Confidential.

My dear Mr. Master

I am to send you this letter of Col. Clocte's and to tell you that His Excellency considers that the proposal in the last paragraph should be carried into immediate effect as

this arises

he does not think it right that the Police arrangements for so large and important a place as Madras should be under an officer who is not in a ~~[illegible]~~ good state of health

I am
Yours sincly.

24: April 1883

Wrote Dr Cornish 24.4.83 asking him to call on Dr Beaumont for a confidential Report

nervous debility

Confidential
Madras 22nd April

My dear Andy

For some days past I have noticed that Col. Drevers signature to papers that come to my office has been very shaky, so on pretence of wanting to see him about Major Hennings appointment I wrote and asked him to come and see me, he did so. he appears to me like a perfect wreck, he trembles and shakes all over - I do not for a moment mean to insinuate that this arises from intemperance, he appears to me like suffering from nervous debility probably the result of climate, but I am

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quite sure that an officer
in that state is not fit to be
Commr. of Police. He hardly ever
goes out of his house, and I dare
say you may have noticed that
he was not present on the platform when His Excellency the
Governor left Madras on the 3rd
inst. as I consider the Commr.
of Police should have been.

I wish you would show this note
to His Excellency, and ask him
what is to be done.

As Head of the Department I
cannot allow an officer to go on
pretending to do the work of his
appointment without bringing
it to notice, and I am quite
sure that Col. Drever will be
unable to continue to hold his
appointment for 2 years more
when he gets his Colonel's allowances,
my belief is that he won't last
through this hot weather.

Could he not be provided with
some less important appointment so as to enable him to
serve out his time.

I would suggest that the Surgn.
General be asked to request Dr.
Branfoot (who is Col. Drevers
medical attendant) to report
on the state of his health.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Closte

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Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,

Confidential Ooty ~~Madras~~ April 25th 1883.

My dear Master

With reference to your note of the 24th. I enclose for perusal a note from Dr Branfoot.

I think it was probably forgotten that Branfoot is not in the position of an official medical attendant on Colonel Drever, and I quite share in his scruples, of making what is really an official report on the health of a private patient without that patients knowledge or concurrence - Bfoot therefore

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Office of Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras,

Confidential   Ooty ~~Madras~~ April 28th 1883.

My dear Master

With reference to your note of the 24th: I enclose for perusal a note from Dr Branfoot.

I think it was probably forgotten that Branfoot is not in the position of an official medical attendant on Colonel Drever, and I quite share in his scruples, of making what is really an official report on the health of a private patient without that patient's knowledge or concurrence. — Bfoot therefore desire a report on Col Dever's health, I would suggest that Dr Beaufort be allowed to inform him that he has been called upon to furnish such a report.

I have myself seen Colonel Dever frequently since his return, and it has appeared to me that he was in better health, than when he left India two years ago - I have not seen him however, since the end of March, but Dr Beaufort's note seems to show that there is no present cause for anxiety in regard to his fitness for duty.

Believe me

My dear Master
Yours very truly
W McCormick

Hon C. G. Master
Chief Secy

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cannot

himself,

PANTHEON ROAD, MADRAS.

[illegible] 26th April 1883

Dear Dr. Cornish

I ~~have~~ this morning received your confidential letter of the 24th inst.

I may tell you that I believe Col Drever [illegible] as when he arrived in the country, [illegible] and that, although he has been [illegible] under my professional care, and is still taking medicine, he is so much better that I have not considered it necessary to see him professionally for several days past. I may also say what I have reason to know that domestic circumstances, particularly his wife's illness, have tended to [illegible] & account for his illness –

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during many of which it has not been child's play with me. I only wish however that at the present moment

CHIEF SECRETARY
28 APL 83
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

In returning with this note the enclosure of your letter I must say that Governmt in calling upon me to make a report on the health of a private patient, places me in a delicate and false position which I hardly think was ever intended. So long as I am Col Drever's private medical attendant I am bound by the ordinary and well known rules of professional etiquette, infringement of which it is as much to the advantage of general society to observe, as it is my duty to be guided by in my conduct towards my patients.

I wish to serve Government in this matter honestly & faithfully but holding the position I do towards Col Drever I cannot, without his knowledge and consent, make an official report upon his state of health. I by no means wish to shirk any responsibility and I feel sure that I may claim your sympathy and, I hope, your concurrence in my views — I trust that on a representation of my position Govt. will not press me to make any report without Col Drevers full knowledge

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Chief Secretariat,

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Dear Aubrey,

I enclose Surgeon General Cornish's note forwarding letter from Dr. Branfoot with reference to Colonel Drever's health.

