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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th November 1865.

No. 113. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Passing orders on papers relating to a band of Heratees which lately visited the Districts of Madura and Tinnevelly. } (Here enter 2nd November 1865, No. 1,563.)

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1865, No. 2,726.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd November 1865.

Read the following papers:—

No. 17. From the Magistrate of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 25th October 1865, No. 508.

With reference to the Order of Government in the Judicial Department, No. 1490, dated the 20th October 1865, and Order, No. 1407, dated the 29th September, I have the honor to report that the Heratees alluded to arrived in this District on the 16th July. I was then absent on Jummahbundy tour. A charge was preferred before the Town Sub-Magistrate against them of theft, which was not proved, and they promised to move on, which they did, towards Tinnevelly, on their way, as they said, to Ceylon. They were provided with passes given them by the Magistrates of Salem and Trichinopoly. As they made no further trouble at Madura and moved off, no notice was taken of them, further than to warn them against troubling the villagers for supplies.

2. Afterwards, a party of them were escorted by the Tinnevelly Police to Madura, where they arrived on the 25th September, with a Warrant from a Deputy Magistrate in Tinnevelly. I was absent from Madura, having gone to settle a boundary dispute on the lower Palanys. The only Magistrate then in Madura was Seshageri Row, the Deputy Magistrate. He refused to countersign the Warrant, on the ground that there was no charge against the Heratees for any offence committed in any District, and directed the Police to watch them. They remained peaceably at Madura, and did not commit any theft or disburbance here. The Government Order of the 29th September, No. 1407, was received by me on the 9th October while on Circuit, and when I returned to Madura on the 14th, I gave a Warrant to the Superintendent of Police to remove them to Trichinopoly, in order to their being passed on to their own country.

3. Mr. Best, the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, was absent from Madura, and in his own Division. When the Heratees were escorted under Warrant to Madura, Mr. Crole, the Junior Assistant, was also absent, and has no original Jurisdiction. So Seshageri Row was the only Magistrate left to act in Madura.

4. I have the honor to bring to notice that I have before brought to notice the necessity there is that an European Magistrate having full powers should be stationed in Madura, to act in cases of emergency, and I beg the Government will allow Mr. Nelson to be stationed here.

5. Madura is a town of over 50,000 inhabitants; and daily, from the surrounding villages, probably 3 or 4000 people come into the town. All the traffic between the north and south of the Presidency passes through it, and there is a large traffic through it from and to the Sea Coast. It is always filled with a large number of persons passing on pilgrimage, and is constantly thronged and excited on account of religious festivals; and, in case of any disturbance, serious consequences might any day arise from the absence of an European Magistrate to act in a case of emergency. To my knowledge, on two occasions, I am sure, serious disturbance would have arisen, if I had not been present; but I cannot always be in the town, and therefore beg that the Government will allow me to keep one Assistant on full powers, or the Head Assistant, in Madura.

they may be watched through Madura to the frontier of Trichinopoly, where, if they desire they can stay until the expiration of the sentence against their wives.

The Court finds the said nine defendants guilty of the offence specified in the charge, viz., that the defendants committed theft in the house of complainant by taking money, jewels, &c., the property of complainant then in possession of complainant, and that they have thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 380 of the Penal Code; and the Court directs that the said nine defendants be sentenced each to six months' rigorous imprisonment in the Zillah Jail of Tinnevelly.

PALAMCOTTAH,
16*th September* 1865.

(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD,
Deputy Magistrate.

(True Copy).

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Magistrate.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1865, No. 1563.

Ordered to be communicated to the Inspector General of Police, with reference to his letter, dated 19th October 1865.

2. The Government consider it desirable that these people should be deported from either Negapatam or Tuticorin by the first Steamer bound to Bombay, according to whichever port may be nearest to the present position of the party. It would be an unnecessary hardship to separate the men from their wives, and compel them to leave the latter behind them in prison, and the Government therefore approve Mr. Robinson's proposal that the women should be deported with the men, the unexpired portion of their sentence being remitted from date of embarkation.

3. Mr. Robinson will, in communication with his District Superintendents, and with the Magistrates of the Districts, arrange for carrying out these orders, and will address the Bombay Police authorities, in view to arrangements being there made to pass these people on towards their own country.

4. The Bombay Government will be addressed direct on the same subject, with the request that they will issue the necessary orders to their officers.

5. The Magistrate of Madura will explain to his Deputy what his duty is in such cases, and warn him against such another display of incapacity.

6. The Government cannot sanction the retention of the Head Assistant Magistrate at the Collector's Head Quarters.

7. Steps will be taken to provide the Collector with a competent Assistant.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Police.
" Magistrate of Madura.
" Do. of Tinnevelly.
" Do. of Tanjore.
" Commissioner of Police, Madras.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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