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Public (1899) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1297

Dated 18.11.99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Deputing Mr J. H. Robertson I.C.S. for a period of six months or until further orders, as addl. Sessions Judge, Tinnevelly, for the trial of ~~cas~~ riots cases committed to the Sessions, and stating that he will draw, while thus employed, the pay & allowances of an acting Collector.

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For D. O. 9.

Can	you	find	accomodation
for	fourth	Judge	You
might	turn	out	a
Tehsildar	or	Subjudge	or
some	official	Reply	

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Code Class.	
To (Office) Telephonic	From (Office) Message
Words	Day 13 · Hour 16 · Minute 37 · Official Instructions
To (Person) Chief Secy	From (Person) Private Secy

H. E is out now but I will take his orders later, meantime better warn Robertson that he may have to go to Tinnevelly & tell him to stay there & await further orders.

Despd 13/11/99.

R.S. 13.XI

To Telegram

To J. H. Robertson Esq. as Collr Trichy

712a On relief by Whitley await further orders as you may have to go back as addl. Sessions Judge in Tinnevelly.

64 Word Form.

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[J./52]
1,000—20-4-98.

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Judicial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 4790

V.E.

Telegram

From

the Dt: Magistrate
Tinnevelly

Order

No. —

Dated
Received } 13-11-99
Registered
Enclosures
Spare copies.

6-15 Pm

SUBJECT.

Stating that accommodation can be found for Fourth-Judge's court but house accommodation is not available & Enquiring whether one Judge could not work in Madura.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number. 104

Code Class. X.S.

To (Office) MO (fort st george)

From (Office) Tinnevelly Ry Stn

Words. 48 | Day. 13 | Hour. 17 | Minute. hrs | Official Instructions. Urgt

To (Person) Madras

From (Person) District Magistrate

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 13 NOV. 1899

Accommodation can be found for fourth judges court but house accommodation not available oldfield has room for the extra judge hardly for two could not one judge work in madura ~~while~~ several madura cases are waiting trial

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Sent to LN. Hrs. Mts. by

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MADRAS FORT 13-11-99

F.C.1.

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No. 28 (6).

CONFIDENTIAL

and then take the High Court into confidence (D.O.) and ask if they have any suggestions to make as to the further expediting of the trials. I w^d not ask them their opinion about ~~[illegible]~~ the officers to be appointed. That duty rests on H.E. in C. Suppose moreover the High Court ~~any~~ recommended that Mr. Dumergue should be sent back again!

AA
12.11.99.

prefer?

Mr. Bedford should be asked to arrange for the necessary accommodation.

I have no objection to consulting the High Court generally as to the best means of meeting the difficulty. But I think it would be imprudent to ask them to recommend individual officers for employment.

A.G.H.
12.11.99

Yes. I see it would not do.
H.W.
13-11-99.

Mr. Tate is dilatory, it is true, but he is safe and painstaking. His dilatoriness would be a more serious defect in a Collector, than it is in a Dist. & Sessions Judgeship. I think he should be tried on the Judicial side, and I think Tinnevelly is as good a place as any other, to try him in.

For additional Judges, Mr. Cumming from Godavari and Mr. Robertson from Trichinopoly, will very soon be available. Which of the two would Hon. Members prefer?

Very well.
AA

Mr. Robertson is I think the fitter man, but either will do well subject to the temper of the High Court. H.W. 13-11-99.

I don't know either of the two well enough to express a prefere
Perhaps the first available might go.

AA 12.11.99
Evening.

I very much fear that Mr. Tate would prove quite unfit for the duty required. He has frequently been in trouble for inordinate dilatoriness. Could he not go back to his own district Cuddapah, & his locum tenens (Mr. Harding) go to Tinnevelly — the Sub Collr. taking charge till Mr. Tate arrives.

I think a fourth judge should be sent if Mr. Bedford can in any way find accommodation for him. He ought to be able to do this. If he cannot the only thing left wd. be to change the venue of the trial. The Collr. might turn out the Tahr. or Sub Mgte if either of the latter has a court of ~~[illegible]~~ good dimensions.

Mr. Bedford shd be asked at once what arrangements he can make — W.S. — 13-11-99 —

I think it would be well to settle this first & decide whether a fourth judge can be accommodated at Tinnevelly ~~there~~, or perhaps at Tuticorin.