It does not seem necessary to obtain any further

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Dr Cornish should have
call'd the Chief Secretary's
attention to the fact
that Dr Hackitt & not
Dr Beaufort was the
proper person to report
about Col ~~Clarke~~ Drever.

Mention the matter
in Council

MW

Apr 30/83

~~Col Drever~~

My dear Colonel/

Adverting to your D.O.
d/22nd ult addressed to
Capt Awdry on the sub-
ject of Col Drever's health
I am to ask ~~that~~ ~~you~~ if you
are still of opinion ~~that~~
he is unfit for work
that you will lay the matter
officially & fully be-
fore Government in
the usual way/

Yours sincerely

From Council
1/5/83.

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unfavorable to you

Chief Office of Inspector General of Police.
Madras 7th May 1883

My dear Master

In reply to your D. O. of 4th regarding Col. Drever's state of health.

In the absence of medical opinion I am not at present prepared to state officially that Col. Drever is "Unfit for work" all I can say is that he is in

unfavorable to yo

Pantheon Road.

CHIEF SECRETARY
8 MAY 83
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

CHIEF SECRETARY
28 APL 83
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Chief Secretariat,
Ootacamund, 11 May 18

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cannot possibly be doing the work of your appointment as it ought to be done. Such information having reached them, the Government have no alternative, but to call upon you without delay to afford evidence which shall be thoroughly satisfactory to them that you have during the last three months discharged every duty indoors and out of doors which is usually discharged by the Commissioner of Police for Madras, and further that you are in such a state of health as to be able to discharge not merely your ordinary duties, but any duties which might fall in unusual circumstances upon the Head of Police in a great City.

Yours sincerely
Sd/ C. G. Master.

PANTHEON ROAD, MADRAS

Pantheon Road.
Madras
~~HEATHERSIDE
BEXLEY KENT.~~

14 May 1883

My Dear Master

Drever has shown me your letter to him of 11th inst, and has asked me to give you my opinion on the matters therein mentioned as I have lived with him almost ever since my return to India.

On my arrival (15 April) Drever was not looking well and Branfoot had been treating him for a few days. This, however, had apparently not hindered him from attending to his work for he has

been in office every day since
I came here, both early in
the day, (i.e. before 10 a.m.)
and from breakfast till
late in the afternoon, say
from 10-30 a.m. to 4 or 4-30
p.m. This I __know__ for I
have been in office with
him at least a dozen if
not a score of times, and
have seen him take up
work __as it came__. One day
he had a long interview
with Sir T. Mâdhava Râo.
Another day he had one
with Mr. Gladwin, the head
of the Salvation Army. Both
these interviews were
about Police matters, and

there was not shown, eith
in these or in other inter-
-views (at which I have b
present) with Hemming
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-dent of the Govt. work hous
__any__ sign that Drever
was in "a shaky conditio
or unable to do his work,
very much the contrary.
Besides this indoors work
it is within my knowledge
that Drever has been in
the habit of going out in the
morning to look after mat-
-ters, that fall under his
supervision as Commissione
of Police. On these occasion
I have not been with him
for at this time of year it is

This seems to me
confidential

not pleasant or indeed very safe to be out in the Sun in Madras after 6.30 or 7 a.m. — but I have frequently been with him when he has gone out in the afternoon. On three occasions he went to see if his orders were being carried out in regard to the Salvation Army, and at other times to look after things in different places, as Black Town Chepauk, Poodoopett &c.

Besides what I have seen of his way of doing his work I have had considerable opportunity of gauging Drever's mental condition; for we have had long conversations upon

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of various matters of more or less importance. At different times ~~HEATHER~~ ~~BEXLEY~~ we have discussed the Madras Famine, Police organization, the subordination of the Police to the Magistracy, Changes in India in the past 30 years, probable Changes in the future, & other matters of more private interest. I have been struck, and I may say surprised, ~~at~~ by the grasp of subject, the tolerance of views opposed to his own, and the great Common Sense Drever has invariably shown. I should say that mentally

Mr's excuse to the

A. W. Bransford

the servant or indeed

I ought perhaps to refer to it.
This charge is that Drever
drinks to an extent to inter-
-fere with the proper dis-
-charge of his duties. Now, I
have known Drever for
years; I have seen him on
leave in this country and in
England; I have (except one day)
seen him daily for the last
month at all hours of the day
from early morning till bed-
-time; and I can say that I
have never, on any one occa-
-sion, seen him what is called
"the worse for liquor." This is a
matter on which I am perhaps
better qualified than most
men to give an opinion, for,
though not a 'total abstainer',
few non abstainers are more
temperate than I am, and I notice
at once the effect of liquor in
other men.

