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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1711 A — Press / ~~Mis.~~

365A–365B

Dated 15th June ~~10~~ 1869

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No. 365A. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Financial,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 13th May 1869, No. 45 :—

WITH reference to your Telegram of the 28th ultimo, intimating that Thomas N. Turnbull has absconded, having embezzled a sum of Rupees 36,000, the property of the Indian Government, and enquiring whether a Warrant can be obtained in England against him, I have to inform you that I despatched a Telegram to you on the 22nd April in the following words, *viz.* :—

" From the Secretary of State for India in Council;

" To the Governor in Council at Madras.

" Send the Warrant for the apprehension of Turnbull to the India Office immediately. It is intended to apply to the Home Secretary to send him to Madras for trial under Statutes 6 and 7 Vic. Cap. 34, and 16 and 17 Vic. Cap. 118. Desire your Law Officers to send all the evidence required by these Statutes."

2. You will no doubt long before the receipt of this Despatch have transmitted to this Office the Warrant for the apprehension of Turnbull, and such other documents, including copies of the depositions certified, as required by Section 4 of the Act of the 6th and 7th Vic. Cap. 34.

3. I forward herewith copies of letters from Mr. Lawford, the Solicitor to this Office, with enclosures. You will perceive from the letter of latest date, *viz.*, 24th April, the course which it is now intended to take. I considered that the interests of justice would not be fully attained, unless this man were tried publicly in the country where the offence was committed; and although some objection may possibly be taken on his behalf to criminal proceedings after civil process had issued, I think that it ought not to prevail under the existing circumstances, which leave no alternative for adoption between arresting him, as intimated in the Solicitor's letter of 24th April, or allowing him to remain at large, with every probability in that event of his escaping to America, which is understood to be his ultimate destination.

4. As some evidence will be required in this country that Turnbull is the person referred to in the Warrant and depositions, you will doubtless have taken care that the Officer bringing the Warrant and proving the copy-depositions, is able to give this evidence also.

5. I have to request that you will inform me under what circumstances Turnbull was allowed to have so large an amount of public money in his possession, as the embezzlement effected by him appears to indicate a great want of proper check in regard to the custody of public funds.

No. 365B. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1869, No. 1,711A.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the following Telegram be despatched to the Secretary of State for India :—

" Your Despatch of 13th May, No. 45. Owing to originally defective evidence, Warrant and Depositions cannot be despatched till the end of the month. From a

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th June 1869.

Telegram received by the Bank of Madras, it is apprehended that Turnbull was at large at Marseilles last week. Is there such ground to expect that he can be arrested again, as would justify the expensive proceedings necessary for his identification and conviction ?"

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

No 1711.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15 June 1869.

Read the following. Despatch from the Secretary of State for India

Forwarding papers as to the course to be adopted against Turnbull, with remarks — } H.L. 13th May 1869, No 45.

Ordered that the following Telegram be despatched to the Sec of State for India.

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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

Date 3 *June* 15*th*.

Read.

G. O. 15*th June* 1869, *No.* 1,711.

JUNE.

Nos. 3851-3865.

Transmits Applications—*Inquires from* Home Government forwarding papers as to the course to be adopted against him, with Telegraph message to Secretary of State.

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