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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

Pension.

No. 63.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 6136—G. No. 1605, dated 2nd December 1880, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of Proceedings of Government, No. 62, dated 25th instant, and to request that you will be good enough to cause the same to be communicated to Mr. T. J. O'Connell.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th January 1881.

Secretary to Government.

Read the following papers :—

From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, dated Bangalore, 2nd December 1880.
Endorsement from the Public Department, dated 4th December 1880.

ABSTRACT.—Transferring papers from the Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore, forwarding, for disposal, a memorial addressed to His Grace the Governor of Madras in Council by Mr. T. J. O'Connell, praying for the condonement of a break in his pension.

ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1881, No. 62.

Mr. O'Connell will be referred to Section 92, Civil Pension Code, which precludes the consideration of questions affecting the pension of an officer before he actually retires.

(True Extract.)

LORNE A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secy. to Govt.

Exd. J. Wright.

G.O. 25-1-81. No 62

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PENSION.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE.

Dated January, 25th.

Issued

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G.O., 25th January 1881, No. 63.

JANUARY.

Pension.—Forwarding, for communication to Mr. T. J. O'Connell, copy of Proceedings of Government relating to the condonement of a break in his service.

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TRUE COPIES

OF

MR. O'CONNELL'S TESTIMONIALS.

TRUE COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS POSSESSED BY MR. O'CONNELL.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the zeal and energy displayed by Mr. T. J. O'Connell during the six months he was employed as a Police Inspector in the Salem District.

(Signed) A. B. MARSACK, Captain,
Superintendent of Police.

SALEM, 17th April 1861.

MR. O'CONNELL,—Sir, I am extremely obliged to you for the contents of your letter, which I very much appreciate.

I find since you have been Inspector of Police, that by your activity and knowledge of your duties, crime is now entirely on the decrease, and I hope before long that nothing of crime of any moment will occur in this station.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN R. BROWN, COLONEL,
Joint Magistrate.

OOTACAMUND, 6th July 1861.

MR. O'CONNELL,—Sir, Seeing that you have returned to the Hills on a few days leave, I take the opportunity of writing to you expressive of the manner in which you performed your duties as Inspector of Police, during the time you were stationed here in that capacity.

It can be comprised in a few words, and that is, you did your duty in a most efficient manner for the benefit of the community here in detecting and putting down crime, and on hearing of your removal from this, I felt very great regret in losing your valuable services. Wishing you very early promotion.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN R. BROWN, COLONEL,
Joint Magistrate.

OOTACAMUND, 11th October 1861.

From such opportunities as I have had of judging of Mr. O'Connell's conduct during the time that he has been Inspector of Police at Ootacamund, I consider him to be an intelligent, active, and efficient Police Officer, and well qualified for the position which he holds.

(Signed) W. S. NESBETT,
Sub-Judge.

Ootacamund, 15th October 1861.

POLICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

Certified that Mr. T. J. O'Connell Inspector 3rd Clasa has passed a 1st class full examination, and is fully qualified for the post of Inspector of Police.

(Signed) T. WELDON.
Superintendent of Police.

1st November 1861.

My Dear Mr. O'Connell.

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I this day received back the sanctioned Recommendation Roll for your promotion, and have the great pleasure to forward herewith an exract from the District Orders on the subject.

Allow me to congratulate you. I am confident you will always endeavour to bear out my recommendation.

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I must now conclude, and with best wishes for your speedy and permanent recovery, remain

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) T. WELDON, Captain,
Superintendent of Police.

Coimbatore, 14th March 1862.

My dear Mr. O'Connell,—Captain Drever writes to say that he requires a good Inspector very badly at Tellicherry, and has asked me to let you go there.

What do you say? Reply sharp to Perindoray.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) T. WELDON, Captain,
Superintendent of Police,
Coimbatore District.

Inspector O'Connell has been employed in the North Malabar Police for a period of two months as Inspector in charge of Reserve and Town Police. During this time the Superintendent has had generally great reason to be pleased with the efficiency and zeal with which his duties have been discharged.

(Signed) C. G. BLOOMFIELD, Captain,
Superintendent of Police, N. Malabar.

Tellicherry, 9th August 1862.

