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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

29th January 1879, No. 171.

Coffee Stealing Prevention Act.

Read the following paper:—

✓ No. 131. *From Messrs. PARRY & Co., Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 24th January 1879.*

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of 22nd, giving cover to G.O., No. 2587, in reference to the extension of the Coffee Stealing Act.

2. In this order the Government reiterate the willingness expressed in G.O., No. 2288, dated 12th November 1878, to extend the Coffee Stealing Act "wherever special facilities existed for tampering with Coffee to the injury of owners and beyond their power of protection."

3. The Act has been put into force in the Wynad presumably in the belief that there "special facilities existed for tampering with Coffee," while the Government do not consider that such exists below the ghauts.

4. We hold, and in this view we will be supported by all interested in Coffee and likewise the Magistracy, that the maximum of Coffee stealing has always, and does now exist below and not above the ghauts.

5. While above the ghauts the cartman is liable to be passed by Europeans at any time of the day, the roads are few, receivers don't like the climate, and the stolen Coffee has to be carried so far; while once down, the cartman can plead that he left the road to visit his village, the planters are never passing, and the temptation becomes strong owing to the number of receivers. Coffee is not only unusually valuable, but the cartman can increase the bulk and weight of his load by simply moistening the Coffee that remains subsequent to his pilfering.

6. We beg that greater weight may be attached to the Collector of Malabar's letter, especially paragraph 6; it is this officer who knows and sees the practical working of the Act.

✓ No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1879, No. 171.

Recorded. It is observed that there is nothing in the statement now made to take the case out of the category of ordinary theft.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To Messrs. Parry & Co., Madras.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

1879
Madras 24th January 1879

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Judicial Department.
Madras.

Sir, We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of 22nd giving cover to G. O. N^o 2587 in reference to the extension of the Coffee Stealing Act.

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To

Messrs. PARRY & Co, Madras.

Dated January, 20th.

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G.O., 20th January 1879, No. 171.

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Nos. 131-132.

Office Stealing Prevention Act.—Letter from
Messrs. Parry & Co. regarding the extension of
this Act, recorded, with the observation that there
is nothing in the statement now made to take it
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Sir,
Your Obedient Servants.
James F.

22 Jan 1879 Dec 1855

From (mss 28.1.79) ^{to Hqs. Army & Hqs. Army Dec 1879}

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of the category of ordinary theft.
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the execution of the
Stealing Act.

~~Historical~~
~~to Hqs. Army~~

7 Jan 1879 Dec 1879

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Coffee Stealing Prevention

Act. Letter from Major
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extension of this Act,
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