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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1539	Press Mis.
Dated	5 - 6 - ~~17~~ 1868	

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No. 101. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Darapooram, 8th May 1868, No. 605/17 :—

1. I have the honor to submit an abstract of a report made by Colonel Crewe, Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Cuddapah, on the irregular conduct of Captain Wynch, his Senior Assistant, which necessitated his relieving him from duty on the 21st March, and of Captain Wynch's reply to the charges made against him. The original papers are attached for reference, should it be deemed necessary.

Approved of by Superintendent, *vide* letter, 2nd April 1868, No. 487-17.

2. Colonel Crewe complains chiefly of the insubordinate and disrespectful style of Captain Wynch's official correspondence, and of his having, without warrant, (not being in independent charge, but altogether under the Deputy Superintendent's orders,) issued Circulars to subordinates, opposed to the rules and custom of the Department. Captain Wynch appears also to have laid himself out to collect complaints from the subordinates against Colonel Crewe's management of the party, and by addressing the Collector direct, without sufficient grounds, to have endeavoured to subvert the authority of the Deputy Superintendent.

3. Colonel Crewe, among many other instances of irregularity, brings to notice that Captain Wynch caned one of his peons, and on being called on for reply to the man's complaint, wrote a highly improper letter to the Deputy Superintendent.

4. Captain Wynch in *his* letter of complaint, says he has been unfairly treated, inasmuch as Colonel Crewe refused him a day's leave for which he had applied, and accuses the Deputy Superintendent of shewing a want of courtesy to him on the occasion of his entering Colonel Crewe's room in office, when he was informed by Colonel Crewe that he was busy, and had ordered that Captain Wynch was not to be admitted.

5. In his replies to Colonel Crewe's charges, I cannot perceive that any are actually disproved. They contain statement of complaints, regarding which due enquiry shall be made. Captain Wynch seems to be still unconvinced that the tone and style of his letters are improper. To enable Government to judge, I have selected two, one referring to the peon's complaint of assault, and one on being relieved from duty. With reference to this point, I beg to draw attention to a list of letters appended, by which it will be perceived that Captain Wynch has frequently offended in this respect. Indeed, had it not been that he was such a hard-working Survey Officer, application would long ere this been made to Government for his removal from the department.

6. I may mention that Captain Wynch addressed me his letter of the 20th March last direct, that I returned it to him through the Deputy Superintendent, desiring him to write only through the usual channel, the Officer under whom he was serving. He has thought fit, notwithstanding my distinct orders, to send me all the enclosed direct and also two others.

7. I feel constrained, under the circumstances above detailed, to recommend that the services of Captain Wynch be re-placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief.

8. In explanation of the delay that has occurred in laying this matter before Government for orders, I have to state that absence from Madras on duty since the middle of March, and the necessity for obtaining from the Madras office the necessary papers relating to Captain Wynch's former irregular conduct, are the causes that have prevented me from submitting these papers earlier.

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1868, No. 1,559.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government have very carefully considered these papers, and are of opinion that Captain Wynch has manifested a spirit of insubordination which is inconsistent with the efficient discharge of public duty, while his conduct in offering personal violence to one of his native subordinates, and justifying his conduct in the tone he has done, is deserving of the strongest reprobation, more especially in the case of an officer whose duties place him in peculiar contact with the people of the country, and who ought to offer an example of moderation and forbearance to all around him.

2. The circumstances of the case have led to a recommendation by Colonel Priestley for Captain Wynch's removal from the Survey Department, but the Government are willing to allow weight to the fact of his having worked in it for some eight years, and to Colonel Priestley's testimony to his zeal and industry.

3. They cannot, however, allow his conduct to pass without serious notice, and they resolve accordingly to remove him to the grade of 2nd Assistant, and to direct his transfer to another district. He will, at the same time, be informed that any repetition of insubordinate or violent proceedings on his part will be followed by dismissal from the department.

4. The Government desire that Colonel Priestley will give his attention to the subject of the excessive delay that is said to occur in the payment of the Field Establishments.

5. The Government cannot suppose that the delay of so much as twenty days in paying the men their monthly wages after they become due can be unavoidable, and they desire that measures may be taken to accelerate the disbursement.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rev. DEPARTMENT.

No. 1591.

From Supt. Rev. Survey.

Dated 8 May 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

Col. Priestley forwards the compl.ts of Lieut. Crewe & Lieut. Wynch 1st Assist. & requests that the services of Capt. W. may be replaced at the disposal of the Com. in C.

