No. 37.

COIMBATORE, *7th August* 1867.

In forwarding an original letter from the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, dated 27 ultimo, No. 225, with its enclosure, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of the rewards recommended by Captain Balmer. They are well deserved.

Extract from a letter from

CAPTAIN A. BALMER,
Superintendent of Police,
Coimbatore.

To

THE MAGISTRATE OF COIMBATORE,
Through the Dy. Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. Inspector Simpson.
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I have the honor to bring to your notice, the meritorious conduct of the Police Officers named marginally, in following up and arresting the defendants in the Mangampolliem case of datura poisoning, which was tried at the last sessions, and resulted in the conviction of both the prisoners—the first has been sentenced to death, the second to transportation for life.

2. I personally kept you acquainted with the difficulties we encountered in this case and the steps taken by the Police for its detection.

3. The Crime occurred on the evening of the 24th February, two of the persons to whom the poison was administered died on the 25th, and the two survivors were so

No. 9.

Extract from the Administration Report of the Madras City
1869—1870.

The general conduct of the Inspectors has been good with one or two exceptions * * * * Inspectors * * Simpson and * * * deserve special mention for their earnest, honest, and able labors throughout the year.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, MAJOR,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 10.

Extract from the Register of Commissioner of Police.
1870.

S. D. Simpson,

First Class officer in every way. Young but most intelligent and very promising. Must be promoted to first class Inspector on the re-organization. Has school, reserve and a division. Is on the whole my best officer all around—of respectable family—married.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 11.

Extract from the Administration Report of the Madras City
1870—1871.

INSPECTORS.
S. D. Simpson.
* * *

They have generally worked well and in some instances have rendered most valuable assistance.

(Signed) G. B. BOWEN, MAJOR,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 12.

Cheating by a European, his escape into French Territory, pursuit and capture in June 1871.

Mr. Simpson was entrusted by Major Bowen, Commissioner of Police, with a warrant, to apprehend one Hastings *alias* Cleveland, who, after successfully cheating a number of merchants, made his escape from Madras, and was reported to be on his way to the Mauritius *via* Pondicherry. Mr. Simpson proceeded to Pondicherry in pursuit of him, and travelled the whole way, 104 miles, in a Jutka (a small two-wheeled carriage) and accomplished the journey with one pony in 28 hours. On arrival at Pondicherry, the offence being cheating, and not heinous, under the provisions of the extradition treaty, the French Government refused to sanction the arrest of Hastings. Consequently Mr. Simpson was detained there for 13 days and had to watch the culprit single-handed for some days. He eventually succeeded in getting Hastings from Pondicherry, and travelled back to Madras with the prisoner, the same way as when proceeding. Hastings was subsequently tried and convicted by the High Court and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, and in addition, to one month's solitary confinement.

No. 13.

1ST MARCH 1872.

Counterfeiting Queen's Coins.

A Reward of Rupees 50 for obtaining information, and arresting a gang of five Counterfeit Coiners in Triplicane. They were subsequently convicted by the High Court, and sentenced, four of them to 7 years, and one to 4 years' rigorous imprisonment respectively.

(Signed) G. B. BOWEN, MAJOR,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 14.

1ST MARCH 1872.

Capture of a House-Breaker.

A reward of Rupees 16 for arresting an old offender, named Venkatasawmy, at Bangalore, concerned in a number of House-breaking cases at Madras.

(Signed) G. B. BOWEN, MAJOR,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 15.

Extract from the Register of Commissioner of Police.

1872.

S. D. Simpson. A first rate officer of great zeal and Judgment. Well up in all branches of his work.

(Signed) G. B. BOWEN,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

No. 16.

1st March, 1872.

Criminal Breach of Trust by a Police Officer.

A Reward of Rupees 50 for apprehending late Police Constable Ramasawmy of the Madras City Police, in His Highness the Nizam's territory, charged with Criminal Breach of Trust by a Public servant at Madras.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, Major,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 17.

25th May 1872.

Services during a disastrous Cyclone.

A reward of Rupees 70 by Government (*vide* G. O. No. 117, dated 21st May 1872), for good services rendered during the Cyclone in May 1872, during the continuance of which he had the misfortune to break his collar bone, while quelling a disturbance on board the "*John Scott*" and was under medical treatment in the General Hospital for 21 days.

Read letter from Major G. B. BOWEN, Acting Commissioner of Police.

To

Major W. S. DREVER,
Acting Inspector-General of Police.

Dated 9th May 1872.

Para 13. I need hardly observe that the Police Officers on duty had an exceedingly arduous task to perform; some of them were on the beach for twenty-four hours.

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Inspectors Simpson * * * are specially deserving of praise * * * . Inspector Simpson went on board the "*John Scott*" to suppress a squabble and broke his collar bone * * * *

These are young Officers, and the spirit in which they acted speaks well for their future success.

I append a list of the rewards, I recommend, should be given, leaving it to you to make such additions as your experience at the "*Robert Seppings*" may suggest. * *

Inspector S. D. Simpson, Rupees 70.

From

Major W. S. DREVER,
Acting Inspector-General of Police.

To

The Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Para 5. I have great pleasure in supporting Major Bowen's proposed rewards to the Police Officers named by him, and trust the Government may be pleased to sanction them.

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7. The Government will, I feel sure, appreciate the services of * * * as well as those of Inspectors Simpson * * and the other Police Officers.

Order thereon.

The Government have much pleasure in sanctioning the rewards recommended by the Inspector-General of Police.

(True Extract)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 18.

Extract from the Administration Report of the Madras City.

1871—1872.

Inspectors. * * * * S. D. Simpson. These officers on the whole have done their duty well.

(Signed) G. B. BOWEN, Major,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 19.

The Great Note Forgery Case. Reward offered Rs. 20,000.

Mr. Simpson was specially employed by Major Drever, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to make inquiries at the onset, and also nominated by him, to escort the jewellery recovered in this case, valued about one lac and sixty thousand rupees, to Benares. He was four days and four nights in the train, without breaking his journey, and went also to Triputty, and Bombay.

Mr. Simpson was also chosen by Captain Weldon, Magistrate of Police, who was specially selected by the Madras Government, to assist in the enquiry, and was so employed for about three months.

Rewarded Rupees 700 in this case.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

CALCUTTA,
22nd June 1872.

On or about the 20th ultimo, a native of the Madras Presidency calling himself D. Vancuttachullamya alias Buncutta chul, and giving himself out to be an agent of some Madras Rajah, succeeded in passing about 214 forged currency notes of the Madras Circle, and in obtaining for them a quantity of property consisting of valuable jewellery and 32 currency notes of the Bengal circle, the numbers of which are given below, Rs. 31000.

The Government of India have directed me to issue the accompanying notification offering a reward of Rs. 10,000 for the arrest and conviction of D. Vancuttahchullamya alias Buncutta Chul, a description of whom is given therein; and a further reward of Rs. 10,000 for information which may lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who forged the said Madras currency notes.