Believe me
Yours very sincerely
W. F. Grahame

Hon: C. G. Master &c &c

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His excuse
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PANTHEON ROAD, MADRAS

14th May 18

I beg to state that I
have this day examin
Col W. S. Drever C.S.I., an
I sincerely declare tha
according to the best o
my judgement he is in
a sound state of health
and is capable of perform
-ing in an efficient manne
all those duties, emergent
or otherwise, which would
be likely to fall to him as an
important Police Officer

A. M. Branfoot M.B.
Surgeon I.M.D.

Madras
13. May 83.

My dear Master
I am in receipt of you
D.O. of the 11th & haste
to reply to it as far a
I possibly can
Without seeing the
exact charges advance
by Col. Cloete against
me, I cannot of cour
answer them in detai
but I take those you
give me.
As to being "shaky an
not in a condition to do
the work as it ought
to be done" I am free
to confess that I do not
find myself getting stronger
as I get older but I
have been almost 36
years in the service
during many of which i
has not been child's
play with me. I only
wish however that at
the present moment

think this letter
extremely creditable
Col Drever & am
onally quite
sed of the anxiety
felt since
Cloete addressed
to the other
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seems to me
satisfactory.
I am glad Colonel
Drever was written
to - it gave him
the proper opportunity
of defending
himself,
JR.
16/5/83.

[illegible] certificate
is what I go
by - it is quite
sufficient - HM 16/5

something might occur in which I could practically prove to Govt. that I am not so feeble, mentally or physically, as some persons attribute.

I cannot conceive what has been reported as to my neglect of work in the Town. I perform it now (and it is multifarious #) as I have always done.

I do not see how I can furnish "evidence" of this fact which would be deemed "thoroughly satisfactory" by Govt. & as there is positively none to produce.

The out door work is simply visiting Stations attending Committees looking up localities where I deem personal enquiry requisite &c &c.

Of such visits I keep no record they are so commonplace.

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1. Money in Chowkies
2. Parish Govt.
3. Wk. House
The entire Finance & Executive falls on me
Harbour Committee
4. Factories
5. Lunatic Asylum
6. Langar Khanah
&c &c.

As to "Office" or "indoor" work there is not a single arrear at this instant, everything remaining on my table being what I received on Saturday and which will be cleared off tomorrow.

Perhaps I may be permitted to note here, that one of my specialities is "to get through work" and not "to make it".

The ordinary Official Police routine here, scarcely occupies me two hours per diem so well has it become systematized.

What more can I say in my own behalf?

I have tided the Town through the latest Moharrum quietly and Hindoo Temple difficulties (not lessened by the Salem difficulties) have hitherto been mollified, mostly as I conceive by the deference given to my experience. The "Salvationists" have taken the Capital but not by storm. I could name other matters in which, as I conceive,

if there had not been a man
behind the scenes who knew
how to pull the wires judiciously
results might have been
different.
In all such things much
has to be done quietly which
never comes before the
Govt or the Public and if
your [illegible] administration were to
collapse I should be the first
to acknowledge my share in
its failure.

I believe you know Mr. W.
T. Grahame of your service
he has been living with us for
some weeks here. I have
shown him your letter and
have asked him kindly to send
you a note which I shall
not see.

The Divisional Surgeon
suddenly called on me
some little time back to
examine me under Col
Sloete's instructions & I believe
reported me fit for service.

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I have now the honour
to enclose a Certificate
from my own medical
adviser Dr. Branfoot

2. who has known me &
mine for some years.

If the Govt. are
not satisfied with this and
Mr. Grahame's letter I
respectfully request that in
the first instance a Medical
Board may be directed
to report on my physical
capacity.

Yours Sincerely
W C Drever

Demi-official
letter from Col Drever
C.S.I. d/ 13 May 1883

Seen by H.E. the Governor
& circulated by his order

CHIEF SECRETARY
15 MAY 83
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Col: Drever's case

I must say I never felt any anxiety about Drever's fitness for work as I had ocular demonstration of it six weeks ago & knowing what manner of man his accuser was I felt certain he would satisfy Govt if the opportunity were given him that the charge made behind his back was without foundation –

And now what action is to be taken in regard to Col: Cloete? Is nothing to be said to him for placing Govt in such a false position and for making statements regarding a brother officer senior to him in the Army & in the Police which are shown to be not in accordance with facts? –

He writes to H.E. Private Secretary on the 22nd ult°: that Col: Drever is "a perfect wreck – he trembles and "shakes all over" – "his signature "to papers is very shaky" – "he is "in that state that he is unfit "to be Commissioner of Police" and that he (Col: Cloete) "as Head of "the Department cannot allow "an officer to go on pretending to ~~th~~ do the work of his appointment "without bringing it to notice"