Understand the recommendation based entirely on the facts of the immediate case. Even the evidence by offered that Capt. W. is disposed to take the very insubordinate course he formerly adopted. Capt. W. has been nearly 8 years in the Dept. only twice applying for sick leave. He is a most hardworking

Civilian from his appointment. It should I think, similarly suffice for the displacement of a military officer working in a civil position. I would therefore adopt Colonel Presley's recommendation.

14 May 1868. [illegible]

I think that Capt. Wynch ought to be summarily removed. If it is true that Capt. Wynch offered personal violence to a Govt. Peon I would remove and disgrace him for that act alone. I regret that he was not prosecuted for an assault and I leave it to the C in C. to take such action of the act as he may see fit to take if Capt.

6th May 68.

It is evident that Captain Wynch is a very eccentric person and that his notions of subordination are none which tend to the harmony [illegible] working of the [illegible] Survey Department but if [illegible] merits [illegible] Captain Wynch's [illegible] hard working officer I should be unwilling to sanction his removal from the Department in which he has been serving for the [illegible] 8 or 9 years

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since the complaint preferred
against Captain Lynch by
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but ignorant
with the circumstances
Captain Lynch
Letter has given
Lordship and many to the
Union.
I must censure Captain Lynch
and more him to another
Army party but I must

not more him
department with
him.

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I agree with the President of Captain Lynch
Mr Wolff ought dismissal
warrant nothing could justify
the Pleas should be dismissed for taking
complaint. It is impossible
satisfactorily of superior officers
decision of the Indictment
of his duties would
of an appointment carrying
in any future
by the British officers and Public at large
by some more culpable
summarily dismissed
of the Office which he
grounds. The other cases against him

I adhere to the opinion which I first expressed, for the reasons that to such cases justice should not be refused to the natives and persons who may come that can't be examples & therefore to refuse the practice. I do not remember to have seen any other case of the kind and the case of the Indians of the Fox.

June 18. WDM

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I have looked through these Letters again with care. I do not consider that the examples of insubordinate and provocative conduct alleged by Major Crewe against Captain Wynch would alone justify the removal of that Officer from the Department. Nor would a single act of violence towards a subordinate such as striking a charger, a Groom with a cane, necessarily render it necessary a Court Martial, if the act was committed with heat of blood it was regretted. The conduct of Capt. Wynch towards, however, any different complexion. He beat the Groom, he justified the act, he complained of the conduct of the man for bringing the Letter to the knowledge of Major Crewe, and he directed his Subaltern to fight him with another Servant. I fear that we can only consider that these Letters that Capt. Wynch can neither-

to him with becoming submission to his
superiors nor with becoming moderation and
temper to his inferiors. He appears to
have an eccentric character and an
ungovernable disposition. I adhere to my
opinion already expressed that the
Government would be justified in
dismissing his service from the post of
Commander in Chief. It is this opinion
I perceive that I have the concurrence
of my Colleague Mr Phillips.

Mr Archibald has expressed a
different opinion and I understand
that the Commander in Chief also
thinks that dismissal from the
Department would be too severe
a punishment.

Under these circumstances, tho'
I constitute with Mr Phillips

a majority of the Council, I am not disposed
to insist on what appears to me two of my
Colleagues to be an act of unnecessary
rigour, and tho' Mr Phillips will perhaps
agree with me in adopting, even against
our opinions, a course of greater leniency.
I am therefore satisfied to accede to the
suggestion made to me by Mr Huddleston
that the officer in question should be
removed from the District and placed
in an inferior grade with an admonition
concerning the misunderstate tone of his
correspondence and pointing out in
emphatic terms the reprehensible
Government attach to personal violence
offered to persons especially in the
person of an officer whose duties place
him in hourly contact with the
people of the country and who ought
to set an example of mildness and
forbearance to all around him.

Sir

Capt. Wynch should also be informed that the Govt. have had his removal under serious consideration on any repetition of insubordinate or violent proceedings on his part would be followed by immediate dismissal.

I attribute an unreasonable delay in laying the native subordinates in the field on survey duty. If it is true as alleged by Capt. Wynch that the men are often not paid till more than 20 days after pay is due I can scarcely think that this delay is unavoidable. The interference of Capt. Wynch in favor of this class of people is the best feature in his conduct. He may have done it in an irregular manner and his motives may possibly not have been unmixed, but we are not illiged to believe that he acted altogether from bad motives in this instance and I think that the attention of Lt. Priestly should be called to the expediency of accelerating the issue of pay as much as possible.

R.D.

No. 1539.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 5th June/68.
Read the following
letter from the Supdt. of
Rev. Survey.

Submitting copies of correspondence regarding the irregular conduct of Capt. Wynch, 1st Asst. Supdt., & recommending that that Officer's services be placed at the disposal of the Commr. in Chief.

} H.C. 8th May/68 No. 605/17.

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E. B.

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