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[Despatch Abstract.]

SURGEON-MAJOR THOMAS.

Communicating to the Surgeon-General letter from the Government of India declining to sanction the grant of higher rate of furlough pay to---and calling for certain information in connection with the grant of wound gratuity to him.

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 To letter No. *398 of 29.1.96*
 From Inspector-General of Police.

Office of the Superintendent of Police
 Krishna.

Current of 79 of 1896.
 Masulipatam 5 January 1896

[Signature]
 J. E. N. Nashed Esq.
 Dy. District Superintendent of Police,
 Krishna.

To The Inspector General of Police,
 Madras.

Sir,
 With reference to your endorsement dated 17 December 1895, on the accompanying Memo. of 2998 from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George dated 14 December 1895, I have the honor to submit the following report.

At 4 P.M. on 22 February 1895 Mr Macartney the then Superintendent of Police, received an express report from the Station House officer of Kondapalli that that morning the District Surgeon, (Surgeon Major Thomas) while proceeding in a bandy from Mylavaram to Kondapalli had been attacked by about 30 dacoits, near Kondur, about 4 miles from Kondapalli, that he had been beaten severely and properly valued about Rupees 300/. Stolen Mr Macartney thus being in camp at some distance from Bezawada was unable to make personal enquiries.

On 23 February 1895, the Inspector of Police Bezawada received a telegram from Surgeon Major Thomas that he was coming into Bezawada by rail and he at once went to the

Railway Station and met Surgeon Major Thomas who came in by trolley and who appeared to be suffering great pain. he said that he had 2 fractures in his left shoulder and pain all over his body. On being questioned he stated - "I started from Mylavaram after dinner on 21st February 1895 with 2 carts one for myself and one for my Saman and servants. We passed Chevatur the 1st village on the road and 6 miles from Mylavaram and near the 8th mile stone. I heard persons whistling and then a shower of stones fell on to my bandy. I at once got out of the cart when I was struck on the left shoulder. The blow was meant for my head but as I had put on my fith helmet the blow glanced off the helmet on to my left shoulder. I also was hit several times with stones. Directly the dacoits saw that I was wearing a hat and trousers they left me and attacked my Saman bandy. My 2 bandy men ran away, the dacoits beat my servants and then drove both the carts off the road into the bushes. I and my boy stuck to the cart in which I had been sleeping and in which was my office box and when the dacoits left my boy drove the cart to Kondur. There were some 30 or 40 dacoits. I took with me two vetties with lanterns from Mylavaram to Chevatur and at Chevatur these 2 vetties left me and new vetties took their place. This change took nearly an hour. When I was attacked I was on the left side of the road

and did not interfere they were not touched, nearly all my property except Rupees 128. 12. worth was found strewn about after the dacoits left."

On 25th February 1895 Inspector visited the scene of crime and on 26th February 1895 learnt that a large gang of Yanadies were encamped in the valley Mokalikurava between the hills of Mylavaram Kunnah and Patapad to the east of the scene of crime. The 2 cart men were examined they corroborated Surgeon Major Thomas and said that when they ran away they went to Kondur and then told the village officials.

Dhara Subbadu the Chevatur vetty stated that the Mylavaram vetty and Surgeon Major Thomas' peon came to his hut and called him and he took the lantern and went in front of the bandies. That when dacoits came a stone fell out on to his right arm and he dropped the lantern that he picked up the lantern and ran to Kondur.

On 11th March 1895 Constables Nos 305 and 961 brought one Bojjagani Venkadu a Yerukula to the Kondapalli Police Station and stated that while searching the hills they came across.

1 Dasari Rangappa and 4 men and 2 women of Bogam Caste who belong to Anaravati and Vykhantapuram examining a bundle carried by Bojjagani Venkadu that on their coming up to them. Dasari Rangappa said to them that Bojjagani Venkadu was a thief. So they questioned him and he said that

that he was a yanady. He was then wearing a red handkerchief and a coloured handkerchief his bundle was examined and found to contain handkerchiefs. That then suddenly Bojjagani Venkader started to run away down a path which had prickly pear hedges. He was at once pursued when he tried to jump the hedge and was caught.