When called on to state this officially he declines to do so but reiterates his statement that Col Drever "is in a very shaky "condition and in a feeble state "of health & that such being the "case he cannot be doing the "work of his appointment &c &c"

Such a statement naturally alarmed H.E. who did not know the two men as I did – In reply to this stab in the dark we have Drever's frank manly statement in his own handwriting (in which no shakiness can be detected) that his work indoors & out is performed as it always has been and that there is not a single arrear in his office – We have also the certificate of the leading medical officer in Madras that the Commissioner of Police "is in a sound "state of health and capable of performing in an efficient manner all those duties, emergent or otherwise which would be likely to fall to him as an important Police Officer" –

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With such a record before us how can Govt: in future place any reliance on Col: Cloete's confidential reports? And as he has raised the question of physical fitness let us consider whether he himself is fit – He is never seen on a horse & since he was appointed I.G in 1881 his tours have & before been restricted to those localities where the railway & good roads afford facilities for travelling – I do not think he has once visited the important Police posts in the Northern Districts which lying among the hills & jungles are only accessible on horseback –

A more unfit person to take the place of a man like Col: Hearn could hardly have been selected and this I told Mr Huddleston when he proposed to appoint Col Cloete – Hearn was stern & hard but his officers liked & respected him because he was just – & they felt they could trust him – Col: Cloete is most unpopular – was so as D.I.G – just because they have no confidence in him and considering all he has done to disgust good officers since he became Head of the Department I don't wonder at it. It is more than ever important that the efficiency of the Police should be maintained at a high standard and this is an impossibility where the chief of the force has not the confidence & respect of his officers — H.S.

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Col. Drever's case

l. Clerk has probably made a mistake about Col Drever d as high officers should not make mistakes his having ne so must count against him; but it is surely the uty of the Head of a Department to communicate vately with Govt. if he has any suspicion of the fitness persons under him. Perhaps he ought to have written the Chief Secy & not to the Private Secy — that is a estion of practice about which I have no opinion; but do not see what we can do at present except to send Col Drever's er to Col Clerk & ask if he has any observation make.

I do not suppose my hon colleague wishes formally ew the question of Col Clerk's ~~compet~~ ability to charge his duties M.W.

May 18/83

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Ootacamund
May 18th, 1883.

My dear Colonel,

Referring to your demi-official letter, dated 7th instant, relating to Colonel Drever's state of health, I am desired to forward copy of a letter from Colonel Drever which has been received in reply to one which I wrote him, as well as copy of Dr. Branfoot's certificate accompanying, and to ask if you have any observations to make.

Yours sincerely
C. G. Master

Col: H.D. Clerk. I.G. of Police
with copy of Col: Drever's letter & copy of Dr. Branfoot's Certificate } Despd. 18/5/83

Confidential

Madras 20th May.

My dear Master –

In reply to your D.O. of 18th forwarding the enclosed papers for remarks – Col. Drever says "he cannot conceive what has been reported as to his neglect of work in the Town, that he does not see how he can furnish evidence that would be deemed satisfactory and that he keeps no record of visits &c"

It seems to me a pity that Col. Drever does not keep a record of visits, but I should have thought that he might approximately, at all events, be able to say how many times in the last 9 months, he has visited his Police Stations in the Town, and other places

tion. A statement from

Dr. Dobie

or supervised the action of his Police out of doors by day or night.

Mr. Barton told me a few weeks ago that he had asked Col. Drever to attend a Harbour Committee and that he had not appeared, there is not a week passes that I do not know of some complaint against the City Police, coupled with the remark "What can one expect when Drever never shows his face"

I admit that Col. Drever performs his office or indoor work, and that from long experience he is capable of giving orders regarding processions &c but if he is so fit as Dr. Branfoot certifies, why does he not perform the out door work of his appointment — his statement that he keeps no records of visits

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speaks for itself — Col. Drever says, "that one of his duties is to 'look up' localities where he deems personal enquiry requisite" there have been lately several bad cases of House-breaking and Theft in his Division, (at Mr. Thindersleys, Mr. Ainslie's, Mr. Beardmores &c) has he personally enquired on the spot into any one of them?

I am glad too, for Col. Drevers sake, that he is in such a sound state of health, and capable of performing all his duties in an efficient manner, if such is the case, why does he not perform them? perhaps Dr. Branfoot does not know what the duties of the Commr. of Police are —

Would you ask Dr. Dobie in what

:now. A statement from
Dr. Dobie of the occurren

state Col. Drever was in when he visited the Lunatic Asylum some few weeks ago.