The following is an endorsement of Captain Bates, *Superintendent of Police, Tanjore, on* Mr. O'Connell's *Testimonials left with him for his persual.*

The Superintendent has read Mr. O'Connell's testimonials with much pleasure; and can only repeat what he said to Mr. O'Connell when the latter passed through Tanjore: "Mr. O'Connell may rest "assured that the Inspector General was quite satisfied with his ex- "planation."

The Superintendent feels convinced that Mr. O'Connell will give the same satisfaction in this District as he has given in other Districts.

(Signed) C. E. BATES, Captain,
Supt. of Police, Tanjore.

This is to certify that Inspector of Police, Mr. O'Connell, has served in that capacity at Mayaveram for one year; during that time I, as Joint Magistrate, have had every reason to be satisfied with the way he has performed his onerous duties. I consider him to be very intelligent and extremely zealous, and he has constantly over-exerted himself to the detriment of his health when he considered his duty called him. I trust that he may soon be promoted, and I am sure he will shew himself in whatever capacity he may be employed as well deserving of encouragement.

(Signed) C. G. PLUMER,
Combaconum, 13th July 1863. Acting Joint Magistrate.

Cuddapah, Magistrate's Office,
on Circuit at Royachoty,
6th January 1865.

From H. G. Smith, Esq., *Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah; to* Lieut. H. E. Coningham, *Acting Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah.*

Sir.—As you are aware during the last Sessions 15 out of 19 prioners of Mohadingadu's gang, sent up by me to the Sessions Court,

were transported, some for life and some for various periods ; but you are not, perhaps, aware, as you have only lately arrived, of the very harassing duty cheerfully performed by the Police officers employed for a long time for their apprehension, and I wish to bring this generally to your notice ; but especially the indefatigable zeal and great tact displayed by Inspector T. O'Connell, which were quite sufficient to point him out as a man of no ordinary calibre, both physically and intellectually, and as fully acquainted with the most difficult police work, particularly when it is to be remembered that at the time of his joining the District, every body nearly was either afraid to give evidence against Mohadingadu, and his gang, or else sided with them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. G. SMITH,
Acting Magistrate.

(True copy)
H. G. SMITH,
Acting Magistrate.

In handing over to Mr. O'Connell, Inspector in the Cuddapah Police, the 70 Rupees offered as a reward for the discovery and conviction of the parties concerned in the daring robbery which took place in the Lines of the 27th Regiment N. I. on the night of the 11th February 1865, the undersigned desires to express his appreciation of the great acuteness and ability displayed by that officer in discovering and following up the traces which led to the conviction of the thieves and restoration of the property, and also to thank him for his meritorious and successful exertions on that occasion.

M. CHOLMELEY, Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding 27th Regt. N. I.

Cuddapah, 7th March 1865.

Extract from a Memo from the Inspector General No. 429, dated 2nd March 1865.

Mr. O'Connell's case will be considered with reference to the District to which he stands posted. The Inspector General has read with great pleasure the testimony of all officers and of the Magistrate to his efficiency.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector Genl. of Mofussil Police.

(True extract.)
(Signed) H. E. CONINGHAM,
Actg. Supt. of Police, Cuddapah.

Mr. O'Connell, at one time applied to me for an appointment in the Department of Public Works, and although circumstances prevented his accepting it, I willingly bear testimony to his energy, zeal and general intelligence.

I shall always be glad to hear that Mr. O'Connell is prospering, as I consider him an acquisition to any Department.

(Signed) E. HEMERY, Lt. Col. R. E.,
Suptg. Engineer, 3rd Division.

Madras, 26th November 1864.

CIRCULAR.

The sum of Rs. 195 has been received from the Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah for disbursement to 2nd class Inspector Mr. O'Connell, now doing duty in this District, as a reward for good services rendered by that officer in the capture of a gang of robbers in the Cuddapah District.

It is unnecessary to recount the value of the services rendered by Mr. O'Connell, as the amount of the reward speaks for itself ; and the Superintendent trusts that this will serve as a stimulus to the Police Officers of all grades in this District in the detection of crime.

(Signed) A. GORDON, Lt.
Superintendent of Police.

Madura, 14th July 1865.