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Mr. Hewetson does not see his way to disposing of more than one or two cases a month — Mr. Tate is not due till 22nd, & though he is careful & painstaking, promptitude & despatch are not his forte —

Many of the prisoners before they come to trial will have been under remand for excessive periods, & glowing pictures will be drawn of the sufferings to which innocent persons (for many will be acquitted) have been exposed by an inhuman Govt — From long delay the evidence will be rotten — We have further the High Court to deal with, to whom an appeal lies in every case — It wd. be most unfortunate if the High Court is not satisfied that Govt has done all it could to secure fair & speedy trials —
I think it would be politic to take the High Court into our confidence — I would lay the situation before them and ask their advice as to what measures shd be taken to expedite the trials, & what officer or officers they would depute if they think further judges wanted — If this is done there will at least be a good prospect of convictions not being hastily upset — I think it clear that a 3rd Judge should be sent at once, but goodness knows how accommodation is to be found for a fourth! Though even with a fourth the trials will drag on for many months —

W.S. —
11-11-99 —
8 a.m. —

[G./10 R

1,000—28-6-98.

G 12-11

R 13-11

Judicial (189) Department.

D.O.

~~CURRENT No.~~

Confidential No. 387

For the CS H.E. the Govr / H. M. & Sir

Submitted for orders.

Mr. Tate is due from leave on the 22nd instant

E. Sec.
11-11-99

11/XI/99

~~Order~~

11/11

From J. P. Bedford Esq ICS

Ag DM Tinnevelly

No.

I submit that it is necessary that a 3rd Judge be sent at once. Probably a 4th will be wanted.

11/11

Dated 9-11-99

Received 11-11-99

Registered 11-11-99

Enclosures

Spare copies -

SUBJECT.

Judicial arrangements in Tinnevelly

The situation as reported by Mr. Bedford is very discomforting, and strong measures are required if a great scandal is to be averted –

Six months have elapsed and nearly 900 accused are still awaiting trial – The Sivakasi & Chinniapuram cases will occupy Mr. Oldfield till the end of Jany

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Con c No 387

Office of the District Magistrate
and Collector of Tinnevelly,
Tinnevelly Ry. P. O.

Dated 9/xi/99

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
11 NOV. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Mr Stokes

As regards the riot cases, Oldfield has so far disposed of 6 (including about 100 persons) and is one month through the Sivakasi case. There remaining 82 cases either committed or to be committed including about 900 persons, not counting those not yet arrested and not counting the Sivakasi case. The Sivakasi and Chinnayapuram cases alone will take Oldfield up to the end of January, so that up to that time we have to count on other Judges to work off the remaining 81 cases including about 850 accused. As regards Hewetson, he has told me himself that he doesn't see his way to getting through more than 1 or 2 cases a month in addition to his ordinary work which is heavy. Taking Oldfield's rate of disposing of the ordinary cases, 5 or 6 a month is the utmost that can be done: and Oldfield is certainly a quick

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te for the C-S

The file is resubmitted
h the reply from the Ag
M. of Tinnevelly to the
gram sent to him today

AK
9 14/xi/99

Con c No 387

worker, Tate I understand a slow one. So that I fancy my original estimate of 9 months' work for all the Judges is more or less correct. We had all the work ready for Vaughan — records and witnesses, and a Pleader from Madras had actually got half way here before I could stop him. We are all doing our best here, but I think it well to bring the facts to your notice, as the delay is likely to lead to a good deal of trouble in the future; as the prosecution and the witnesses must inevitably be disheartened and the accused will probably claim bail (with some reason) if the disposal of their cases is protracted much longer. Moreover there is considerable risk of witnesses being gained over or being tempted to embroider their original stories (a great characteristic of Shanars). It would therefore seem advisable that whoever is to come here should come sharp and should be a quick worker. I trust these remarks may not be considered presumptuous, but, as I have been asked to stay here with especial reference to the trial of cases, I think it best to submit whatever occurs to me as important for the consideration and orders of Government.

I may add that I have consulted the D.I.G. of Police before writing and that his views as to disadvantages of delay coincide with my own

Yours sincerely

J.O. Miller

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Note for the C. S.