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(Signed) H. SANDEMAN,
Head Commissioner of Paper Currency.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Government Judicial Department of 20th March 1873 No. 436.

Read letter from Captain T. Weldon on Special duty.

I have the honor to report the result of the special investigation ordered by the Government of India with a view to tracing out the frauds committed by means of forged currency notes of the Madras circle, which were uttered at Benares, in the North Western Provinces.

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3. About 29th April 1872 there arrived at Benares an apparently wealthy and respectable Native who gave his name as "Vencatachellum Iyah" and asserted himself to be the Dewan of Chendragherry. Vencatachellum took lodgings for himself and two Brahmin servants he had brought with him from Cuddapah, and lived in a style befitting his supposed rank. He made a great display of silver drinking vessels, valuable shawls &c., and distributed alms liberally. After some weeks' residence he enquired for some jewels which he said he wished to purchase for his master. A Sowcar of Benares, one Gopaul Doss, was introduced, and several articles submitted for the approval of the great man. A diamond and emerald necklace was selected, and the usual bargaining took place. Eventually the price was agreed upon, *viz.*, Rs. 68,000, and then the modes of payment was discussed. The Dewan had only Madras currency Notes, and more haggling took place with reference to the discount to be charged on them.

The sowcar suggested that one of the notes which were each for Rs. 1000 should be sent to Calcutta and both parties might agree to what should there be pronounced fair and proper.

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Meantime, a lady of the Maharajah of Vizianagram's household at Benares, wishing to remit some money to her native country, heard that a respectable Madras gentleman was in Benares who would be glad to dispose of Madras currency Notes. Negotiations were set on foot, and the Dewan allowed this lady to have forty-four Notes, receiving in exchange Rs. 44,000 in coin. Of this sum Vencatachellum paid Rupees 12,000 to Gopaul Doss, requesting the latter to procure for him the value in gold-mohurs. Rs. 31,000 were paid into the Branch Bank of Bengal in exchange for Calcutta Circle currency Notes.

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Accordingly, in the dusk of the evening on 30th May. Jewels and Shawls to the value of Rs. 1,59,195 were handed over to Vencatachellum, who paid to Gopaul Doss 160, currency notes each purporting to be valued for Rs. 1000.

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The same night on which Gopaul Doss handed over the jewels, Vencatachellum produced a telegram which he said required him to go at once to Calcutta.

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The statement made by the deceased Venket Row alias Vencatachellum pointed to an Organized System of forgery. Under any circumstances the fraud perpetrated was one of unprecedented magnitude, calculated to destroy confidence in the state currency paper and possibly bring ruin to many innocent persons. The Government of India therefore, directed that an officer should be appointed especially to trace out these frauds in communication with the Police of the several Provinces of India. On the 23rd July the necessary orders were received in Madras by the officers concerned. The case, at all times a difficult one, was rendered more so by the sudden disappearance from the scene of one of the principal actors of whom absolutely nothing was then known.

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I purpose to submit through the Inspector-General the names of such subordinate officers of Police as have rendered good service.

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Inspector Simpson, of the Reserve Division, has also done right good service and proved himself a valuable officer.

ORDER THEREON.

1. The Governor in Council has perused with the greatest interest Captain Weldon's report on the great Note Forgery Case, and only regrets that the inclusion in it of extraneous matter has led to so much delay in passing orders upon it.

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Inspector S. D. Simpson, Rs. 350.

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3. The rewards recommended by him for the Deputy Commissioner of Police, and the other subordinates whose praiseworthy exertions he brings to notice are also sanctioned, and Captain Weldon will be good enough to express to them all the high appreciation by Government of their good services in this case.

(Signed) W. HUDDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

ROYAPETT POLICE COURT,
MADRAS, *24th March* 1873.

It affords Captain Weldon the greatest pleasure to forward the accompanying extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Government expressing the high appreciation by Government of the good service rendered in the late forgery case by the several officers therein mentioned to whom Captain Weldon takes this opportunity to express his own personal acknowledgment of their valuable assistance.

(Signed) T. WELDON,
Magistrate of Police.

To

Inspector S. D. SIMPSON,
Madras Police.

and zealous manner in which they have worked their Division, thereby setting a good example where one is so much needed.

(Signed) G. B. BOWEN, Colonel,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 22.

17th July 1873.

Capture of a Notorious Gang of Burglars.

A Reward of Rupees 100 for obtaining timely information and arresting a gang of four Burglars, one of them a 14 years' convict who had just been released from jail, in the act of committing a House-breaking, by night in Black Town. They were sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine or Rupees 150 each, in default 6 months' further rigorous imprisonment. The fourteen year convict (High-way robber) was convicted in four other cases of House-breaking, in one of which he carried away property to the value of Rupees 2,000, one year prior to his conviction, and was sentenced to 2½ years' additional rigorous imprisonment.

(Signed.) A. BALMER, Major,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 23.

27th October 1873.

Theft of 10,000 Rupees Currency Notes.

A reward of Rupees 1,000 by a merchant of Madras for services rendered in recovering the sum of Rupees ten thousand stolen from him in currency notes, 10 months after it had been stolen.

Letter from Acting Commissioner of Police to Colonel Drever, Acting Inspector-General, dated 21st October 1873.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to sanction Mr. Inspector Simpson accepting a reward of

Rupees 1,000 which has been offered to him by a merchant Vencatachella Pillay, for his services in recovering a sum of Rupees ten thousand (lost in currency notes) which was stolen in the month of January last.

2. Mr. Simpson took much trouble with the case, and traced one of the stolen notes, through seven hands before he reached the right man. Another of the notes was traced through thirteen hands, but then the trace was lost.

(Signed) A. BALMER, Major,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

Chief Office of the Inspr.-Genl. of Police,
7th October 1873.

No. 3,414.

MEMORANDUM.

Read letter from Commissioner of Police, No. 763, 21st Oct. 1873.

The Acting Inspector-General of Police remarks as follows :—

"I have no objection whatever and congratulate Mr. Simpson on his success."

(Signed) C. L. HIGHMOOR, Major,
Ag. Asst. Inspector-General of Police.

28th August 1874.

Extract from Police Order by the Commissioner of Police on receipt of an extract of the Judgment delivered by the Senior Magistrate,

The Commissioner has great pleasure in publishing the following extract from the Calendar of the Senior Magistrate, Town Police Court, in the case of Vencatachellum, convicted by Mr. T. G. Clarke of dishonestly retaining and fraudulently possessing ten notes of Rs. 1,000 each.

"*Extract.*"

I think it due to express my strong approbation of Inspector Simpson's conduct, the tact and judgment displayed by him in the discovery of the notes, and throughout the whole case, are very creditable to him. I trust that this observation may attract the favourable notice of the Commissioner.

