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Madura Collr's Office
2nd January 1886

No. 4.

From
C. S. Crole Esqre
Collector of Madura

To
The Honorable W. Wilson
Acting Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with the most intense pain the Order of Government, dated 1st January 1886, No. 4, Public, transferring me from charge of the Madura District for gross insubordination to the Board of Revenue.

2. As His Excellency is aware, I have for some considerable time past begged to be allowed to resign charge of the Madura District, and, if the reason for my transfer had been placed on public grounds, I should have cheerfully submitted without demur

to

to the pleasure of Government in this as in all other matters. But it is quite different when the step is taken on a conviction for gross and intentional insubordination of which I am able to say with the clearest of consciences I am entirely innocent in intention.

3. I have the honor to assure Government that, when I wrote my letter to the Board repudiating the construction imputed to my words, I deemed it absolutely impossible that the Government would endorse the opinion of the Board of Revenue in the light of the explanation offered. Now that I find that they are to my misfortune deemed capable of that meaning, I feel that it is due to the Government as well as to myself to declare publicly on my honour as a gentleman that nothing was further from my thoughts than insubordination or more foreign to my object than to make any insinuation whatsoever.

④ I have nothing more to urge than that, since it is now clear that I unwittingly used an expression which is capable of being entirely misconstrued, it only remains for me to withdraw in the most unreserved manner the words objected to, and to express my sincere regret that I should have written words liable to be so misunderstood.

5 I most respectfully beg that Government be pleased to reconsider their order.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

Collector

2/1

Hon Mr Master

The Rt. Honble the Governor

Public Dept.

From
The Collector of
Madura

For Orders
W
2/1/86

No. A.

Dated 2nd January 1886

Subject

Requesting Govt. to reconsider their order transferring him from the District, for reasons stated within

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Madura Collector's Office
3rd January 1885

No. A.

From
C. S. Crole Esquire
Collector of Madura

To
The Honorable W. Wilson
Ag. Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with the most intense pain the order of Government, dated 1st January 1886, No. 1, Public, transferring me from charge of the Madura District for gross insubordination to the Board of Revenue.

2. As His Excellency is aware, I have for some considerable time past begged to be allowed to resign charge of the Madura District on the score of health, and, if the reason for my transfer had been placed on public grounds, I should have cheerfully submitted without demur to the pleasure of Government in this as in all other matters. But it is quite different

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when the step is taken on a conviction for gross and intentional insubordination of which I am able to say with the clearest of consciences I am entirely innocent in intention.

3. I trust to the forbearance of Government, while I make the following submission, not captiously or out of a spirit of insubordination, but purely in self defence. I would first ask that my letter under reference be read over. It will be seen that its general tone is subdued and orderly. To tell truth, when I wrote it I considered that I was merely bringing to notice an oversight in regard to the facts which had very naturally arisen owing to part of the Press Contract correspondence having been with the Chief Secretary and part only with the Board of Revenue. My care was solely to bring the facts to notice in time so as to prevent the Government adopting the Board's view of my conduct in regard to the Contract. As a fact and quite independently of my letter — the Government did not adopt it.

4. Secondly, I beg permission to reproduce from my letter, written in the spirit above described, the words on which gross insubordination is charged. They are as follows:—

"The Board will probably be pleased, "after this resumé, to delete the reflections "on me which appear above the signature of "Mr acting Sub. Secretary Laffan."

5. The Board's contention is that I had by these words meant to intimate that the officer who signed ~~letter~~ the Proceedings also wrote them and "communicated them without the knowledge of its members." It appears to me, with the utmost deference, that such a construction puts a strain on the words which they will not bear. On the contrary, if insinuation or innuendo were to be suspected at all, I must say, after careful reperusal of the passage, that I should much rather have expected the converse rendering, namely, that the Sub. Secretary who signed the paper was not the author of it. This, as I understand, would have been a truism and in accord with the facts.

facts. It so happens, however, that neither one nor other was present to my mind, and I must submit, with every respect, that, as the user of the words, I have surely a claim to ask that my interpretation of them be accepted. For I am the only person who can possibly know what I meant, and, even in a case of doubt or obscurity, the meaning as stated by the author must necessarily be adopted in preference to any other unless his construction is, on the face of it, contrary to common sense, which it can hardly be said to be in the present instance.

6. What was meant was simply an indication of the part of the Board's Proceedings which I requested might be deleted as it contained a reflection cast on me owing principally to the incompleteness of the record in the possession of the Board of Revenue, and I described the paragraph by its locality instead of by its number. That is the simple fact, and it

would

would have been reported to the Board, had they called upon me for an explanation before reporting me to Government for punishment.

7. In order to save all chance of mistake, I may say that I know absolutely nothing of Mr. Laffan, and he will doubtless bear me out in this point.

