

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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25th June 1869.*

No. 574. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp at Manantoddy, 9th June 1869, No. 1,447:—

WITH reference to the Government Order, No. 1,537, of the 1st of June, I have the honor to forward Captain Tennant's letter\* and copy of the letter that I addressed to Mr. Cherry upon its receipt.

\* Demi-official, dated 8th of April, 1869.

† No. 535, dated 13th of February, 1869.

2. By the enclosed letter† from my Assistant in charge of the Central Office, it will be observed that the Government Solicitor, in the first instance, advised that criminal proceedings should be instituted before Mr. Ricketts at Mysore, and Captain Tennant also advised me at Madras to the same effect, stating that the indictment must lie where the venue occurred. When I proceeded to Mysore, I was fully prepared to institute formal proceedings, as I am now doing here before the Sub-Collector; but as already reported, Mr. Ricketts stated that nothing could be done until Mr. Turnbull was apprehended, Mr. Underwood's Warrant being sufficient for the time being.

3. From the commencement I looked upon the Commissioner of Police as the chief mover in the case. His letter above alluded to is not very explicit; but it led me to suppose that Mr. Underwood had not the powers necessary to take up the case; that his Warrant was probably of no legal value; and that it was necessary to procure a formal indictment before a Justice of the Peace.

From the Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras, to the Acting Conservator of Forests, dated Madras, 8th April 1869.

I BELIEVE that a Telegram and a Despatch, detailing the circumstances of the case have been sent Home to the Secretary of State by the Government here. On the reply will depend what further proceedings can be taken. In the meantime, the case against Turnbull should be prepared, and all the evidence carefully collated. I received a Warrant from Cherry, issued by Underwood as Deputy Magistrate, directed to the Inspector of Police, Manantoddy Station, 6th Division. I doubted if a Deputy Magistrate's Warrant will be received in England, and as, in other respects, the Warrant was informal, I submitted it to the Government Solicitor for a legal opinion, that opinion I have sent to Ellis. It will not do to send an informal or illegal Warrant Home.

2. What are you doing regarding the preparation of the case? What is the indictment against Turnbull? And has information been laid on oath before a Justice of the Peace? Is the evidence being prepared in Wynaad?

3. I send you copies of letters I received from Galle. I am tracing back Turnbull's proceedings from Galle to India, and we shall know in a short time the route he took from Madras.

4. With reference to the two lists of Currency Notes said to have been paid by Bounjee and Chowdumah to Turnbull on Government account, we have discovered that Nos. 12,215, 14,374, 11,573, 15,118, 15,120, Rupees 1,000 each; 11,114, 14,223, 15,771, 15,705, 17,617, 17,394, 16,220, 17,561, Rupees 500 each; and 59,847, 47,428, 47,445, 68,335, 67,645, 66,068, 66,040, 79,165, 76,314, 78,515, 79,162, 70,976, 91,702, 70,449, 91,037, 83,354, 76,418, 63,234, 74,958, 55,560, 62,421, 90,188, Rupees 100 each.

All these Notes were paid into the Trichinopoly Branch of Madras Bank by Turnbull on the 22nd December 1868, to his private account.

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Notes paid into the Bangalore Branch by sundry parties to Turnbull's account.

31st August 1868, No. 45,124, Rupees 100, by Mr. Turnbull.

12th Sept. .. .. 24,440, .. 20, by Nelson, Cox & Co.

16th .. .. 91,702, .. 100, by Mr. Alford.

20th Nov. .. .. 78,735, .. 20, by Mooney, pah.

5. There is a balance now to the credit of Turnbull in the Bank of Madras. I would suggest your writing to Government, and asking if the amount could be annexed, or orders passed for the Bank not to honor any cheques or bills of Turnbull's.

6. I hear from a Mason who saw Turnbull at Galle that Turnbull remains in Egypt and goes to Jerusalem to let the trace be lost; if the wires are at work, I am making inquiries in Egypt, and shall know shortly. In the meantime, the evidence should be most carefully collated, as it may all have to go Home, and the proceedings if informal would lose the case.

From the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Assistant-Conservator of Forests, Wynad, dated Camp at Outacamand, 10th April 1869, No. 1,296.

