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From

C. S. Crook Esq
M.C.

No.

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Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Complaining of action
taken by prosecution in
Garstin Darcy case behind
his back, and requesting
permission to insert a
contradiction in "Wendro
Hunt".

To

The Chief Secretary

From

C. S. Locke

M. C. S.

One Enclosure.

One returned

Complaining of actions
taken by prosecution in
Garstin Dacoity Case
behind his back and
requesting permission
to insert enclosed con-
tradiction in "Madras
Mail".

Clearly the matter is
"sub judice" & Mr. Locke can
appear as a witness if he thinks
fit.

(For Order)

30/7/86

H. S. K.

Mr. Locke

is unable to

write to Mr. Locke

regarding the matter

is not sub judice

and if Mr. Locke

wishes to submit it

he is not to do so

For Order

It appears from

that the paper place

for Mr. Locke's statements

is not the columns of

the Madras Mail but

the letters box of the

Madras Mail.

By

15/3/86

I agree. It would never
do to permit officials to
commence an crimino-
vious correspondence
in the papers. The Govern-
ment have had nothing
to do with the line addre-
ed by the prosecution in
the Dacoity case. It is not
to be proposed to tender him
as a witness. C. S. K.

taken exception to he must do so
by sending him up as a witness in the case.
which it is quite open to him to do

W. L. W. L.

16-9-86

C. S. Cole, Esq. M. C. J. D. P. S.
17/9/86

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That no time should be allowed to
elapse before I take action for the
vindication of my character against
the unjustifiable and intolerable
attack which I assert and am pre-
pared to prove has been made upon
me.

I have the honor Sir,
to be,

Your most Obedient Servant

W. L. W. L.

Madras Civil Service

To the

The Chief Secretary

From

C. S. Loke

M. L. S.

The Enclosure.

The return

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fit.

(For Order)

30/11/80

H. E. L.

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19/3/86

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The Editor, Madras Mail

Sir.

Referring to the report of the Garstin Dawity Case, which appeared in last evening's issue, allow me through the medium of your columns to give the most categorical denial to Mr. Garstin's reported reason for the "bad feeling" which he is made to admit that he entertained towards me, and the distance of which on my part on the date mentioned I utterly deny.

The statements made by the Eurasian servant of the Land Company & which Mr. Garstin belongs, as to alleged in-

evidence of my tour in Bodinay Kanad
and on the Palani Hills, as well as the
evidence of other witnesses as to my so-called
"intimacy" with the Zamindar (if, by that
term, is implied anything beyond my duty,
as laid down by the rules for the guid-
ance of Collectors) which has appeared in the
pages of a contemporary, are likewise totally
false.

As to the Zamindar "pleasing" me, and
gratifying his own revenge by "murderous-
ly assaulting" Mr. Saxton on account
of "official disputes", I can most positively
assert that I never heard Mr. Saxton's
name mentioned by the Zamindar
except in his (Mr. G.'s) capacity as a
planter at Devakulam.

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It is quite true that this last refers
to a matter regarding which circum-
stances have required me, for some
time past, to assume an attitude
which can hardly have been palatable
to Mr. Secretan and others,
and which has recently ^{been} the subject
of a communication to the Secretary
of State.

As to the merits of the case a-
gainst the accused, I know ab-
solutely nothing, as I was absent
from the Madras District when the
alleged offence occurred.

Yours truly

C. S. R.

Madras Civil Service

Madras Club
Royal Hotel

14 March 1886

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I confess to the most extreme mortification
now at receiving from the public prints
the first intelligence of the intention to
set up enmity on my part towards Mr.
Garrett as having, in some way, had
an influence on the commission of the
High Office.

In this connection, I have the honor
to inform Government that the Persian
Vakil (Mr. French) who has supplanted the
usual ~~regular~~ Public Prosecutor in the conduct
of this case, was ^{officially} reported by me to the High
Court less than a two month ago, for
grave misconduct. I would submit that
I have serious cause of complaint that my
character should be placed at the mercy
of a man of Mr. French's standing and
reputation. Surely if the retaining of the
ordinary Public Prosecutor was ~~not~~ deemed

inexpedient for any reason, the case was im-
portant enough to justify the employment
of the Government Pleader or Crown Prose-
cutor from Madras.

It is, in the nature of things, impossible
for me to permit the reports of the cases in
the Newspapers to remain unnoted. I
have accordingly the honour to notify to
Government that I am ready, even now,
to place any knowledge which I may possess
at the entire disposal of Government.

At the same time, I beg that per-
mission may be accorded me, in view
of the peculiar circumstances, to send the
enclosed contradiction for publication in
the "Madras Mail".

I respectfully request a very early
reply to this communication, as, I submit,
that it must, in justice, be conceded

Read - again the following paper:-

CH. G.O., 17 Mar 1886, No. 557, Public

Royal Hotel

Madras

Read - the following letter from

15 March 1886

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras -

Sir -

With reference to the Newspaper reports
of the Preliminary Magisterial Enquiry
into the Garstin Dacoity Case, I have
the honour to draw the attention of Govern-
ment to the fact that my name has
been dragged into the case by the author-
ities responsible for the prosecution without
any communication with or warning to
me.

Almost the last time I heard of the
matter was in conversation with the late
Inspector General of Police. He gave me to un-
derstand that the Officer must have been