Col. Drever's "shaky" condition, Dr Branfoot's certificate notwithstanding, is the talk of Madras and I deemed it my duty to bring it to notice.

Yours sincerely

H. D. Cloete

Confidential.

Ootacamund
May 23rd, 1883.

My dear Colonel,

Your demi-official letter of the 20th inst. remarking on Colonel Drever's explanatory note has been considered by H.E. the Governor in Council who deems it necessary in view of the serious allegations which it contains, that you should prepare and submit an official statement of the facts to which you allude together with the complaints which have reached you against Col. Drever's administration. A statement from Dr. Dobie of the occurrence to which you allude at the end of your letter should be included.

Yours sincy.

Sd/ C. G. Master

Col. Cloete.
Inspr. Genl. of Police } Despd 23/5/83

Ootacamund. May 23 83

My dear Drever,

Adverting to that portion of your demi-official letter of the 13th inst. in which you say that you keep no record of visits & out-door work generally. I am to say that Govt. think you should keep a diary as is done generally up country.

Yrs sincy.

Sd/ C. G. Master

Colonel W. S. Drever. C.S.I. } Despd
Commr of Police } 23/5/83

Cl. Drever

in Public No. 1136 of 9 June 1883

Gov. Lunatic asylum
Aug: 25th. 1883.

My Dear Colonel,

Colonel Drever came in his turn to the asylum as an official Visitor some time ago.

He expressed his distaste at visiting such a melancholy place; and wondered how I could hold such an appointment: this distaste is felt by most of the official Visitors.

This is all I can think of.

Yours sincerely
Stanley A. Dobie.

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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE;
Madras, 31st May 1883.

From
Colonel H. D. Cloete,
Inspector General of Police,

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund.

SIR,

Enclosures. 3.

Consequent on the instructions conveyed to me in your D.O. of the 23d instant, I sent certain questions to Colonel Drever to answer, I enclose his reply with the said questions attached. I consider his replies eminently unsatisfactory - they show conclusively that he has not visited his Police stations or the scene of any crime.

Several crimes have occurred that have not been petty, and I am unable to concur in Colonel Drever's opinion that the presence of the Commissioner would damp the zeal of the Divisional Police, on the contrary it would have exactly the opposite effect.

Colonel McLeod Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Factory complained to me that he had written to Colonel Drever to complain of several thefts having occurred in the Factory, and received no reply or any satisfaction beyond a visit from an Inspector. tr

Mr. Barlow

Mr. Barlow complained to me that he had written to ask Colonel Drever to attend the Harbor Committee, that he not replied nor did he attend. R

Mr. Justice Kindersley complained to me that Housebreaking and theft had occurred on his premises and that he considered the Police in his neighbourhood negligent and ill supervised.

A serious case of Housebreaking and theft occurred in Mr. Beardmore's house in Nungumbaukum, the Commissioner made no enquiry himself into it.

Mr. Meer Unsuroodeen Presidency

Magistrate complained to me that he had been twice to call on Colonel Drever and been refused admittance.

Colonel Lys Superintendent of Police Chingleput informed me that he had been to see Colonel Drever on business and been refused admittance.

Other gentlemen both European and Native have told me that on going to see Colonel Drever, they have been shewn a box or Card with "Colonel Drever not in Office" written on it, the Commissioner of Police has been provided with a residence over his Office, purposely

that

that he might be accessible to the public at all times.

Colonel Drever it will be observed is unable to reply to my questions 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. Would an Officer Commanding a Regiment or a Division forget when he had inspected his Regiment or a Division, if he had ever done so? - Sitting in Office for two hours a day "pulling the wires" is not the sole duty of a Commissioner of Police, an Officer holding that appointment who shuts himself up, is never seen in public and neglects the out door supervision of his force, is not doing his duty, if Colonel Drevers in-door work takes him (as he states) only two hours a day it is all the more reason for his devoting portion of his spare time to the out-door supervision of his force.

If as Colonel Drever states "he is the Chief Executive Officer of Government in the Town, and been wisely left alone by the Inspector General hitherto, I am perhaps out of order in bringing his faulty administration to notice, but I have always been under the impression that the Inspector General

was

was responsible for the administration of the force, the Town includ

A few weeks ago two Sub Inspectors were pensioned Colonel Drever wished to promote two old Head Constables, I declined to sanction it as being contrary to the intentions of Government when creating the grade, he then submitted the names of two other individuals and wrote "that he "hoped there would be no more "Sub Inspectors appointed in his time "as the worry he had had was "perfectly disgusting". what is Colonel Drever paid for, if not to

what indeed?

take some trouble in finding the best men he can for his force.