Basari Rangappa Corroborated the above.

Bojjagani Venkader stated I with (1) Balasani Jagadu (2) S. Kristudu (3) B. Ramudu (4) B. Pedaguravudu, (5) B. Venkatesagadu (6) B. Charigadu and (7) B. Venkatesagadu who all belong to Vizian's Territory came to British Territory and remained about Munajapad and Madhavaram there we committed house breakings and then went to the jungles near Goddamadugu and Kondur there we committed dacoity on a gentleman on the high road near Kondur. I got the bundles of clothes now found on me as my share. The others have all gone to Vizian's Territory.

On 14th March 1895 Mr. Putman a Contractor at Bezawada went to the Inspector with 3 Silver Spoons viz: 1 table Spoon and 2 desert Spoons engraved with the letter T and said that Mr. Ritchie the Contractor on the Munjar Project at Polampalli had sent them with a note to him saying that they were to be handed over to the Inspector. In the note Mr. Ritchie had stated that the Spoons were left in his camp by a man who said that he had found them in a bush. That the man had seen some men drinking in a toddy shop and had then

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seen something thrown into the bush and on the men going away had picked up the Spoons.

Inspector at once went to Polampalli and examined Mr. Ritchie who corroborated his note and said that he knew the man and would send him to Bezawada.

Pailabi the kept woman of Mr. Ritchie stated that the man had brought the Spoons to the house saying that he had found them and went away to get a drink but never turned up again so I gave the Spoons to Mr. Ritchie.

Here the case ends enquiries have been made every where to bring the dacoity home to the man who was arrested and who is now in Jail for housebreaking but without avail and also to arrest the others implicated by him. The man whom Mr. Ritchie said brought the Spoons never turned up and has, I am of opinion, been kept purposely out of the way by Pailabi the kept woman of Mr. Ritchie. The Pailabi against whom there is no evidence is being watched by the Police as she is suspected to be a receiver of stolen property and the story of the finding of the Spoons is most incredible.

The case is not detected and is not now likely to be detected. Rupees 221/- out of Rupees 300/- lost have been recovered.

The case was reported from time to time in Weekly Reports.

Shamo Vee
15th J. E. N. Vashed
Sg. Superintendent of Police.

(True Copy)

J. E. N.

22nd J. E. N. Vashed

DEPARTMENT.

No. 398

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

Enclosure. /

With reference to Official Memo, 2998, dated 14th December 1895, I have the honor to forward the Superintendent's report of the dacoity in which Dr. Thomas was injured.

2. The dacoity was reported to me in a Special Report which reached me on the 3rd March 1896. Since then the progress of the case has been reported from time to time in the weekly reports of the Superintendent. The case has unfortunately not been detected, and I fear it never will be. The Nizam's Territory which marches with Kistna close to where the dacoity occurred makes the detection of crime there specially difficult.

3. The case was not reported to Government as I was not aware that it should be. The attack was made apparently in ignorance that the cart contained an European and apart

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from the fact that Dr. Thomas was injured the
case did not differ from other serious accidents.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

Mannin

Inspector General of Police.

to the Hon. Secy.
of the Home Dept.

CURRENT NO. 412
(189) DEPARTMENT.

Pat. No. 67 of 1896 (Vol.)
Memo 2928/95

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras,

TO

THE
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort Saint George

No. 398

Dated 29 January 1896.
Received 50



SUBJECT.

Forwarding a report from the Sub.
of Police Kona re- a dacoity in
which Dr Thomas was injured and for.

Submitted with reference to
the concluding part of the note under
Cover of G.O. of 6-1-96 Nos 6-7.

M. 12-2-96

The H.A. need not be troubled
with this till the reply from
the Secy. comes in, when all
the pp. will have to go to
him.