(Signed) T. G. CLARKE,
Magistrate of Police.

Mr. Simpson with the approval of the Inspector-General was presented by the complainant with Rupees 1,000 for his conduct in this case, and Colonel Drever trusts such success may stimulate other officers to do likewise.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 24.

Extract from the Administration Report, of the Madras City.
1873—74.

Inspectors.

The present state of this all-important grade is very far indeed from satisfactory, there being but three experienced or efficient men now in it. Inspector Simpson is a highly intelligent, active and zealous officer.

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(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 25.

30TH JULY 1874.
Theft of 3,500 Rupees Currency Notes.

A reward of Rs. 300, Rs. 100 by the Commissioner, and Rs. 200 by a merchant named Comandan Mohideen Saib (which was also sanctioned by the Commissioner of Police) for successfully tracing another heavy theft of currency notes (Rs. 3,500) belonging to the above merchant, nine months after the occurrence, and for recovering one thousand six hundred rupees (1,600) of the stolen notes at Bangalore and arresting the prisoner at Tripatore.

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(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

Read Extract from the Calendar of the Senior Magistrate, Town Police Court, in the above case, dated 29th July 1874.

Adjudication. Six months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rupees two hundred, in default six weeks further rigorous imprisonment. If fine is paid one hundred Rupees to Prosecutor and one hundred Rupees, with the permission of the Commissioner of Police, to be given to Mr. Simpson the Inspector, for the clear and satisfactory manner in which the case has been put up.

(Signed) T. G. CLARKE,
Magistrate of Police.

No. 26.

25th August 1874.
Arrest of a Chaplain who escaped from the Sheriff's Officers.

A reward of Rupees 25 from J. C. Loch, Esq., Sheriff of Madras, with the sanction of the Commissioner of Police for services rendered in capturing a prisoner (Chaplain) who escaped from the Sheriff's Officers.

(Signed) E. W. SHAW,
Deputy Sheriff.

No. 27.

Before retiring from the Bench I deem it due to Mr. S. D. Simpson, the Chief Inspector of Police, to certify my high opinion of the important services he has rendered, and my appreciation of the same. I have no hesitation to add that, from my connection with the Police and Magistracy for about 30 years, Mr. Simpson has proved himself to be the most efficient Police Officer we have had. His tact, shrewdness, and judgment in the performance of his duties, and his zeal in the interest of justice, and his intelligence, ought to lead to his occupying a much better position than he now holds.

(Signed) T. G. CLARKE,
Senior Magistrate of Police
for the Presidency Town.

MADRAS TOWN POLICE COURT.
10th September 1874.

No. 28.

February 1875.

Capture of a large gang of Heerattees with stolen property.

Mr. Simpson obtained timely information and arrested a gang of eight (8) Heerattees in possession of stolen property to the extent of Rs. 3,000, by employing certain detectives in the disguises of Shroffs (money-lenders) and purchased gold smashed-up jewellery of the value of Rs. 1,100 for Rupees 290. These Heerattees were prosecuted before the Town Police Court Magistrate, but there being no claimants or prosecutors they were convicted of being found in possession of property reasonably suspected to be stolen, or fraudulently obtained, and sentenced to pay a fine of Rupees 700, and the property found ordered to be confiscated. They appealed to the Government against the Judgment of the Magistrate, but were told in reply that "the Government, having duly considered the case of the Petitioners, see no reason for their interference." On further enquiry, and after they were convicted, it turned out that their women committed a number of thefts in dwellings in villages on their route from Vizagapatam to Madras as will be seen from the Police Weekly Circulars attached.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

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No. 29.

Capture of a notorious gang of House-Breakers.

Mr. Simpson obtained timely information, and had a gang of four notorious old offenders arrested while in the act of breaking into a house at night in Chintadrepet. They were subsequently tried and convicted by the High Court on the 17th April 1875, and sentenced, first prisoner to six years' rigorous imprisonment, second and third to transportation for life and the fourth to five years' rigorous imprisonment respectively.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 30.

Extract from the Administration Report of the Madras City.
1874-75.

Inspector Simpson has likewise given the Commissioner the greatest satisfaction.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

Services verified.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 31.

Certificate by Colonel W. S. DREVER C. S. I. *on his leaving India on furlough.*

MR. SIMPSON.—You have asked me for a certificate of my estimate of your services, and I conceive I am bound to give you one, though I must confess I scarcely feel able adequately to record the same without an appearance of exaggeration, so highly do I deem them. Here in this Town with your knowledge of the Criminal classes, your great tact and determination, your shrewdness and ability, but above all, love for your profession you have been to me simply invaluable. I certainly do not know what I should have done without you—always ready, never weary or desponding; it is quite a pleasure to work with you. It would have given me the greatest satisfaction to have helped you up, had promotion been possible in the Department, but I would still hope you may yet receive increased emoluments to which I deem you more than entitled.

8th May 1875.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) W. S. DREVER.

No. 32.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Inspector-General of Police dated 8th June 1875, No. 2880.

ORDER THEREON DATED OOTACAMUND.
18th June 1875, *No.* 376.

It is observed that Dr. Seward has applied for funds which will enable him to retain Mr. Simpson altogether on the Ex-Guikwar's Establishment.

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Mr. Simpson will of course have a lien on his Inspectorship.

(True Extract)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

This is to certify that the services of Mr. S. D. Simpson were absolutely placed at the disposal of Doctor G. E. Seward, Officer in Political charge of the Ex-Guikwar of Baroda from 1st July 1875.

(Signed.) W. O. SWANSTON,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

(True Copy)
(Signd.) G. E. SEWARD,
Officer in Political charge
Ex-Guikwar Madras.

No 33.

1877.

Purloining Government Proceedings for Publie Newspapers.

Mr. Simpson was specially employed by Colonel Drever, Commissioner of Police, to enquire and obtain information as to who were concerned in communicating Government Orders from the several Departments in the Secretariat, to different newspapers in Madras, and in particular to the *Madras Times.*

This purloining of Government records had been going on for some two years and more, and on Colonel Drever's return from England, Mr. Simpson's services were obtained temporarily from Dr. Seward in the Political Department, and he was asked to make enquiries. He was employed for about thirteen days upon this case, and brought his difficult enquiries to a successful termination. Mr. Simpson carefully watched the suspected parties in many places, and from information obtained, he detected a Printer Foreman named, Millar, in the Government (Public Works Department) Press of 19 years' service, one night about 8 o'clock in a public street in Chintadrepett, clandestinely handing a packet to a Reporter named Turnbull, which he (Millar) took out from inside of his coat, and which contained stolen proofs. Both parties were arrested, and on the packet being examined, the contents proved to be that day's "Proofs" from different Departments in the Printing Press.