The following is an extract from the judgment in the case of one of three notorious Maravan robbers, who, on the night of the 23rd September 1865, came armed to Davapatam, Ramnad Division, with intent to commit robbery and were in the act of carrying out their design, when I happened to come upon them unarmed, and alone endeavoured to capture them. Two of them succeeded in escaping, but the third more daring than his companions in crime, assumed the offensive, and with a Valathaddi or boomrang and a heavy bamboo stick, inflicted two severe wounds upon my arm and head, before I succeeded in mastering and securing him.

Extract from the Judgment passed in calendar case No. 87 of 1865, on the file of the Madura Sessions Court.

"The conduct of the Inspector, Mr. O'Connell, I consider most spirited and forbearing towards the prisoner and in the discharge of

his duty he has got wounded. I have seen the wounds, and they are considerable ; and though they were inflicted some three weeks ago, yet the Inspector states that he has constant pain in his head."

"The certificate given him by the Medical Officer who attended him states that, the wound on the head was of a very serious nature. It is fortunate for the prisoner that this blow that he inflicted did not prove fatal."

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Actg. Session Judge.

To

The Superintendent of Police of Madura, for his information.

(Signed) A. GORDON, Lt.
Superintendent of Police.

Remarks on the charge sheet in Register case No. 38 of 1865, on the file of the Ramnad Sub-Magistrate's Court.

In returning this charge sheet I think it my duty to state, that the detection of this case of Culpable Homicide, is entirely due to the tact and exertions of Inspector Mr. T. J. O'Connell.

2. Deceased preferred his complaint to me on solemn affirmation a few days before his death ; and in that deposition he stated that, the individuals who assaulted him and caused the injuries with which he then suffered, were the 1st and 2nd prisoners ; but there was not the least particle of evidence to carroborate complainant's statement.

3. Immediately after the death of the deceased the Inspector proceeded to the village of the parties accused and within a short time he detected the case in a manner to reflect great credit upon him as a detective officer.

4. In his enquiry he found that, the parties accused were not the persons who inflicted the blows which resulted in the death of the deceased ; but another individual the 3rd prisoner, who had not been accused by the deceased ; and Mr. O'Connell has brought forward the strongest evidence to prove the charge ; and this very individual 3rd prisoner has confessed the offence, and has therefore been committed for trial at the next Sessions.

5. The service rendered in this case by the Inspector is to be highly appreciated, as he has saved two innocent men 1st and 2nd prisoners ; and brought the actual offender to justice. All the witnesses brought forward by the Inspector, are all more or less related to the 3rd prisoner.

(Signed) M. RAGUVIENGAR,
Sub Magistrate in charge.

Ramnad, 23rd November 1865.

I take a great pleasure to testify to the worthiness of Mr. O'Connell, Inspector of Police, Ramnad Division. He is an able, zealous, and painstaking Officer, liked by the people for his impartial way of doing business. He possesses strict integrity in his dealings, without which even the best abilities cannot command praise. His transfer from the Division is much regretted by the public.

(Signed) T. RAM ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

Ramnad, 31st March 1866.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to express myself as perfectly satisfied with Mr. O'Connell's services as Inspector of Police, during the time I have had Magisterial charge of the Ramnad Zemindary.

Mr. O'Connell is a most active and intelligent officer, and as a detective he is all that could be wished ; this latter is of course owing to his acquaintance with the language of the people, combined with integrity in his public dealings with them. This combination, so rarely met with in this part of India, must necessarily gain for its possessor, the confidence not only of the Magistracy, but (what is of far greater importance) that also of the people. I believe Mr. O'Connell possesses both. Though for his own sake I am glad to hear of his promotion and consequent transfer to Dindigul, I cannot but regret his removal from Ramnad.

(Signed) W. BEST,
Actg. Head Asst. Magistrate.

Madura, 7th April 1866.

Madras, 16th May 1866.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the manner in which Mr. O'Connell 1st Class Inspector of Police, has worked while in the Police force under me.

I consider him to be a very good detective Officer indeed, shewing at all times great zeal and aptitude for that particular part of his profession. I have also a high opinion of his honesty, and am quite satisfied that he is a sober, well-conducted, and hard-working public servant ; and I feel confident that he will always give the same satisfaction to his superiors as he has done to me.

(Signed) A. GORDON, Lieut.
Late Supt. of Police,
Madura District.