S.P. 15-2-96

[1] Urgent
No. 2/180

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No.T/15, dated the 18th
April 1896, and with reference to G.O.No.505, Public, dated
the 29th idem, I have the honour to state that I have just
received a letter from Surgeon-Major W.F.Thomas stating that
he has sailed from London and hopes to arrive in Madras on
the 9th June. I therefore request that orders may be obtained
by wire from the Government India in his case.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe.

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras.

CURRENT No. 1891

(1896.) Public DEPARTMENT.

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506 27-4-96
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From

SURGN.-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIETHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

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CHIEF SECRETARY
8 JUN. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 8th } June 1896.

Received 8 }

Regd. 9-6-96

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Subject.

Requesting an early reply to his
letter No. T/15, dated the 18th April
1896 enquiring whether Surgeon-Major
W.F. Thomas is to be considered as in
Civil employment.

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Telegram - 6

India - Home

317 x Ref my letter 7
Public 18th January paras 7
and 8 x Surgeon-Major
Thomas expected
Madrass here today x Please wire
whether he is considered
as in civil employment

9/6/96

Civ.
9.6.96

Surgeon Major W.F. Thomas
Case

CURRENT No. 1952

Public Dept.

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Ref. by telegram

C.S.

From the Govt. of India

Home Dept.
(medical.)

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no 462

Dated 8

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Subject

Stating that Surgeon-
major Thomas, late Lt. Medical
and Sanitary Officer, Ristna,
cannot be granted a furlough
pay at the rate of
£500 per annum and that
the question of the grant of
a gratuity will be considered
in the military dept.

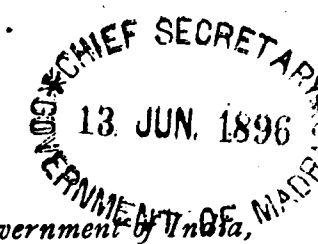
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No. 462.

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,

Secretary to the Government of India,



TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Home Department.
Medical.

Simla, the 8th June 1896.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 7 (Public), dated the 6th January 1896, in which the Government of Madras recommend the grant to Surgeon-Major Thomas, late District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Kistna, of a gratuity of three months' pay, on account of injuries received by him when on duty, and ask that a break of his service in the Civil Department from the 28th June to the 5th July 1895 be condoned in order that Dr. Thomas may be granted the higher rate of furlough pay allowed to military officers in permanent civil employ.

2. In reply I am to say that the Government of India regret that, in view of the fact that there was, at the time when Surgeon-Major Thomas proceeded on leave, no civil appointment vacant to which he could be gazetted, and that the question of his rejoining the Civil Department had to lie over until his return from furlough, they are unable to recommend to the Secretary of State that Dr. Thomas should be regarded as definitely brought into civil employ and should receive under the Civil rules furlough pay at the rate of £500 per annum.

3. It appears to the Governor General in Council that the question of the grant of a gratuity to Surgeon-Major Thomas must be dealt with under Military rules, and for that purpose a certificate of a Medical Board is required in the terms laid down by Article 1435, Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part I. As it is not practicable, owing to the absence in England of Surgeon-Major Thomas and one of the members of the Medical Board which reported on his case, to obtain a fresh certificate in India, it has been decided to ask the Secretary of State to obtain the required report from the Medical Board at the India Office and to send it to the Government of India to enable them to arrive at a decision on the subject. It is also desirable that more complete information than is given in the statement of Surgeon-Major Thomas's case should be furnished of the circumstances under which he was attacked by dacoits. I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, this information may be supplied, and that it may in particular be stated how far (if at all) the attack upon this officer was connected with the execution of his duty as District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

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4. As Surgeon-Major Thomas's case will now be dealt with by the Government of India in the Military Department, I am to request that the reply to this letter may be addressed to that Department.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. Herbert

Secretary to the Government of India.