The file is resubmitted with the reply from the Ag D. M. of Tinnevelly to the telegram sent to him today

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13-11-99

14/xi/99

Advise at Council

Mr. [illegible] [illegible] that

if it can not be otherwise

arranged [illegible]; we [illegible] [illegible]

to take the other [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

C 14-11-99
R 16-11-99

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Note

A draft order and a draft minute of appointment of Mr J H Robertson as Additional Sessions Judge in Tinnevelly are submitted.

In the notes below, H.E. the Governor suggested Messrs J. A. Cumming and J H. Robertson. The Hon Mr Winterbotham preferred Mr Robertson and the Honble Mr Arundel ~~said~~ suggested that the officer first available might go. As Mr Robertson will be available in a day or two, his name has been put in the drafts.

14/11/99

14/11/99

A d.o. to Mr. Bedford saying that Govt. wishes him to take the new judge into his house is submitted below. If Mr. Robertson goes he will appr., it is believed, have with him a sister who

H.E. the Govr.
seen.

A.S.H
15.11.99

The proposed arrangement is of course open to objection. It sd. only be adopted, if unavoidable. I have suggested a slight modification in the D.O.

A.S.H
15.11.99

16-11-99

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has come, or is coming, to stay with him.

Note

14/11/99

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000—11-8-98.

C 17-11-99
R 17-11-99

H.E. the Exc. & circ.

I have suggested in the draft of the D.O. a further alteration. Perhaps Mr. Bedford rather than share his house, would make a more strenuous effort than I think he can have yet made, to find a house. There are a good many houses of sorts in Palamcottah.

A.G.H. 17.11.99.

17.11.99.

17-11-99

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NOTE FOR ~~THE~~ ORDERS

I regret that I have to submit this D.O. again for orders. Since the papers went in circulation I have learnt that Mrs Bedford is expected to arrive in Tinnevelly about the 20th of this month and so it becomes a question whether Mr Bedford ought to be asked to share his house with another married man. All the judges appointed to Tinnevelly are married and have their wives with them I believe.

17. 11. 99.

Issue the draft as amended.

18.11.99

11-8-98.

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Public (1899) Department.

V S

CURRENT No. 3219

Pub Ref

Papers for

16/11/99

E

Deferred

Despatched 16.11.99

Telegram

~~Order~~

To J. H. Robertson Esq ICS
Trichinopoly.

722 Your telegram today. Tates appointment does not cancel orders in telegram 712.

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16/11/99

Cnd 16.11

16/11/99.

Note

The file regarding arrangements in Tinnevelly was circulated very urgent to H.E. & Hons on the 14th instant. It has not come back

16/11/99

Telegram

From

Mr J. H. Robertson
Ag: Collector of Trichinopoly

No. –

Dated
Received 16-11-99
Registered

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SUBJECT.

Enquiring whether Mr Tate's appointment cancelled Telegraphic order No. 712

Telegram 6 pm 16/11/99

Return to S after despatch

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

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Monthly Number. 122

To (Office) Madras fort st george	From (Office) Trichinopoly

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) Madras	From (Person) J H Robertson ag collr

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 16 NOV. 1899

Does Tates appointment cancel your telegraphic order 712 (Reg A)

Regd

32 Word Form.

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MADRAS FORT 16-11-99

F. C. I.

Z — done 20/XI

Close c No 3219 with G.O. No 1297 Pub No. D 18-11-19 and leave these stitched with that G.O

20/11/95

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Despd 18/11/95

Public Dept

(Urgent)

Telegram

To J.H. Robertson Esq. &c
Trichinopoly.

No. 723 x Appointed Additional Sessions Judge Tinnevelly. Join sharp

18/11/95

Cwd 18/11/95

18/11/95

Submit with fair to C.S.

18/11/95

Public Dept

Order
Mis No. 1297 D/ 18-11-99

Mr. J.H. Robertson I.C.S will be deputed for a period of six months or until further orders as Additional Sessions Judge in Tinnevelly for the trial of cases committed to the Sessions in connection with the recent riots in that district.

