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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,*

*10th October 1866.*

No. 99. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 26th September 1866, No. 468.

Having reference to my letter to the Chief Secretary, dated 23rd August last, No. 433, and the Order of Government thereon, dated the 31st idem, No. 884, in the Public Department, I have the honor to report that five prisoners were arrested as having committed the dacoity, and committed to the Sessions Court by which they

were acquitted. Copy of the Remarks of the Session Judge on the case\* is submitted for the information of Govern-

\* Calendar No. XCVII of 1866.

ment, as it contains the grounds on which the Judge acquitted the prisoners.

*Remarks in Calendar Case No. XCVII of 1866.*

The accused (five) are charged with dacoity, in having way-laid and robbed 1st witness of 42 Rupees and odd. This is another case in which Mr. O'Connell is concerned. The story told is, that while 1st witness Velayoodam, a letter peon, with the pay of the office and runners, was going to Manamadura with 2nd witness Veeranan, a Tappal runner, with the Tappal, they were way-laid and robbed by five robbers. Immediately afterwards they went to the village of "Kanady," close by, and mentioned what had happened, and being afraid to proceed, remained there the night, talking with one another and the villagers about the robbery. 1st witness swears no mention whatever was made of any robber being identified, and next morning he reported the matter to the Police at Shevagungah and was examined the next day by the Sub-Magistrate; on both occasions he stated he did not know the robbers, though on the latter, he described two of them as "tall and stout" and "black and short, and about 22 years old." This, however, was two days after the alleged robbery. The runner, 2nd witness, having come to Shevagungah, deposed on the evening of the 13th that he had recognized all the five prisoners. On the 16th, he was attacked with cholera and the prisoners were produced before him, when another deposition, suspiciously like a copy of the first, is said to have been taken from him in which he criminated the prisoners as the robbers, though he never mentioned even one of their names to 1st witness. The dying deposition is attested by Mr. O'Connell, and put in as evidence on the trial against the prisoners; 2nd witness having died.

2. The five prisoners are men of reputed bad character, *formerly* in the service of the Zemindar; the 1st is supposed to have been concerned in a robbery sometime ago, and I believe the 2nd witness was put up to criminate them. It is altogether incredible that, if they committed the robbery and were identified at the time, the 1st witness should have heard nothing of it, as he swears, till 2nd witness gave his deposition two days afterwards, and that 2nd witness should not have denounced them when in the village of Kanady, or come back to Shevagungah, one mile, on the night in question to do so. The 1st witness before the Court says he recognized 1st and 2nd prisoners. I discredit him; his account of the robbery differs from that of the 2nd witness in material points, and I entertain serious doubts whether he was ever robbed at all, and did not himself steal the money. Another witness was sent to Court to depose the Prisoners, *being in the service of the Zemindar, were absent from duty on the night in question.* I have reason to believe this evidence before the Sub-Magistrate (for the Government Prosecutor would not examine him), worthless as it is, was got up and false, and that the Prisoners are not, and have not been for some time, in the late Zemindar's service; at any rate, before the evidence of the said witness could affect the case, it was clearly the duty of the Police to show that the prisoners *were* in the Zemindar's service.

(Signed) R. R. COTTON,  
*Session Judge.*

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10th October 1866.

No. 100.

ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1866, No. 1037.

The Magistrate will report what steps he has taken to recover the money from the peon, and who the Mr. O'Connell mentioned in the Session Judge's decision is (True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Madurai.

Est. J. Talloch.

Remarks in Calendar Case No. **XC VII** of 1866.

The accused (5) are charged with  
Larceny, in having way laid & robbed 1<sup>st</sup> witness of  
42 Rupees odd. This is another case in which Mr.  
O'Connell is concerned. The story told is that while  
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& Munars was going to Manamadurai with 2<sup>d</sup>  
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were way laid & robbed by 6 robbers. Immediately  
afterwards they went to the Village of "Panady,"  
close by, & mentioned what had happened, &  
being afraid to proceed, remained there the night,  
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the robbery. 1<sup>st</sup> witness swears no mention  
whatever was made of any robber being identi-  
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the Police at Chavangayal & was examined  
the next day, by the Sub Magistrate, on both  
occasions - he stated he did not know the  
Robbers, though on the latter, he described  
2 of them as "tall & stout" and "black and  
dark, and about 22 years old" - this however

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,*

*22nd August 1867.*

No. 173. Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 12th August 1867, No. 58.

In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter from the Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, dated the 23rd May last, No. 253, and of its enclosure, I have the honor to observe that I concur with that Officer in thinking that the ruling referred to will be productive of infinite vexation and unnecessary expense to the travelling public.

2. A General Notification in the *Fort Saint George* and *District Gazettes* will not, it appears to me, provide against the annoyance and disappointment which may arise out of the arrangement, as no traveller can know, when making such requisitions, the number of separate orders which will have to be issued along the whole line of Dāk.