The Madras City Police instead of being a pattern to all others, are as regards physique, setting up, and general appearance the worst Town Police in the Presidency, the apathy and neglect of some of them forms frequently the subject of remark in the daily papers and I see it myself. I see avenue trees being denuded of leaves, jutkas racing along roads and over bridges, pigs feeding by the side of roads, grass cutters rooting up grass by the side of roads, — people washing their dirty cloths at

A very grave statement from the Head of a Department

at fountains and Constables standing close by taking no notice. I see two or three Mounted Police sitting on their horses at corners of streets chatting, instead of moving about, the Commissioner does not see these things for he gives himself no opportunity of doing so.

I enclose a note from Dr. Dobie regarding the occurrence at the Lunatic Asylum, as desired in your D. O. of 23d., his statement does not quite correspond with the information given to me, which was that Colonel Drever showed extreme nervousness and attributed it to the effect the sight of lunatics had on him, some time having elapsed Dr. Dobie may possibly have forgotten all that took place.

This does not seem important

The whole question appears to me to resolve itself into this. Whether or not Colonel Drever shall be allowed to vegetate in his appointment until he gets his Colonels allowances, thereby permitting the Town Police to sink from bad to worse for want of supervision. I am decidedly of opinion that Colonel Drever

We take a considerable responsibility on us if we do nothing to [illegible] further after this [illegible]

owing to his nervous condition, his seclusion and inaccessibility is not doing his duty as it ought to be done, and in his replies to my questions he virtually admits it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.,
H. D. Clerk
Inspector General of Police.

Judl. (1883) DEPARTMENT.

From Colonel H. D. Cloete
Inspector General
of Police,

No.

Dated 31st May 1883
Received 1st June

No.

Cir. 2088

SUBJECT.

Regarding Colonel Drevers administration as Commissioner of Police for the City of Madras since his return from furlough.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Confidential

From Col. Drever

Madras Police Commissioner's
Office 29th May 1883.

To

The Inspector General
of Police
Madras

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your Confidential Memorandum of 28th May (a copy of which is appended for ready reference) I have the honor to inform you that the Commissioner having heretofore been deemed an officer of position and the Chief Executive of Government in the Presidency Town, has not been called on to furnish such details as you now ask for. He has been as I conceive, wisely left alone by the Inspector General, his work being of a very mixed character.

Personally I have not kept notes which would enable me to furnish you with all the information you call for, retrospectively for the last 9 months. But I append replies to such questions as I am in a position to answer.

No 1. The Monegar Choultry is not a Police institution. The Commissioner is merely a Director of the Managing Board.

No 2. The Lungur Khana is a Mahomedan Poor House. I have occasionally visited it since my return. We have no Police there.

No 3. If the "Government Work-house" is here referred to, I have the honor to state that the Police having nothing to do with it. I am President of its board of management and visit it when requisite.

No 4, 5, 6. I am unable to reply to. Vide Para 1.

There has been no crime in the Town of sufficient gravity in the places named, to

to call for my presence, nor do I consider it the function of the Commissioner personally to go into petty cases, thereby damping the zeal of the Divisional Police.

No 7. No official or other information as to the anticipated arrival or departure of H. E. the Governor in or from Madras has been received in this Office since my return. The Central Station Madras Railway is however in the Northern Division and in the Deputy Commissioners Range. It is further a recognised rule that the Deputy Commissioner and his men make the usual arrangements on such occasions the Commissioner taking those at the South Indian Railway Station in his own Division.

Nos 8 and 9. Vide replies to Nos 4, 5 and 6.

No 10. I have attended every

Sessions

There have been [illegible] here [illegible]

It is in charge of Deputy [illegible] & must [illegible]

a most important place – where [illegible]

Sessions of the High Court since my return. There have been three. In the ordinary course of business, the Dy. Commissioner, takes the cases of his Division, the Assistant those of the Southern Range, thus enabling the Commissioner to carry on the current duties of his Office from day to day during the Sessions of the High Court.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
W. S. Drever
Commissioner of Police

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Official Memorandum

Government having directed the Inspector General to submit an official statement on Colonel Drever's administration, since his return from furlough, Colonel Drever is requested to answer the following questions.

1. Since return from furlough how often has he visited the Monegar Choultry.
2. — Do. — Langar Khana.
3 — Do — Workhouse.
4 — Do — Penitentiary Guard
5 — Do — any beats either by day or night or supervised the action of his Police out of doors
6 — Do — the scene of any crime that has taken place on the Premises of any resident in Nungumbaukum, Teynampet, Egmore or Adyar.

7 — How often has he been present on the arrival or departure of H. E. the Governor.

8 — How often has he attended the drill of his Police, horse and foot.