Turnbull was once in Jail for five years for swindling the Government while he was Acting Assistant Conservator of Forests. He absconded and was arrested on that occasion in Paris. He was ostensibly a Broker, but in the private pay of nearly all the Madras Newspapers, and had others in different departments of the Government service to help him in this business, as was proved by a Private Account Book found in searching his room, in the house of the Manager of the *Madras Mail.*

Millar and Turnbull were charged before Colonel Weldon, Chief Magistrate, before whom they were defended by

Mr. Willie Grant, Attorney, and found guilty, the Magistrate remarking that "the prosecution was proved beyond a doubt the prisoners had no defence to make, and no explanation to offer."

Millar got three months' rigorous imprisonment for theft by a servant, and was dismissed the service, and Turnbull six months' rigorous imprisonment for receiving stolen property. Two informers in this case got one hundred rupees each from the Government for their services.

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Mr. Simpson was similarly employed by Colonel Drever in 1874, in the confidential enquiries then set on foot by the Government, to ascertain who were implicated in the Government Offices in selling or giving out copies of Government Orders to petition writers, claimants, and appellants, and carnatic stipendiaries for pecuniary remuneration. This difficult and lengthened enquiry which occupied nearly three months and in which five hundred rupees were spent, was also brought to a successful termination. Mr. Simpson, not only found that a number of clerks, East Indians and natives, some of them in receipt of good salaries in the Secretariat and other Departments, were actually selling and giving information to persons who paid for them, but that in some instances, when these men were well paid they procured for their friends confidential Proceedings which were under more than one lock and key.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,

Commissioner of Police.

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No. 35.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.
Madras, 8th February 1877.

From

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Madras.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras.

SIR,

* * * *

18. Mr. Simpson's transfer to the Doveton House Establishment has, in the present condition of the personnel of this office, practically crippled the Commissioner.

If Mr. Simpson's services are permanently lost to this office, I am of opinion that some steps must be taken to increase vitality of Police work proper at Head Quarters. Divisional Police being perfectly incapable of dealing with the multitudinous calls made on the Commissioner, and which they cannot be expected to handle properly without assistance.

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I have etc.,
(Signed) W. S. DREVER,
Commissioner of Pollce.

No. 36.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.
Madras, 8th March 1877.

From

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Madras.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras.

SIR,

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14. I now come to the so called Special Detectives. As you are well aware there is much to be done in this office of a wholly exceptional nature, the Commissioner is in

fact the Chief Executive Officer of Government at t Presidency in the Judicial Department, and has to be prepared to carry out at a moment's notice every shade of enquiry, be it Criminal, Political, or Social, be it an unusual Bank Note Forgery, or wholesale conspiracy, or reported glanders in a private livery stable.

1. Lost or stolen notes throughout the Mofussil.
2. Letter stolen in transit through the Post throughout India.
3. Proclaimed Political Offenders or others whose movements require watching.
4. Grave Criminal Cases occuring partially in Town and partly in Upcountry.
5. Confidential enquires on behalf of Government or private individuals.
6. Execution of special or emergent warrants of Arrest or Search.
7. Heavy cases of crime in the Town in which the Divisional Officers have failed or need assistance.
8. Tracing persons for whom warrants are out, but who are not arrested through connivance of the local officers.
9. Watching suspected persons, old offenders, or Known Depredators, who are on too intimate terms with Divisional Police.
10. On the look out for special Deserters, Escapes from custody, and many other duties of a like nature.

15. For this work, at Head Quarters, Inspector Simpson has for some years been specially retained. He was an Officer as you know, of rare ability, great experience and accepted probity. Practically he has been in his position the Commissioner's right-hand man for years. Speaking for myself, I can only say, that I would never desire a better. I am not, I think, wrong in here also recording that Colonels Tennant, Bowen, Cloete and Major Balmer, while acting Commissioners, held the very highest opinion of his merits.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) W. S. DREVER,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 37.

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.
Madras, 30th May 1877.

MEMORANDUM.

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5. No doubt some Divisional Inspectors jealous of the superior ability of Inspector Simpson, did make exaggerated statements.

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He (Col. Drever) states that Inspector Simpson, an officer of exceptional ability, with seven Police Officers of the Reserve were selected by him for the above purposes.

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8. The facts upon the evidence are these:—Mr. Simpson, the Inspector at Head Quarters, was far superior in detective ability to any other Inspector in the Force. He was therefore entrusted with the conduct of special inquiries.

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(Signed) C. S. HEARN.
Inspector-General of Polioe.

No. 38.

Extract from the Administration Report of the Madras City.
1876—77.

It is necessary here to record that as already reported Mr. Simpson's removal from the force has, in the present state of the personnel of this office, deprived the Commissioner of the services of the only competent officer he had available at Head Quarters for the conduct of special enquiries. Such cases are now referred to Divisional Officers materially without the least practical result. This must continue until the Commissioner is enabled to revert to previous practice, and an officer capable of aiding in this matter again appointed. For Mr. Simpson a Store Inspector has been substituted and though a good enough officer in his way, he is quite unfitted for the work so admirably performed by Mr. Simpson.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 39.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, *20th Feb.* 1879.

I have great pleasure in certifying that I have known Mr. S. D. Simpson for the past 12 years. He has always borne the highest character for trust and integrity. He was for many years in charge of the Police Commissioner's Reserve, and was on several occasions employed to detect some of the most important cases, for which he was rewarded. He can speak Tamil, Hindustanee and Telugu fluently, and understands a little of Canarese and Mahratta. I consider him to be an able Police Officer ; he knows his work well, and is a fit and deserving officer for further promotion. He is well liked by all the classes of the Native community in this large Town, and I hope in due course he will have an opportunity of obtaining a good appointment.

(Signed) T. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Commissioner of Police and
Justice of the Pacee.

No. 40.

MADRAS, *21st February* 1879.

Mr. S. D. Simpson asks me for a Testimonial, and I have a great pleasure in giving him one, as it affords me the opportunity of giving expression to my long-felt satisfaction with his work as an Inspector of Police, in the detective as well as the executive line, in the City of Madras for several years. I found him to be an able officer of vast experience, coupled with honesty and zeal ; always ready to undertake any difficult work, and always distinguishing himself with unerring success.

In my opinion, a really good Police officer is a blessing to the people, and I was sorry that no sufficient inducement was held out for securing Mr. Simpson's valuable services *permanently* in the Police Department in a more responsible and more adequately remunerative appointment.

(Signed) P. SREENEVASSA ROW,
Presidency Magistrate, and an Ag. Judge of the
Court of Small Causes, Madras.
(Now Dewan Bahadur and Judge, City Court, Madras.)

No. 41.

MADRAS, *26th February* 1879.

I have much pleasure in complying with the request of Mr. S. D. Simpson to record my opinion of his ability and character during the eleven years he has been known to me in my capacity as one of the Magistrates of this Town. He possesses the highest character for trust and integrity, is a steady, cheerful, hard-working, intelligent and zealous Police officer, with shrewd and penetrating detective talent, and his executive supervision and unflagging perseverance and scrutiny have given the public much confidence in him. It will give me much pleasure to hear of his advancement in a sphere more congenial to his past service, where his true merits may be more adequately appreciated and rewarded.