8. I have the honor to assure Government that, when I wrote my letter to the Board repudiating the construction imputed to my words, I deemed it absolutely impossible that the Government would endorse the opinion of the Board of Revenue in the light of the explanation offered. Now that I find that they are to my misfortune deemed capable of that meaning, I feel that it is due to the Government as well as to myself to declare publicly on my honour as a gentleman that nothing was further from my thoughts than insubordination or more foreign to my object than to make any

insinuation

I/16-1-86 To be substituted for letter of same No. and date circulated yesterday
(See accompanying D.O. from Mr. Cole dated 3-1-86)
W
3/1/86

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Public Depᵗ

CURRENT NO. 4

DISPOSED OF BY GOVT. ORD
No. 40 Mis
DATE 9. 1. 86

From
The Collector of
Madura

No. 4.

Dated 3rd January 1886

For Orders

W
3/1/86

The order of Govt. removing Mr. Cole must, I think, hold good. I was not aware that he had expressed a wish to be relieved of the charge of the District for other reasons but the cause which led to the order he wishes recalled remains as valid as ever whatever interpretation he may wish put on his words
G.C.C
3/1/86

used so strange a locution without a reason

I know nothing about his wish to be relieved of the Madura district. I understand that he wanted a rise in the Service, or a place in the Secretariat M.G.D

This explanation leaves the matter where we found it. We are asked to believe him by Mr. Cole. ~~[illegible]~~. I repeat that I do not believe him. An old official would never ~~[illegible]~~

Subject

Requesting Government to reconsider their order transferring him from the Madura District, ~~for reasons stated within~~

G.O. 9 Jany 86 No 40 Mis.

The Govt. see no reason for reconsidering their order nor for altering the opinion expressed therein regarding Mr. Cole's letter to the Board
W
4-1-86

[illegible] 640 to [illegible]

1 Chief Office of Inspector G
Madras 6 Jany 1885

7/1
6-1-85

Dear Wilson -

I enclose reply from Arbuthnott as to Sullivans going to Negapatam -

Yours Sincly
T. Cuttrie -

For Orders

Looking at all these papers there seems to be 'suppressio totius veri' in Mr Crole's note to me of 29-12-85

Orders are requested as to whether any further notice of the matter is to be taken W
7-1-86

I think Mr Arbuthnott's account of what
ccurred may be taken as the more probable.
r Mr Crole has left the District it seems
necessary to take further present action.
Hon Mr Sullivan see however

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8/1/8

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Wilson

Sullivan has
just brought me
the enclosed poin
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had asked to spen
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why. Yours sincerely
/12 G Masters

26th

My dearest Father

Yours of the 24th came to day I think you are rather rough on me - When I left Ramnad it was with the intention of going to Madras to stay with you - but on my arrival Arbuthnott said "I am very sorry but you cannot go to Madras as Crole has left distinct orders that you are not to go there" - so I had to change all my plans and at first thought of going to Trichy for the festivities there but after reflecting that I knew no one there I wired to Pat Farrer and asked him to put me up at Negapatam & at the same time I promised to ride Horne's pony at the Trichy races on the 31st - Horne's last words to me were "don't throw me over as I can get no one of your weight to ride" - Of course had I been going to Madras I should not have promised to ride or play in the cricket match at Trichy. but as I knew there was nothing going on at ~~Trichy~~ Negapatam I thought it would be something to do - I am doing my regular work here which is sent to me from Madras - ~~[illegible]~~ - If you would like me to come up on the 1st & would get me a few days casual leave I will come up with pleasure - I have had no leave for a year - but I can't throw Home over on the 31st - I wish you would ask Arbuthnott if he did'nt give me Cole's orders not to

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go to Madras because
he most certainly
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to me that when
one gets orders it
is best to obey
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on the 1st directly
after the races, but

I can't throw up
Horne as if I do
he will lose Rs 50
as his pony is
likely to win -
love to all

Yr affec m
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Thanks Effie for the
book -

29th Decr 1885

Dear Cole

The Govt. have been informed that before leaving Madura you ~~gave~~ left ~~in~~ with the District Supt. of Police 'District orders' that young Sullivan the Asst. Supt. was not to be permitted to go to Madras during the holidays — I am to ask whether you gave any such order and if you did why you did

29/12/85

Royal Hotel
29 Dec 1885

Dear Wilson

seen GWW 29.12.85

I had told the Supt. of Police that I had no objection to young Sullivan going to Madras for the Holidays. On the day I left

Madura I withdrew my consent on account of a heavy dacoity case at Rajasingamangaham.

Yours sincerely

C.S. Crole

Chief Office of Inspector General of Police.

Madras 29 Dec 1885

Dear Wilson -

I can come over to you at once, or tomorrow morng. 7 or 7.30 as it suits you or if it please you to come here I'll be glad to see you.

I have just landed the Turners & his intention is to Calct see you tomorrow morning to report himself & also to thank you &c.