Urgent

No. *4/213*

CURRENT No. *199*

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

~~XXXX~~ Ootacamund, *18* June 1896.

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public Department.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. T/180 dated the 8th instant, I have the honour to state for the information of Government that Surgeon-Major W.F. Thomas reported his arrival in Madras on the 8th June and is awaiting Orders regarding his final disposal. If no reply has yet been received from the Government of India regarding his case I request that a reminder telegram may be sent to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras.

CURRENT No 1995

(1896.) Public DEPARTMENT.

From

SURGN.-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIETHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. 4203

Dated 18th June 1896.

Received 18

Regd 19-6-96.

Encls - nil.

Subject.

Requesting the information regarding the final disposal of Surgeon-Major W.F. Thomas may be asked for by wire as he has reported his arrival in Madras on the 8th June 1896.

The paper is
in C.I. file

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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FOR ORDERS.

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The Govt of India's reply to letter
7 Public d/7.1.96 (to which and to the
notes therewith attention is invited,
is submitted. In that letter it was
explained that before leaving India
Surgeon Major Thomas had submitted an ap-
plication for a wound gratuity
780A and 780B of the
ref. to Art 7435 A.R.S. and
para 435 A.R.S. Vol I; that
the Acet Genl had stated that the
case did not come within any of the
rules of the A.R.S.; and that the Comd.
had given it as his opinion that
Art 7435 A.R.S. Vol I did not apply
as it governs only the cases of
officers wounded in the performance
of military duty. Reference has
been made to the case which occurred
in Bombay in 1886 of an officer who
while travelling on inspection duty
was attacked and wounded by a native

and was granted a wound pension. As however Surge Major Thomas's case was a hard one this Govt strongly recommended that he should be granted a gratuity of three months pay.

In reply to this the Govt of India states that the question of the grant of a gratuity must be dealt with under Military rules and that for that purpose a certificate is reqd in the terms laid down by Act 1485 A. 22. Vol I Part I. Further owing to the absence in England of Surge Major Thomas & one of the members of the Medl Bd. which reported on his case, the Govt of India found it impracticable to obtain a fresh certificate in India and ^{therefore} decided to ask the Govt of Madras to obtain the required report from the Medl Bd at the Madras Office. Meanwhile Surge Major Thomas has come back to Madras with ref. to the request that more complete information should be furnished of the circumstances under which Surge Major Thomas was ^{attacked by} dacoits, & that in particular it should be

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

* vide B

His arrival was also reported in the papers

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be stated how far if an attack upon him was connected with the execution of his duty as Dist Mest Sany Officer, attention invited to the letter from D. of Police forwarding a report on the matter. This however merely states that, "while proceeding in a bandy from Lavarambi Kondapalli" Surge Major Thomas had been attacked by about 30 dacoits near Kondur about 4 miles from Kondapalli, that he had beaten several & property valued at about Rs 300 had been stolen. But in D. Thomas's letter to Govt he distinctly states ^{while on duty} he was attacked, "while travelling on a tour of inspection, to inspect Hospitals & dispensaries & to make sanitary inspections towns & villages".

As regards the recommendation of the Govt that, if possible, the short break in the service of D. Thomas might be condoned & he be declared to have been in permanent civil employment so as to have the higher rate of leave allowance, the Govt of India "regret that in view of the fact that this was at the time when D. Thomas proceeded on leave, no civil apt vacant to which

*Surge Major Thomas's application
for a wound gratuity*

Don W. Pro. Bliss C.H.

* vide telegram (B)

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The letter from the
 Govt of India read above
 will be communicated
 to the Surgeon General,
 who will ^{furnished} ~~send across~~
 the information required in
 to obtain, if possible,

To
 The S. G. (g = C. 1891) ~~with O.C.~~ ^{19/16}
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 The following telegram will
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 The Govt of India
 Mil Dept.

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letter 462 eighth instant.
Surgn Major Thomas
arrived at Madras. ~~He is~~
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