9 — How often has he visited the Police Stations in the City, which and when.

10 — How often has he attended the Sessions of High Court.

(Signed) H. D. Clarke
I. G. of Police
28th. May 1883.

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Enclosure

In a letter from the Insp. Genl of Police dated Madras 31st May 1883_

Confidential

Madras Police Commr.
Office 31 May 1883.

To

The Inspector General
of Police
Madras.

Sir,

It has occurred to me that in replying on the 29 Instant to the queries contained in your Confidential Memorandum of the 28 Idem, I may not have been sufficiently explicit. My letter was written hurriedly and a reperusal of it shows me that it does not convey fully the information required. I have therefore the honor to request that if you have not forwarded it to Government you will have the kindness to return it to me, in view to my submitting a fuller report. In the event

of

Col. Drevers Replies have been forwarded
HC

Col. Drever's admission that so important a letter was written hurriedly is an admission that all his work is done hurriedly, when done at all!

of its lading been transmitted, I shall feel obliged by your intimating to Government that a further communication from me may be expected.

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

W C Rever

Commissioner of Police

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Madras Police Commrs
Office 1 June 1883.

From.

The Commissioner of Police,
Madras.

To

The Inspector General,
of Police,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 31st of May and to its predecessor of the 29th I have the honor to append the supplemental information proffered in mine of the 31st.

2. With regard to your query No 1 as to the "Monegar Choultry", it is a charitable institution managed by an influential Board of Directors which numbers amongst its members the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, the Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael, the Hon'ble C. G. Master, the District Engineer

and

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Forwarded to
the Chief Secty.
with reference
to my letter of
yesterday.

H. D. Clarke
I.G. Police

1st June

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tinuation of the papers
in Col. Drever's case

Chief Secretariat
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Government of Madras

and the Commissioner of Police besides many native gentlemen of influence and position. As a Director I have taken part in the business of the institution which is conducted by the circulation of papers but as it is admirably served by the Executive Committee of which the Hon'ble A. MacKenzie is President, I have not thought it necessary to make any official inspection of the Premises though my Police duties not unfrequently take me to the neighbourhood. As the object of your enquiry is to enable you to report to Government on the manner in which the administration of the Police in the Presidency Town is conducted,

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I do not quite understand why I am questioned in regard to my connection with the management of the Mangar Choultry.

3. In reply to your Para 2 I have the honor to state that the Lungar Khana is a small Mahomedan Poor House in Triplicane frequently visited by me ex officio as Commissioner of Police.

4 With reference to your No 3 I visit the Government Workhouse frequently but as it forms a part of my routine duties I never enter my name in the visitors book there any more than I do at the Police Stations visited by me in the course of my inspection.

5 With regard to your query 4 the Penitentiary guard is under the charge of the Head Quarters Inspector who personally inspects

it

The guard should be visited by the Commr occasionally. Head Qr Inspectors in Districts don't visit Jail guards
W.C.

every Monday morning – a daily return of its condition is furnished to me –

6 In answer to Para 5 I beg to state that my supervision of the action of the Police is almost daily – I am out in different parts of the Town frequently, giving instructions and seeing that every thing is being properly conducted, but I keep no written record of this –

It is very odd that Col Irvin did not state this at first and that no one sees him – the records of his stations must show when he visits them
HC

7 Your Para 6 has been replied to fully in my letter of 29 May –

8 Para 7 – In regard to my non attendance to see H. E. off by Railway – I exceedingly regret that the omission should have occurred, I need scarcely

say

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say that it was wholly unintentional. Intimation was given in the Official Gazette which I had overlooked –

9 With reference to Para 8 and 9 – It is perfectly impossible for me to say how often I have attended the drill parades of the Police during the past nine months suffice it to say that this is constantly under my supervision. Owing to the amount of night work there are great hindrances to drilling a Town force as much as is desirable, but notwithstanding this drawback I think that the Presidency Police would bear comparison with any District force and it is by the general efficiency and appearance of the men that I should be

judged

This is begging the question
HC

Not to be compared with District Town Police in setting up or appearance
HC

judged and not by the number of parades I have personally attended.

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

WCDowell

Commissioner of Police

Forwarded to the
Chief Secretary
with reference to
Col. Drever's [illegible]
[illegible] communication
H. S. Clarke
I.G.
5.6.83

CHIEF SECRETARY
6 JUN 83
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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the Draft G.O. ordered
in Council

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

No. 2088

From Colonel Cloete
d/31 May 1883
To

FOR ORDERS. Colonel Cloete^x^ was asked to prepare an official statement of the facts which had come to his knowledge shewing that Colonel Drever was neglecting his work - out-door work more especially - & to send up the complaints which had reached him against Col Drever's administration.