Yours sincerely

T. Guthrie.

Dear Wilson

I send the enclosed in continuation of previous correspondence on this subject

Yours sincerely

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1/11/86

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Monthly Loc

To Station madras Nungumbaukum

From Station Kodikan post

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.
39	31	21	30

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION.

To (Person) The honorable H E Sullivan

From (Person) L. G. Ar

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My dear Crole -

I received yr. note last night - Four or five days ago I received a telegram fr. Mr. H. E. Sullivan calling on me to state whether I had been directed by you not to allow his son to proceed to Madras for the Xmas holidays and what reason was assigned to this I replied that I had been so directed and the reason given was that young Sullivan would be talking of matters of which he had no knowledge. as I was under the impression that this was the ground on which you objected to his going to Madras -

Yrs sincerely -

AJ Arbuthnott -

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

N/
3/1/86

3rd Jany/86

Dear Wilson -

I have not heard
from Arbuthnott Esqr-
since having him up-

Garstin's dacoity
may have caused
delay - Yours truly

P. Hutchins

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

5-1-86

Royal Hotel
5 Jan 1886

Dear Wilson.

In order to prevent all possibility of any mistake, I send for your perusal the two enclosed.

Please return Arbuthnot's letter -

Yours sincerely
C.S. Crole

To
W. Wilson Esq
Chief Secy

Royal Ho

5 Jan 18

My dear Arbuthnott.

Yours of 2d.

The thing is not of much consequence, but you have mixed up two conversations. When you called on me at the Travellers some days before the Holidays I consented to young Sullivan going to Madras

- objected to his being allowed to remain at Madura for the very reason mentioned in your letter under reply, I would then be forced to take up a contentious matter, which I did not desire to do.

But at the Railway Station, on the evening of the 19th ulto., my consent to his going to Madras was withdrawn on public grounds. My last word to you were, as nearly as may be: "Now mind, the reason is the Rajasingamangalam Dacoity": You replied, "All right, your order must be carried out", or words to that effect.

I then intended writing

you officially without having my consent, but the matter was overlooked in the hurry of finishing up on the last day, and I was only reminded of it at the last moment at the Railway Station that it had been forgotten. Yours sincerely

True copy

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abused his official authori
by prohibiting my son
visiting his family during
the Xmas holidays and
that when brought to book
he has made statements
the reverse of the truth
Mr. Arbuthnott has therefore
been perfectly clear & consis
:tent in his statement
that Mr. Crole's prohibition
was based on the ground

I noted on the 8th inst that further action
deemed unnecessary Mr Crole having left the
District. The facts of the case may, however, have
to be alluded to again, & a careful precis of the
correspondence shd therefore be prepared

CWL
25/1/86

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the cause wd not have been
allowed.

H.S.

9/1

Will Hon. Member kindly note whether he thinks Mr. Cole's conduct in the matter should be noticed
W
9-1-86

Show to Mr. Master again & let
decide – If the Asst Superintendent's
services were required in the Distr
on account of a dacoity as
alleged by the District Magistrate
Mr. Cole – how came it he was
allowed to go to Trichinopoly &
Negapatam?

H.S.

Don't send me the papers again

Mr. Cole to take care
of the papers
H.S.

The Hon M [illegible]
22.12.16

H.M. 22/1
M/25/1

Royal Hotel
3 Jan 1886

Dear Wilson.

I have thought it better to throw my appeal to Govt. into a more detailed form, so will you kindly file the accompanying letter and allow me to cancel that sent yesterday.

Yours sincerely
C.S. Crole

Public Deptt

Note

Mr. Sullivan (

Supt. of Police, Mad

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*Telegram d/31.12.85

Letter d/ 2d Jany/86

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the Hon Mr Sullivan

Letter* d/ 5 Jany/86

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Order, 28th Jany/86 No 201 Mis.

Recorded for future reference.

(Sd) W. W.

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To Jay
GR 26.2.86

* 11 May 84

~~Pro~~ Letter to Govt
23 May 1884
No 4419

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official influence.

G.O. 5 June 1884
No 2331

G.O. 25 March
1885 No 368
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Mr Crole ha
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in passing granted
some portion of the
relief asked for
did not particularly
remark on these
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Note

* dated 26 December 1885

In a private letter* from Mr. Sullivan (Asstt Supdt. of P. Madura) to the Hon: Mr. Sulli

wrote privately to him (I say

that officer explained that he had received distinct orders from Mr. Crole, through the Superintendent of Police (Mr. Arbuthnot) that he was not to go to Madras where he intended to spend the Xmas holidays with his family. On being questioned about the matter by the Chief Secretary, Mr. Crole replied* that he had told the Supdt. of Police that he had no objection to Mr. Sullivan going to Madras

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* Letter of 29 December 1885.

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Order 28 January 1886. No. 20

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ORDER—dated 28th January 1886, Mis. No. 201.

Recorded for future reference.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. WILSON,
Acting Chief Secretary.