

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 497

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Dated 23-3-1864

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

No. 268. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on the remark of the Advocate General re-
garding the bribe alleged to have been given to Mr. } (Here enter 14th March 1864, No. 359.)
Clarke by Theroovengada Chetty, Deputy Accountant in
the Stamp Office.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1864, No. 497.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to G. O. 24th February 1864,

No. 336.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 359,

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th March 1864.*

No. 152. Read the following Extract from a letter from the Honorable T. S. SMYTH, Advocate General, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd February 1864.

5. The next case, Pooliah Chetty's, was one of offering a bribe to a Government servant in the Stamp office, to furnish a false certificate. The evidence against him quite broke down, and showed the charge to have been trumped up by Theroovengada Charry, the Deputy Accountant in the Stamp office; possibly, because the prisoner refused to give so large a bribe as he wanted, but certainly with the further view of thereby clearing his own damaged character, in the estimation of Mr. Norfor, Superintendent of Government Stamps. Mr. Norfor, it seems, had suspected this man and others of purchasing promotion in the office, and had at last induced him to confess that he had done so. A hint of this transpired, it seems, at the Police, and Mr. Mayne, for the defence, worked upon this till he made Theroovengada Charry repeat the confession in open Court. He confessed he had paid Mr. Clarke, now in the Police but formerly in the Stamp Office, and brother of our excellent Police Magistrate Mr. T. G. Clarke, a sum of Rupees 250 for his promotion, in addition to about Rupees 300 paid to others on Mr. Clarke's account, being the balance then due to these men by Mr. Clarke, of the purchase money for his promotion. This of course will necessitate an inquiry into the charge thus extorted from the witness (for it was literally dragged out of him) against his late superior Mr. Clarke. Indeed the inquiry, if practicable, might well be extended further, for I believe there is little doubt that the system pervades almost every Government Office at Madras—the tariff, I understand, being 10 months' pay of the purchased appointment.

No. 153. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1864, No. 359.

3. Adverting to the remarks in paragraph 5, it is observed that reference has already been made to the Commissioner of Police, in the Revenue Department, regarding the bribe alleged to have been given to Mr. Clarke. Lieutenant Colonel Wilson will report the result of any inquiry he may have instituted in this matter.

(True Extracts.)

A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Commissioner of Police.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

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