(Signed) R. P. CAMPBELL,
Justice of the Peace and Presidency Magistrate,
1st District, Madras.

No. 42.

EGMORE POLICE COURT,
Madras, 5th March 1879.

Mr. S. D. Simpson having asked me for a few lines in testimony of my opinion of his character and qualifications while serving in the Town Police as Inspector, I have to state.—

I have known him since October 1874 when I was appointed as one of the Magistrates for the Presidency Town, Madras. During my official career of upwards of 30 years in various departments of the State, I have had ample opportunities of coming in contact with Police Inspectors of various grades, both in the Mofussil and in the Presidency. I believe very few could be found equal to Mr. Simpson. He is one of the ablest Police Officers I have yet seen. His intimate knowledge of the principal vernaculars, his familiarity with the habits and customs of the people, his detective ability and shrewdness in working out difficult cases have deservedly earned for him the confidence of the people, and the good opinion and esteem of his superiors. I believe him to be throughly honest. He has my best wishes for his future prospects in life.

(Signed) MAHOMED YUSUF,
Presidency Magistrate.

Letter from

No. 43.

JUSTICE SIR T. MUTTUSAMI IYER, K. C. I. E.

MY DEAR MR. SIMPSON.

I enclose a few lines expressing the esteem in which I hold you as a Police Officer. I hope that you are not put to inconvenience by my delay in sending them. My work

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has been so heavy all this week, that I have not been able to send them earlier.

Trusting that they are not yet too late and wishing you every success.

I remain, ever,
Yours sincerely,
(Signed) T. MUTTUSAMI.

THE ADYAR,
15th March 1879.

Mr. SIMPSON asks me to express the opinion I formed of him as a Police Officer when I was a Magistrate for the Town of Madras. I have much pleasure in stating that I had a very high opinion of his ability, zeal and character as an Inspector of Police. He prepared his cases with much care and judgment, and often distinguished himself for his talent as a detective officer. I always regarded him as an acquisition to the Police Department, and as an officer whose services deserved special recognition and encouragement.

(Signed) T. MUTTUSAMI,
Judge of the High Court.

No. 44.

PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE'S COURT,
Madras, 15th March 1879.

I HAVE known Mr. Samuel D. Simpson ever since his first entry on public service, now 14 years ago. During all this time he has been under my personal observation, for some years as my subordinate, in the Police Department, and subsequently as a member of the Police Force in this Town during my tenure of office up to this time as a Magistrate.

A more honorable, faithful and zealous servant Government does not possess in any grade. As an Executive Police Officer Mr. Simpson has proved himself specially efficient. Tact, temper, shrewdness and courage to do his duty, combined with the strictest integrity, has enabled him to carry on that duty keeping perfect faith with the public and at the same time forcing from even those to whose prejudice he has frequently had to act, an admission of perfect fairness. Mr. Simpson has well earned and enjoys the respect, as I believe, of the whole community, European and Native. He has frequently been specially employed on difficult and delicate duties, and has never failed to justify completely the full measure of confidence placed in him.

He was specially selected to assist the Officer in Political charge of the Ex-Guicowar of Baroda, and his temporary withdrawal from Police duties, whilst flattering, has been an acknowledged loss to the latter Department.

I rarely, if ever, give "testimonials" to Public servants, but as Mr. Simpson makes the request I feel more confidence in complying with it than I might in other cases.

(Signed) T. WELDON, COLONEL,
Chief Presidency Magistrate.

No. 45.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 28th May, 1879.

No. 363.

To.

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

SIR,

With reference to the appointment of Mr. * * to act as Deputy Commissioner of Police vice *Captain* * * * I have the honor to report that owing to ill-health Mr. * * was never able to take up the appointment, and in consequence I have had to depute Mr. * * Asst. Superintendent of Police serving under me to undertake the duties of Dpty. Commissioner of Police Northern Division since the 19th Instant and as a temporary measure I would recommend his being appointed to act in that office from the date mentioned.

Vide Fort St. George Gazette of 20th Inst. Page No. 370.

2. As regards the permanent filling up of the appointment I venture to make a proposal which will effect a considerable saving and also I think improve the Police administration in the City of Madras.

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4. At the present moment an opportunity offers of filling up the appointment by conferring it on a Police officer of most undoubted ability and who has great local knowledge of Madras. I allude to Mr. S. D. Simpson now serving as Intendant of the Household of the Ex-Gaekwar of Baroda.

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5. I have ascertained from Dr. Seward that he is willing to spare his services. Dr. Seward also spoke to me in the very highest terms of Mr. Simpson's services.

6. As regards Mr. Simpson's service in the Police it is unnecessary for me to speak. He joined the department in September 1865 and has always borne the highest character and by education and position he is well fitted for advancement.

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I have &c.,
(Signed) F. J. HICKS,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

No. 46.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
COONOOR, *30th May* 1879.

MEMORANDUM.

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I most strongly advise Government to accept Major Hicks' recommendation.

2. Mr. Simpson's experience in the Town, as Police Reserve Inspector, and his knowledge of its middle and lower class European and Eurasian population are un-equalled. As

a Detective he can scarcely be surpassed, and at the present moment whenever we have an exceptional case, he is invariably called upon, and rarely fails. His past services (printed copy of testimonials accompanies) speak for themselves, and I respectfully submit entitle him to the best consideration of Government. He is an able linguist and requires no interpreter.

3. * * * *

4. * * * Doctor Seward has been good enough to telegraph to me that he strongly recommends Mr. Simpson's nomination.

5. * * * Mr. Simpson's appointment as Deputy Commissioner would place the services of a Commissioned Military man at the disposal of the Inspector-General for district duty and at the same time be one which would give eminent satisfaction to the public and greatly strengthen the hands of the Commissioner, not before it is grievously wanted.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, Colonel,

Acting Inspector-General of Police.

No. 47.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Officer on Special Political Duty with the Ex-Gaekwar, dated, 28th November 1881.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

I think it due to the good service of Mr. S. D. Simpson Intendant at Doveton, during the past six and a half years,

that I should leave on record some expression of my good opinion of him.

2. From the date of the Ex-Maharajah's arrival at Madras; either with reference to household affairs or of the family wants, Mr. Simpson has held daily personal communication with him.

3. Being a permanent resident on the premises and also by virtue of his office, in daily intercourse with the members of the household, Mr. Simpson has enjoyed very free opportunities of observation, and he has so acquired direct experiences both as to the character, habits, behaviour and disposition of the Maharajah and of the Mahrattas about him that have been and must continue to be of much value, as applied to the conduct of Doveton affairs.