Endorsement of Captain Gutherie, Superintendent of Police, Madura, on diary of Mr. Inspector O'Connell dated 6th October 1867.

"I have heard nothing but what is to your credit regarding you."

(Signed) T. K. GUTHERIE, CAPT.,
Superintendent of Police.

MADURA, 9th October 1867.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENL. OF MADRAS,
POLICE, KOTAGHERRY, 4th November 1867.

.....Mr. O'Connell is an able and valuable officer of long and tried service and has done excellent service in other districts.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector Genl. of
Madras Police.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the zeal, energy and efficiency displayed by Inspector Mr. T. J. O'Connell during the 4½ months I have been in charge of the Sub-Division. I consider him to be a most intelligent and active Police Officer. I have had every reason to be satisfied with the way he has performed his duties.

(Signed) W. BAYLEY, LIEUTENANT,
Asst. Superintendent of Police,
Madura District.

DINDIGUL, 23rd Novr. 1867.

The following has reference to the detection of a theft of Salt from the Salt Depôt at Kumbili Medu, South Arcot District, about 12 P.M. on the night of the August 1868. Two Brahmin Salt Superintendents ; a Salt Revenue peon ; seven of the nine Constatbles who composed the Guard, and a host of the Ryot Manufactures, were concerned.

Five of their number, including the Salt peon, were dangerously wounded by myself and Head Constable Taylor ; and 22 of the offenders, including the Salt Superintendents, and 7 Constables were convicted, and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment varying from 18 months to 2½ years. I received as rewards for the services rendered by me on that occasion.

Rupees Twenty from the Inspector General of Police.

And Rupees Sixty from the Madras Government.

FROM

W. F. HEWETSON, ESQUIRE,
Deputy Collector of
South Arcot.

TO

C. W. READE, ESQUIRE,
Collector of
South Arcot.

SIR,

* * * *

17. I cannot conclude without bringing to your notice the conduct of Mr. O'Connell Inspector of Police, Mr. Taylor Head Constable and the Deputy Constable of the Kumbili Médu Salt Station. It is owing to the bravery of the two former, which led to the capture of the men now under trial before Mr. Tagg ; and to the cunningness of the latter who let both the Assistant Superintendents as well as the Police believe, he was hand and glove with them ; whereas he was only waiting for an opportunity to seize them in the act. In fact, the seizure would never have been made if he had not sent a private individual with an express message to Mr. O'Connell telling him of the theft that was to take place that night. I consider that they are fully entitled to a reward from Government say Rupees 100, 50, and 25 respectively.

I trust therefore that, should you concur with me in this matter, you will apply for the sanction of Government through the Board of Revenue for the disbursement of the same.

The quantity of salt found by the Police outside the plat-form is about two garce.

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I have &c.,

(Signed) W. F. HEWETSON,
Deputy Collector.

(True Copy)

W. F. HEWETSON,
Deputy Collector.

South Arcot,
Dy. Coltrs. Office,
Cuddalore,
29th Augt. 1868.

I have been much pleased with the way in which Mr. O'Connell has done his work while Inspector of Police at Chidambarum in my Division.

He has had a troublesome charge and some difficult work and has got through it all with great success. He is very active and does not spare himself trouble; and yet seems to have tact and discretion in the management of his men. I think it but fair to him therefore, to make a *special* record of his services.

(Signed) W. F. HATHAWAY,
Joint Magistrate,
South Arcot.

CHIDUMBARUM, 31st March 1869.

The following has reference to an offence alleged to have been committed under Section 161, I. P. C. by the Tahsildar of Villoopoorum, South Arcot District. Mr. Barrister Shaw defending and Mr. O'Connell prosecuting the accused.

"Certified that the prosecution in Session case No. 33 of 1871, was conducted by Mr. O'Connell in compliance with the instructions issued to him by the Head Assistant Magistrate of South Arcot.

This was a somewhat intricate case against the Tahsildar of Villoopoorum, and the trial occupied four days; and although Mr. O'Connell is a paid servant of Government, as an Inspector of Police, I think he should be rewarded for his arduous and extra labour in the prosecution of it; and he certainly took great pains with it."

Fee suggested Rupees 50.

