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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd November 1864.

No. 302. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department :—

Directing the Magistrates of Districts to issue stringent orders for at once discontinuing the practice of employing Revenue Peons, &c., in serving Criminal Processes in criminal cases which, except under very rare circumstances, should be served by the Police alone.

(Here enter 2nd November 1864, No. 1,590.)

No. 303. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1864, No. 2,154.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 1,590.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 2nd November 1864.

11. The service of all Summonses, within any reasonable limit which the useful administration of criminal justice can require, may be effected by the Police. It is obvious that the Revenue Peons of the State should not be so employed. If they have no duty to perform connected with Revenue administration their number should be reduced. Other persons, we may be assured cannot be so employed without making a living by it; and serious abuses must result.

Extract from the Diary of the Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly.

"September 28th. Mr. Armstrong says that he* has been issuing Summonses in petty cases,† and having them served by Revenue Peons and others; that he and his Sub-Magistrates have been doing this in order that they might not take the Police away from their legitimate duties."

* (And his Sub-Magistrates.)

† Assault, abuse, &c.

2. "I told him that I thought the service of all Summonses was the legitimate duty of the Police; that unless it was absolutely necessary that Summonses should be served immediately, and where there were no Policemen present, Summonses should not be given for service to others. He (Armstrong) considers that there are no Policemen available, because it takes away men from other duties."

3. "I should like instructions on this point. I don't care who serves them; but unless they come through the Police we cannot keep a correct and faithful Register of all Processes issued."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1864, No. 1590.

The Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Inspector General of Police, that grave objections attach to the practice of employing Revenue Peons, and other persons, in serving criminal Processes in criminal cases, which, except under very exceptional circumstances, should be served by the Police. His Excellency in Council directs that all Magistrates of Districts will issue stringent orders against the practice here referred to.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Grindlay
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
" Magistrate of
" Revenue Department.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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