4. Mr. Simpson's facile use of the vernaculars, his local knowledge but especially his exceptionally intimate acquaintance with native ways prejudices and caste exigencies and his natural tact in dealing with them, have contributed largely to his aptitude for the Intendantship and his usefulness, and I believe it would be difficult to find elsewhere an officer so well suited to the post.

5. But Mr. Simpson's ability and antecedants entitle him to look for advancement, and his ambition naturally lies in his own department.

6. I venture to hope therefore in Mr. Simpson's behalf that should any opening for his promotion present itself, this testimony may be remembered together with any previous credentials of good service that he may possess.

7. Mr. Simpson has energy, capacity and special aptitude for Police work, and I am sure that he would justify any trust that the authorities might be pleased to repose in him.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) GEORGE EDWIN SEWARD.

ORDER THEREON

8th December 1881, *No.* 562.

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2. The Government are glad to receive this testimony to Mr. Simpson's services.

(True Extract,)
(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary to the Govt.,
Fort St. George, Madras.

COMMUNICATED TO

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
AND THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
EX-GUIKWAR OF BARODA.

No. 48.

MADRAS, *November 28th*, 1881.

FROM,

GEORGE EDWIN SEWARD, M. D.
Officer in Political charge of the
Ex-Gaekwar of Baroda.

TO,

P. S. MELVILL ESQ: C. S. I.
Agent to the Governor-General
at Baroda.

SIR,

I beg leave to enclose for the information of the Baroda Administration a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Madras Government relative to the good service of Mr. S. D. Simpson, and I trust that if any opportunity of advancing him to any post in the Baroda State should present itself, his claims may be remembered. As a superior officer in any Police Force, I consider that Mr. Simpson's services would be invaluable.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) G. E. SEWARD.

No. 49.

MADRAS, 18*th July* 1882.

FROM,

CAPTAIN W. H. C. WYLLIE, C. I. E.
Political Agent in charge of
Ex-Gaekwar of Baroda, Madras.

TO,

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
Foreign Department, Simla.

Re-Ex-Gaekwar's Illness and Death.

Doctors Kees and Sibthorpe are in constant attendance and Mr. Lawrence a very clever apothecary has been deputed at my request by the Surgeon-General to remain in the house to assist Mr. Simpson the Intendant, who has been day and night unremitting in his care of the Ex-Gaekwar. I myself visit him very frequently and nothing has been left undone that would in any way conduce to his recovery.

I have &c.,
(Signed) W. H. C. WYLLIE, CAPTAIN,
Political Agent in charge of Ex-Gaekwar of Baroda.

No. 50.

MADRAS, 28*th July* 1882.

TO,

THE SERETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
Foreign Department, Simla.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith Surgeon-Major Sibthorpe's report on the Ex-Gaekwar of Baroda's illness and death.

With reference to Dr. Sibthorpe's remarks at the commencement of his report, I should explain that, Mr. Simpson is an Inspector in the Madras Police, who during the last 7 years has held the post of Intendant at Doveton House.

He is a thoroughly reliable officer and has at all times been of the greatest assistance. The Ex-Gaekwar knowing that on several occasions Mr. Simpson had prescribed for

Doveton House servants, and being convinced of his healing power, asked my permission to be treated by him. I consented, telling Mr. Simpson that he must only act in consultation with Dr. Sibthorpe which he did. In this way the Ex-Gaekwar was cured of his attack of dysentery.

I have &c.,

(Signed) W. H. C. WYLLIE, CAPTAIN,

Political Agent.

Medical Report on the Case of the Ex-Gaekwar of Baroda.

MADRAS, *27th July* 1882.

The Ex-Gaekwar came under my care on the 30th June 1882. Surgeon-Major Cockerill having gone on leave, the Political Agent Captain Wyllie asked me to see him, but the Ex-Gaekwar did not wish to be treated by me. He expressed a wish to be treated by Mr. Simpson the Police Officer, in whom he had great confidence. Mr. Simpson had told me he would as far as possible carry out whatever orders I gave him as to treatment and I consented, the Ex-Gaekwar believing that the treatment was that of Mr. Simpson.

(Sd.) C. SIBTHORPE, F. R. C. P. I. S.

Acting Professor of Surgery

Madras Medical College,

(Now Surgeon-Major-General & Surgeon-General

with the Government of Madras.)

No. 51.

MADRAS, *16th Sept.* 1882.

To,

MAJOR-GENERAL J. WATSON, V. C. C. B.

Agent to the Governor-General at Baroda.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward an account of the expenditure incurred in connection with the demise of the late Ex-Gaekwar.

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3. It will be seen that only Rs. 4322-2-7 were spent on cremation ceremonies, which includes the purchase of the plot of ground on which the body of the deceased was burned.

4. With regard to the funeral ceremonies performed between the 10th and the 15th day after death, I have the honor to point out that the Baroda Government sanctioned in all Rs. 19,486, of which only Rs. 13,579-10-7 were spent.

5. I think this reflects great credit on Mr. Simpson, the Intendant, and Mr. Kasinath the Interpreter on whom the responsibility of making the arrangements chiefly fell.

6. Great trouble was taken in the preparation of the various Dhanums, and to make everything conform as much as possible to the Maharatta Custom and the Ranees expressed their entire satisfaction at what was done.

7. No poor person or brahmin was sent away empty handed from Doveton House, and the distribution of alms was carefully supervised. I am able to say that no misappropriation of money occurred.

I have &c.,

(Signed) W. H. C. WYLLIE, CAPTAIN:

Political Agent.

No. 52.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from Captain W. H. C. Wyllie. C. I. E. Political Agent, Madras, dated 30th September 1882 No. 135.

As Mr. Simpson the Doveton House Intendant is about to revert to the Police, I venture to bring to the favorable notice of Government the excellent manner in which he performed his duties during the 8 months I was in Political Charge of the late Ex-Guickwar.

Mr. Simpson has shown that he possesses tact, discretion and unfailing good temper in dealing with natives.

Mulhar Rao was not a master whom it was easy to please, and but for Mr. Simpson's judicious management, there would have been greater difficulty than there was in keeping the Mahratta servants in Madras.

It is much to Mr. Simpson's credit that during the 7½ years he superintended the household, no instance is known of any surreptitious correspondence having taken place between the Ex-Guickwar and his friends in Baroda.

Mulhar Rao had such a personal liking for and trust in Mr. Simpson that, at one period of his illness, he refused to take medicine from any body else.

After Mulhar Rao's death Mr. Simpson was of the greatest use to me in making the necessary arrangements for the funeral ceremonies, and it is chiefly owing to his hard work that they were so satisfactorily performed.

Mr. Simpson has at all times been most assiduous in his attention to his duties and has only had one month's leave on medical certificate since 1875.