2. Whilst thus employed, Mr Robertson will draw the pay and allowances of an acting Collector.

14.11.99

+ For orders

A.S.H.
15.11.99

15.11.99

For orders

Yes. A.S.H
15.11.99

16-11-99

J.H. Robertson Esq I.C.S
The D.M. Tinnevelly
.. Dt and Sessions Judge Tinnevelly
.. Accountant General
.. Judicial Dept

Despd 19.11.99.
5.10. pm

Order only.

Despd 20/11

18/11/99

(13) **Judicial**

D.O.

My dear Bedford.

With refce. to your wire telegram of yesterday the 13th regarding accommodation for another additional sessions judge, ~~I write to say that if this arrangement cannot be made Govt. would be glad if you could take his new judge one of the judges into your house.~~ Robertson (will probably be) is the new judge. He will be relieved at Trichinopoly immediately.

Dr.
14/11/99

14/11

Dr
16-11-99

A.E.H.
15.11.99

15.11

Incidentally Govt. think that to locate the new judge at Madura or out of the Tinnevelly District is not desirable as it wd. raise the jury question again. It is necessary ~~therefore~~ that the new judge shd. go to Tinnevelly. I am to say that in the opinion of Govt. there wd. be ~~nothing objectionable~~ very no serious objection, if no other arrangement is possible, for the judge to sharing ~~your~~ the Collr's house which is a very large one and in which it is hoped you cd. make room.

I suggest the substitution of "possibly" for "it is hoped". And, I would add:– "Should this ~~arrangement~~ suggestion to share "your house with the Judge be very inconvenient "or distasteful to you, you should make a "fresh effort to find another house. If a large house

J.P. Bedford Esq. I.C.S. } Despd
19.11.99
(5.10 P.M.)

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"house could be got, perhaps a small one
"might be obtained, of which ~~the [illegible]~~ tho'
"possibly at the cost of some little discomfort,
"might suffice.

R.E.H. 17.11.99

Many thanks. [illegible]
draft Reg.d to your
wire. Telegram of yesterday
suggesting recommendation for
the substantive Revenue
party: [illegible] that
if this arrangement could
be made [illegible]
that if you [illegible]
[illegible] one of the
parties [illegible]
Collector [illegible] to
the new party. he [illegible]
located at Trichinopoly
immediately.

[illegible] 18/11/99

N.A. 17.11.99

N.D. 17-11-99

For the C.S.

As Mr Shipley is permanent Collector of Trichinopoly he has not been Gazetted.

[illegible] 15-11-99

Public Dept

Desp.d (C) 15/11/99

Telegram
To R H. Shipley Esq. Ics
Trichy.

720 × Join Trichinopoly as Collector.

[illegible] C.M.L 15.11.99

15/11/99

E Lodge

[illegible] 12-1-00

Put with Mr. Robertson's appt to Tinnevelly
C.M.L

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number. 9123

Code Class. Dp

From (Office) Tuticorin S. I.

To (Office) Madras.

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) Madras.

From (Person) R. H. Shipley.

Have Honour report arrival Kindly wire orders. Trichinopoly.

~~Wire~~ To be sent in Ecclc. Govt wire.

64 Word Form.

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MADRAS 15-11-99

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20-1-19	Mo	285	19	GB	14-4-20	GB

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6. No. backing up of sewage in the sewers should be permitted. This should be the first consideration without reference to the need for sewage by the lessees of the sewage farms, as the farms are provided in the first instance for sewage disposal and not as a source of revenue.

7. During my inspection I found that the engine drivers at the old station at DeMellow's road left their work stopping their engines apparently when it suited them. The consequence was the backing up of the sewers in this section to the tops of the manholes was observed and I was informed this was a usual occurrence.

8. Not only should there be no backing up of sewage in sewers, but also the existing silt in sewers should be cleared now and the sewers kept clear of silt in the future if this is possible. It may, however, be remarked that, if this clearing out of silt is carried out efficiently, there is in my opinion considerable risk of the cement pipes being damaged. When the present scheme was introduced, there appears from the records to have been considerable discussion as to whether the new drainage works would result in a saving of cleansing establishment of Rs.61,000 or Rs.71,000. Owing to present conditions, it is more than likely that, instead of a saving in establishment, there will be a considerable increase. In considering the advisability of reconstruction, the saving in establishment by such reconstruction should not be lost sight of.