The letter now received is his reply.

He sends with it a set of questions

x d.o. 23 May 1883

I think Drever's replies very unsatisfactory - He seems to do little or nothing -

Somebody who has been down his report, since he sent it up, appears to have suggested his getting at back again for revision - but he c^d. hardly make us think by any revision that he is doing his duty, as he ought - I think we ought to say that we feel this, & shall expect better results hereafter. [illegible]

I think we should immediately appoint

which he put to Col Drever and the answers of the latter.

These answers Col Cloete considers 'eminently unsatisfactory' in that Col Drever cannot give particulars of beats visited, guards supervised, crimes detected, drill superintended, stations examined, shewing thereby that these duties have not been efficiently performed.

Colonel Cloete enumerates certain complaints which have been made to him indicating want of supervision of the Police and difficulty in obtaining access to the Police Commissioner.

He states his own

a Commission in the Nature of a Court of Enquiry to examine into the way in which Col Drever executes the ~~duty~~ duties of his office.

My impression formed upon Col Cloete's observations as compared with his is that Col Drever is very idle very incompetent & should be dismissed but we have not facts enough before us to take immediate action. Col Drever's last communication was so much better than this one as to suggest that some one must have dictated it to him.

Council.

Mb

June 4/83

I concur with the Governor – and would convene a Court of Enquiry to report upon Colonel Drever's fitness for his position &c.

TR,

4/6/83

impressions, from observation, of the lax method the Police have got into in Madras.

In his demi-official d/20th ult Col Cloete suggested that Dr Dobie sh.d be asked what state Col Drever was in when he visited the Lunatic Asylum a few weeks ago.

The account which Dr Dobie gives is as follows –

'He expressed his distaste at visiting such a melancholy place and wondered how I could hold such an appointment – this distaste is felt by most official visitors'.

This Col Cloete observes does not quite correspond with the account of the ~~conversa~~ transaction wh. had previously reached him which was to the effect that Col Drever shewed extreme nervousness.

Perhaps other complaints might dwindle

Soon if similarly are
quoted into.

ECM
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Colonel Lorrin

FOR ORDERS.

2 H. E. M. Governor
1 Hon. Mr. Carmichael

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FOR ORDERS.

2 H.E. the Governor
1 Hon'ble Carmichael

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Colonial [illegible]

Public G.O. No. 1136
dated 9th June 1883.

1. H.E. the Governor
2. The Hon'ble Mr Carmichael

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Colonel [illegible]

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FOR ORDERS.

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- H. E. the Governor
- Hon'ble Carmichael

C 2/6 28/6

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In Public Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter.

From Colonel H. D. Clolte, Inspector General of Police d/31 May 1883 No & enclosures.

Endorsements from Do Do d/1st and 5th June 83 forwarding Colonel Drever's letters d/31 May 83 & 4th June 1883.

Order 9 June/83 No 1136 Mis

H. E. the Governor in Council has given the most careful consideration to the papers read above as well as to the preceding demi Official Correspondence ~~which preceded them~~, and he has come to the conclusion that the ~~[illegible]~~ course is to appoint a Commission to enquire into the manner in which

proper

Colonel Drever C.S.I. has discharged his duties as Commissioner of Police since his return from leave and also to report upon the general condition of the Police Administration of Madras Town.

The Commission will be composed of the following gentlemen

Mr J. H. Garstin C.S.I. President

Mr J. F. Price C.S.
Lt Col. J. Macdonald Smith } Members

The meetings of the Commission shd be held at such convenient place as may be selected by the President and the Inspector General of Police will lay before the Commission such evidence as he may ~~be able to~~ desire to produce with reference to the matters into which the Commission is to inquire ~~in support of his allegations.~~

~~The~~ Copies of the papers read above as well as of the demi-official correspondence noted below will be furnished for the use of the Commission

E.F.W.

J. H. Garstin Esq C.S.I.
J. F. Price Esq C.S. with copies of D.O.s
Lt Col J. Macdonald Smith
Colonel Cloete I. G. of Police
Col. Drever C.S.I. Comr of Police

Despd 10/6/83

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Demi-official papers

From Col Cloete	22 April 1883
From Surgeon Genl Cornish with enclosure from Dr Branfoot d/26/4/83	28 " "
From Col Cloete	7 May 1883
To Colonel Drever	11 May 1883
From Col. Drever with Enclosures from Dr Branfoot & Mr Graham, d/	13 May 1883 14 May 1883
To Col Cloete	18 May 1883
From Col Cloete	20 " "
To Col. Cloete	23 May 1883

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1. H.E. the Governor

2. The Hon. Mr. Carmichael

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