ORDER THEREON, 16TH OCTOBER 1882, No. 403. (*Mis.*)

The Government are pleased to receive the foregoing report on Inspector Simpson's services while employed in his responsible post over the late Ex-Guickwar's establishment. Copy will be forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police.

(True Extract).
(Sd.) E. SIDNEY LAFFAN,
for Chief Secretary.

To
The Inspector-General of Police.

No. 5411.

True copy forwarded to Mr. S. D. Simpson, Inspector of Police, through the Superintendent of Police, Salem, and Dy. Inspector General of Police, S. Range.

(Sd.) H. W. H. COX, MAJOR,
Asst. Inspector-General of Police

CHIEF OFFICE,
24th October 1882.

No. 53.

MADRAS, 13*th August* 1882.

I hear Mr. * * * is going on furlough soon. If you want a first rate practical Police Officer for * * * try and get Mr. S. D. Simpson who has been for the last seven years on the staff of the Political Officer in charge of the late Ex-Guicowar. The death of the Guicowar will set Mr. Simpson at liberty soon. I have known him for twenty years and he is about the best practical man in the Presidency. Understands natives thoroughly and speaks several languages as well as they do.

When they have wound up the Ex-Guicowar's affairs I suppose Simpson will revert to executive Police duty here but there may be a difficulty in finding an adequate post for him and I think he would gladly accept employment in * * *. He holds the highest testimonials and is respected by all castes, creeds, and colours. I have nothing to do now with the Police but I know how rare it is to find the real article and how glad I used to be when any one helped me to find out a good man. This must be my excuse for troubling you and I hope you wont mind my taking the liberty. Please do not mention my name in connection with this or I might not be thanked for helping Madras to a loss.

(Signed) T. WELDON,

No. 54.

MADRAS, 8*th October*, 1882.

From,

CAPTAIN W. H. C. WYLLIE, C. I. E.,
Officer in Political charge of the
late Ex-Gaekwar of Baroda.

To,

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
Madras.

In reply to his letter No. 759 dated 28th September, has the honor to state that Mr. Simpson's services were dispensed with by the Baroda State on the 30th September last.

(Signed) W. H. C. WYLLIE,
Political Agent.

True copy forwarded to Mr. S. D. Simpson for information.

(Signed) W. S. DREVER, Colonel.

Commissioner of Police.

Madres Police Commissioner's Office,
10th October 1882.

No. 55.

Appointed Deputy Commissioner Madras City—2nd May 1883.

No. 56.

Appointed a Justice of the Peace—May 1883.

No. 57.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Inspector-General of Police, Madras dated 2nd October 1883 No. $\frac{5092}{597}$

With reference to G. O. No. 2000, dated 31st July 1883 (Mis.) J. D. I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to consider Mr. S. D. Simpson to have acted as Commissioner of Police from the 13th to 18th July 1883 inclusive under section 34 A and B of the pay and acting allowance code without prejudice to his appointment as Ag. Dy. Commissioner of Police to enable him to draw the *higher rate of* allowance.

Order Thereon.

Dated 23rd Oct. 1893, No. 2813. (Mis.)

The proposal of the Inspector-General of Police is approved. Mr. Simpson will draw the salary and allowance referred to by the Accountant General.

(True Extract)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,

Ag. Asst. Secretary.

No. 58.

Madras, *11th February* 1885.

Monsieur Simpson,

Deputy Commissioner of Police Madras.

Our work (operations) is finished. I do not wish to leave without thanking you for all your zeal in the case that brought me to Madras. Many difficulties were removed, thanks to your good will and exertions. I shall communicate to my Chief the Procureur General, all you have done to facilitate my task.

Please accept monsieur le Deputy Commissioner, the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) A. CHADELLE,

Judge of Instruction, Pondicherry.

No. 59.

5th May, 1885.

Letter from Sir Charles Turner Kt. c.i.e.

Chief Justice, Madras.

Dear Sir,

I am obliged to you for the good wishes you express respecting my return to England. May I in reciprocity hope you will be soon confirmed in your present appointment. I have been much struck at Sessions with the care with which Criminal Cases are prosecuted.

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Yours truly,

(Sd.) CHARLES C. TURNER,

To,

S. D. SIMPSON Esq.

No. 60.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

17TH NOVEMBER 1885, No. 6502.

Field Operations—Burma.

Read the following papers:—

No. 246.

From Captain H. A. Street, Indian Marine, Marine Transport Officer, to Lieut.-Colonel A. Kenny-Herbert, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 6th November 1885.

The embarkation of the Madras Division of the Burma Expeditionary force having this day been completed, I have the honor to beg that you will inform the Government of Madras that the Director of Indian Marine has directed me to return to Bombay, and that I propose leaving on the 8th instant.

2. Before taking my departure I deem it my duty to bring to notice the cordial way in which every wish of mine in connection with the embarkation of the troops and stores was met by the different officials, especially.

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5. In conclusion, I beg to draw attention to the very satisfactory arrangements made for keeping the beach clear on each occasion when troops embarked by the Officiating Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Simpson, and the European Inspectors of Police detailed for duty under his orders. The assistance rendered on these occasions by Mr. Simpson and the Police Inspectors, both in keeping the beach clear and in getting the several detachments carried to the boats by the boatmen, enabled the work to be expeditiously carried on. As an instance in point the 25th Native Infantry, a

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Regiment of about 750 Sepoys and about 90 followers, were placed in the boats in thirty-five minutes.

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No. 248.

ORDER THEREON 17TH NOVEMBER 1885, No. 6502.

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The thanks of Government are also due to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police for their hearty co-operation in their respective departments.

(True extract.)

(Sd.) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

No. 61.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

10th December 1885, *No.* 7046.

Field Operations—Burma.

Read the following paper:—

No. 104.

From Colonel H. P. Hawkes, Officiating Commissary-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. Kenney-Herbert, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Madras, 27th November 1885, No. 5449.

The despatch from Madras of a force consisting of 1,080 British Troops, 5,000 Native Soldiers, 4,050 followers, 175 horses and 838 pack bullocks would not under ordinary circumstances have called for any special report; but as the embarkation of these troops to join the Burma expeditionary force was attended with certain difficulties in con-

Officers	180.
British Troops	1,080.
Native Troops	5,000.
Followers	1,700.
C. Followers	2,350.
Horses	175.
Bullocks	838.

sequence of the want of suitable accommodation, I have the honor to bring these inconveniences to the notice of Government.

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I trust I may be permitted to take this opportunity of acknowledging the cordial and ready assistance afforded to the Commissariat by all with whom the recent operations have thrown us in contact.

To. S. D. Simpson, Esq., Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, our warmest thanks are due. From the earliest hours in the morning till late at night he was constantly in and out of the "store and shipping depot" keeping order among the workmen, assisting us in meeting urgent demands for skilled labor, and in many other ways.

No. 105.