(Signed) W. HODSON,
Civil and Sessions Judge.

SESSIONS COURT, 12th August 1871.

Passed for payment Rupees 50, vide Government Proceeding dated 14th September 1871, No. 1279.

The following has reference to a case in which the Land Customs Police, of South, Arcot seized a barrel of oil which was being smuggled from a French, to an English village. On a representation of the circumstances connected with the seizure, to the then Head Assistant Collector Mr. Chamberlain, an order for confiscation of the oil was passed.

The parties connected with the smuggling having waited till the de-

parture of Mr. Chamberlaine two months after on furlough; and taking advantage of my absence on detective duty in another part of the District, appealed to the District Collector Mr. Sullivan against the original decision; and boldly charged the Police with having illegally and dishonestly seized the oil, knowing at the time that, it came from an English and not a French village as stated by them; and they named a number of witnesses to maintain their assertion. Under instructions from the Collector, the Acting Head Assistant Mr. Kough made an inquiry in which being satisfied that, the statement of the appellants was correct, directed the amount realized by the sale of the oil to be refunded, and the three Police Constables concerned in the seizure, to be prosecuted.

The Superintendent of Police Captain Young, held in abeyance the execution of the order from the prosecution until my return to the Division when the case was put into my hands for enquiry and report.

In three days, I succeeded in proving in the most satisfactory way that, the seizure was lawful and correct; and that the complainants had maliciously and with a view to cheat the Government (Land Customs) made a false complaint against the Police. I therefore charged them before Mr. Kough himself who found them guilty and sentenced them each to imprisonment and fine.

"Mr. Inspector T. J. O'Connell prosecuted successfully before me a serious charge of cheating the Land Custom Department. The preparation of the case involved a considerable deal of care and patience; and I have every reason, as the Magistrate who tried the case, and also as the officer then in charge of the Customs to feel highly satisfied with Mr. O'Connell's zeal and efficiency in the service of that Department, not only in this particular instance, but generally."

(Signed) C. KOUGH,
Asst. Collector and Magistrate.
South Arcot District.

CUDDALORE, 17th March 1873.

Inspector O'Connell has been, with the exception of two or three months, in charge of the Land Customs, Detective Establishment, during the last eighteen months. I have had the greatest reason for appreciating his services, and am very sorry to hear that, there is a probability of my losing them.

To an intimate acquaintance with the language and customs of the people, he unites the strictest integrity ; and an unusual degree of zeal and energy. These qualities peculiarly fitted him for the difficult duties of Sayer Inspector on the very intricate French frontier ; and he has done a great deal to check smuggling, and augment the Customs Revenue.

He tells me that, he thinks of applying for employment in the Postal Department as Inspecting Post Master.

Some time ago he had occasion to investigate a case in which some Notes were alleged to have been abstracted from two Registered letters at the Villoopoorum Post Office ; and I am convinced that, if the Subordinate Postal Officials, were periodiacally subjected to such minute and searching investigations, the chances of successfully perpetrating frauds would be very considerably diminished.

Mr. O'Connell's activity and intelligence might find a valuable field for exertion in the above capacity.

(Signed) G. K. CHAMBERLAIN,
Ag. Head Assist. Collector and Magistrate.
South Arcot.

TINDEVANAM, 28th March 1873.

On the morning of the 3rd November 1872, I in conjunction with two other persons, made a seizure of gold thread worth about Rupees 1,800, and I received a reward of Rupees 500 for my services on that occasion.

Passed Police Inspectors Test and B. II. Judiclal Lower grade test, tenth on the list, Vide Police Weekly Circular dated 16th March 1867.

Exempted from the U. C. S. test Examination, on the recommendation of the Inspector General of Police, Vide proceedings of the Madras Government dated 4th April 1872, No. 438.

Pension Department

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To The Chief Commissioner
of Mysore

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Pension (1887) Dept.

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The Hon. Comm^r Pay^ms.

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Dated 4th March 1880

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Transferring papers from the Secy to the Govt of Madras for disposal a Memorial addressed to His Grace the Governor of Madras in Council by Mr S.S. Connell praying for Condemnation of a Kapt in his favour.

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Order thereon 28th January 1881 & Copy

By Command &c

J. Gell Secy to Govt

Public Dept

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