3. In a District like this, traversed by two lines of Railway, this difficulty will neither be so formidable, nor of such frequent occurrence, as elsewhere, and I would, therefore, suggest that, if the ruling cannot be set aside, the question should be discussed and disposed of in communication with the Collectors of those Districts in which there are no Railway facilities.

4. The Post Master General, to whom I have communicated these views, replies that the question now raised is one which should be submitted for the decision of Government. I beg, therefore, that Government will be pleased to favor me with their instructions on the subject in due course.

From the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot; dated Chittoor, 23rd May 1867, No. 253.

The practice hitherto pursued in respect to the transmission of orders to the Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates of the District, requiring them to post bullocks and bearers for travellers, was to send such orders free on Her Majesty's Service, but, from the enclosed copy of the Post Master General's Circular, No. 83, of 12th April 1866, received with letter, No. 179, from the Post Master of this Station, it appears that all letters connected with the Dāk Bearers Service (and Bullock Daks as the Inspecting Post Master interprets it) should be post paid. Under this rule, the travellers would be put to additional expense, as the postage of our orders to the Tahsildars will have to be charged to their account, and, moreover, as the applicants will not send the postage in advance, the Department will be put to great inconvenience in having to pay the postage in the first instance, and then recovering it from the party.

2. The other day, the Post Master General himself sent me a letter for Bullock Dāk, but he never sent any money to cover the postage of my orders to the several Tahsildars.

3. Under these circumstances, I thought it proper to bring the matter to your notice, that you may get the order of the Post Master General cancelled, in communication with that Officer.

CIRCULAR No. 83 of 1865-66.

Dated Madras 12th April 1866.

The following is published for information and guidance :—

Circular No. 69.

To All Postal Officers,

*Camp Motecherry, 1st February 1866.*

All Postal Officers are informed that, in future, all letters from the Magistrates, or their Subordinates, connected with the Dāk Bearers Service, should be post paid, and not sent on Her

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Prisoners - 2<sup>d</sup> witness having died.

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22nd August 1867.*

Majesty's Service, as was heretofore the case, and that any such letter not properly stamped should be charged with bearing postage according to the existing rules.

(Signed) C. K. DOVE,  
Post Master General of Bengal.

(True Copy).  
(Signed) A. C. PEARSON,  
Post Master General.

No. 174. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1867, No. 1037.

The Governor in Council sees no sufficient reason for interfering with the order of the Post Master General, to which the above correspondence refers.

(True Extract).

*Acting Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of North Arcot.  
" Postmaster General.

*Circular No. 83 of 1865-66  
Dated Madras, 12<sup>th</sup> April 1866.*

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*I have &c.  
/ Signed / C. K. Dove  
/ True Copy / Post Master General of  
Bengal*

*/ Signed / A. C. Pearson  
/ True Copy / Post Master General*

*D. S. L. G. M. S.  
(Collector)*

Magistrate

Sir

Having reference to my letter to the Chief Secretary dated 23<sup>d</sup> August last No. 433 & the order of Government thereon dated the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1884 in the Public Department I have the honor to report that 5 prisoners were arrested as having committed the Dacoity and committed to the Superior Court by which they were acquitted. Copy of the Remarks of the Sessions Judge in the Case is submitted for the information of Government as it contains the grounds on which the Judge acquitted the prisoners.

I have the honor to be  
Yours most obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Almon  
L. J. Smith

Dear Madam  
 I have the honor to  
 acknowledge the receipt of  
 your letter of the 10th inst.  
 in relation to the  
 matter of the  
 estate of the late  
 John A. Smith  
 and in reply to inform  
 you that the same  
 has been forwarded  
 to the proper  
 authorities for their  
 consideration.  
 Very respectfully,  
 J. A. Smith

N<sup>o</sup>. 253

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Collectors Office  
Chetum 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1867

From

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Deputy Collector A.

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J. D. Robinson Esquire

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Collector of Arctic Arct.

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/ Signed / C. Cundawami  
Deputy Collector

/ True Copy /

Subd in the

Collection

N<sup>o</sup>. 58

North Arcob  
Collector's Office  
Hilton 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 1867

From

J. D. Robinson Esquire  
Collector of North Arcob

To

R. S. Ellis Esquire  
Acting Chief Secretary  
to Government  
Madras.

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In a letter from

the Collector of

North Arcob to the

Chief Secretary to Govt

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dated 12 August 1867

N<sup>o</sup>. 58.

Copy of a letter

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by Collector's Office

of Sreasury, North Arcob

dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1867 & 1868  
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Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

J. S. B. in the  
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To the Colls of H. Creek } at Sept 27/67  
" Indian Creek, Kansas }

Sept 1867. Department

from Nov. 22. 1867

J. D. Perkins Esq.

Collector of Taxes

to R. S. Allen Esquire

by Christopher  
Government

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 1867

Received 16<sup>th</sup> —

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Superintending City of the

Secretary of the Attorney General  
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Washington D. C. 20540

be forwarded with the original  
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Wm. M. C. Esq.

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