ORDER THEREON, 10TH DECEMBER 1885,

No. 7046.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is gratified to learn from the foregoing report that the Commissariat Department received valuable assistance other than that which has already received the cordial acknowledgements of Government.

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This report will be communicated to the Government of India in continuation of Proceedings of Government, No. 6502, dated 17th November 1885.

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No. 106.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 10th December 1885, No. 7047.

(True Extract)

(Sd.) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, LT.-COL.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 62.

Extract from letter No. 1085 dated 6th January 1886 from the Chief Commissariat Officer Port of embarkation Madras to the Commissary-General Madras.

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3. In conclusion I would wish to bring to notice the very kind and most valuable assistance rendered to me by Mr. S. D. Simpson Dy. Commissioner of Police and his two subordinates, Inspector and Sergeant * * * good order and discipline were always maintained and great protection was afforded to Government property.

Not a single boat left the shore without a constable being in charge, and men of the Police Force were always available night or day to furnish guards or assistance of any kind, and all these valuable and good services were rendered by simply a verbal request; no official requisition was demanded at any time.

No. 1087.

CHIEF COMMISSARIAT OFFICE.

MADRAS, *6th January* 1886.

True extract forwarded to Mr. S. D. Simpson Deputy Commissioner of Police for information.

(Signed) E. A. BRUCE. LT. COL.,

Assistant Commissary-General.

Chief Commissariat Officer.

No. 63.

CITY POLICE OFFICE,
MADRAS, *6th August* 1886.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DATED 5TH AUGUST 1886.

The following extract from the Fort Saint George Gazette is re-pnblished.

"Mr. S. D. Simpson to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, Salem, vice Mr. Jones, but to continue to act as Deputy Commissioner of Police Madras City until further orders."

The Commissioner congratulates both Mr. Simpson and the City Force generally on this well earned recognition of merit. Mr. Simpson commenced his service as a Junior Inspector and his advancement is due not to any "lucky stroke" or occasional good fortune, or to personal interest but entirely to his special aptitude for the service and untiring zeal. Throughout his career as a Police Officer wheresoever and howsoever employed, he has never failed, year by year, to make his mark, and his present position is not merely a personal reward but a compliment to the Force and should encourage others to emulate his good example.

The Commissioner points specially to this example as many having *once* done some special good service, or been exceptionally fortunate on some occasion, lay up this isolated success as a kind of inexhaustible capital on which they may draw for ever after and which need never be replenished. Government and the public will judge a man not merely by what he has done but by what he is daily doing and what he is capable of doing in the future.

(Signed) T. WELDON, COLONEL,
Commissioner of Police.

To,

THE INSPECTORS OF POLICE,
Through Dy. Commissioner of Polic
Madras.

No. 64.

10th January 1887. *No.* 43, *Judicial.*

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Park Fire.

Read—the following paper :—

From Colonel T. Weldon, Commissioner of Police, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government ; dated Madras, 5th January 1887, No. 2.

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that very careful investigation has been made regarding the rise and progress of the late fire which resulted so disastrously at the People's Park.

2. All those whose names could be learned or who volunteered information up to the present have been seen, and I am happy to be able to report that there is clear evidence that the second fire, which so many regarded as indicative of incendiarism, was caused solely by the panic which seized the people on the outbreak of the first fire, which also, so far as can be ascertained at present, was accidental.

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6. Assistance was given at considerable risk to some hundreds of persons lying helpless at the entrances, and many were rescued.

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16. The police of all ranks behaved excellently. Not only did they work vigorously at the fire, but they had to undertake the duty of moving the dead, in the circumstances a most severe ordeal.

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19. The total number of deaths ascertained is 405. Of these there were :—

Found dead in the Park	283
Died at their own homes	42
Died in hospital	80

64 bodies of persons unknown were buried by the police.

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20. The number at present known of persons who we injured and went to their homes is 193, of whom 115 were male adults, 43 females, and 35 children.

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21. The police took charge of 101 children, all of whom were restored next day to their friends and relatives.

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26. Mr. Simpson, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, rendered invaluable service not only throughout the night of the disaster but in prosecuting necessary inquiries since; and it is chiefly owing to his excellent management of the subordinate staff that we are indebted for our information regarding the casualties.

ORDER THEREON, DATED, 10TH JAN. 1887, No. 43, JUDICIAL.

In the foregoing report the Commissioner of Police states the result of the inquiries which he has been making regarding the origin of and the loss of life in the recent appalling disaster in the People's Park. The report is clear and concise, and deals with the whole matter, as far as Colonel Weldon thought it within his province and as far as his inquiries had then gone, very fairly and fully.

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4. The promptness of the police in mustering 350 strong within an hour, and all the arrangements made by them after the fire, appear to Government to deserve warm commendation. The patience and submission of the people and of the anxious relatives of those injured and missing, throughout the trying circumstances of that dreadful night, seem equally admirable. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires to express his thanks to Mr. Simpson, Deputy Commissioner of Police, who is specially mentioned by Colonel Weldon. The Government also must not omit to record

their appreciation of the indefatigable services rendered by the Commissioner himself in directing the operations.

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(True Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

No. 65.

CITY POLICE OFFICE,
MADRAS, *7th August* 1891.

From,
COLONEL T. WELDON, C. I. E.
Commissioner of Police, Madras.

To,
THF CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT., MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to grant me privilege leave for twenty days from 17th August or date of departure.

2. If Government approve Mr. S. D. Simpson, Deputy Commissioner of Police can act for me during this short absence.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
(Signed) T. WELDON, COL.
Commissioner of Police.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper :—Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated, 7th August 1891 No. 54 requesting grant of Privilege leave for twenty days.

ORDER DATED 14TH AUGUST 1891 R. No. 865.

Leave granted.

2. The arrangement proposed in para 2 is approved.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
Ag. Under Secretary.

No. 66.

An address presented on the occasion of Yagatha Amman procession, the Titular deity of thousands in the Madras City.

To

S. D. SIMPSON Esq.,
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Madras.

Most Respected Sir,

We the undersigned inhabitants belonging to the Hindu Community of Peddu Naick'spet, Madras, beg to approach you with these few lines, expressive of our good will and heartfelt gratitude towards you ; and earnestly request your kind acceptance of the same.

Your suavity alike to the rich and poor, your constant alacrity to do good to the deserving, and your administering of impartial justice, are deeds to be very much admired ; and we cannot find words to express sufficiently here, the peace and harmony we enjoy in your present regime.

Your manifold good deeds and efforts as a representative in the Police Department of North Black Town of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen Empress of India, towards bringing us to the right path, brings back to our memory the name of the late never-to-be-forgotten Magisterial Functionary Mr. Elliot and we all unite in saying that yon are the exact prototype of that gentleman.

With earnest prayers that God will spare yourself and family in our midst for many long years.

We subscribe ourselves,
Your obedient & humble servants,
T. M. GANAPATHYA PILLAY,
and others.

Madras.
26th March 1895.