I FORWARD a copy of a letter from Major Tennant, the Commissioner of Police, and enclosures, to be copied in your Office and returned. You should proceed without delay to Mysore, and state on oath before Mr. Ricketts, that Mr. Turnbull received Rupees 33,000 from merchants on behalf of Government, and that he absconded with the whole sum, crediting none of it to Government. Mr. Ricketts should issue a formal Warrant which should be sent to the Commissioner of Police at Madras, and there should be a regular indictment against Turnbull in the Mysore Court, and the evidence of the merchants should be taken, if necessary.

2. With regard to the deficiency of the working-charges money, the indictment must be in Manantoddy, and you should make a statement on oath before Mr. Underwood, that Mr. Turnbull has left his Range, having appropriated this sum, and Mr. Underwood should issue a formal Warrant on this charge; there should also be a charge that Mr. Turnbull drew the sum of 2,000 Rupees from money set aside for the Coorg road, and appropriated it feloniously to other purposes. You should visit your depôts personally whilst en-route to Mysore, and be able to make statements on oath with reference to the carting operations as carried on by Mr. van Ingen and Veerasawmy.

3. You might take this opportunity of asking Mr. van Ingen to meet you at Mysore, and accompany you to the depôts. Care must be taken that Veerasawmy Pillay is not allowed to interfere in any way at your depôts.

4. A criminal charge for breach of contract should be brought against Mr. van Ingen when you are conversant with all the facts, and this will probably have to be in Mysore.

From A. CUNDASAWMY MOODELLIAR, Assistant-Conservator of Forests, in charge of the Central Office, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated Madras, 13th February 1869, No. 535.

In forwarding the original letters from the Mysore Merchants and Mr. Underwood, which had been referred to the Government Solicitor for opinion at the request of Mr. Dalyell, I beg to inform you that Mr. Prichard advises the institution of a criminal proceedings before Mr. Ricketts, Deputy Superintendent of the Mysore District, against Mr. Turnbull and Sub-Overseer Veerasawmy Pillay for embezzlement of Government money; and to request that you will be good enough to write and instruct Mr. Cherry accordingly.

2. I enclose, at the same time, Mr. Prichard's letter to Mr. Dalyell for your information and guidance. Please keep it carefully as desired by the latter gentleman.

No. 575.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1869, No. 1,815.

Forests. No. 21.

THE Government are unable to perceive anything in the letter from the Commissioner of Police, dated 8th April

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1869, which justifies the Acting Conservator's statement that it was upon Major Tennant's advice that Mr. Cherry was directed to proceed to Mysore and obtain Mr. Ricketts's formal Warrant for the apprehension of Overseer Turnbull.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.  
.. the Acting Commissioner of Police.

Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
Madras Police

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My dear Beddome

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the case have been sent home to the Secy.  
of State by the post here - In the reply will  
depend what further proceedings can  
be taken - In the meantime the case  
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and sent to the Secy. of State from  
Cherry issued by Underwood as by  
receipts handed to the Inspector  
of the Station &c.  
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REVENUE.

THE ACTING CONSERVATOR

OF FORESTS

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G. O., 25th June 1869, No. 1,813.

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Nos. 574-575.

Prosecution against Turnbull, late of  
Forest Department - Forest Conservator's estate -  
that he directed Mr. Cherry to proceed to  
Mysore and obtain Mr. Richards's former Warrant  
for the apprehension of the Overseer on the advice  
of Acting Commissioner of Police, considered un-  
justifiable.

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from London.

With reference to the two lists of currency  
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& Chowden to Turnbull on five days  
he has disclosed that \$12215, 14374, 11573,  
15118, 15120 \$1000 each.  
11114, 14223, 15771, 15705, 17617, 17394, 16220  
17561 \$500 each.  
50847, 47428, 47445, 68335, 67645, 65068,  
66040, 79165, 76314, 78575, 79162, 70976,  
91702, 70449, 91037, 83354, 76418, 563234  
74958, 53560, 62421, 90188 = 22/100 each  
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22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1868 to his honor  
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by sundry parties to his honor of  
31<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1868. 45124 - 1000. M. K. M. M.  
12 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1868 27410 - 20 by M. K. M. M.  
16 Oct<sup>r</sup> - 91702 - 100 by M. K. M. M.  
20 Nov<sup>r</sup> - 78735 - 20 - M. K. M. M.

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cheques or bills of Lumbrell.

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Under date the 25 June 1869

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from the Offg Comr of Forests.  
N.B. 9 June 1869 N. 447.

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to perceive any thing in  
the letter from the Comr  
of Police dated 8 April  
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assertion that it was  
upon Major Tennant's  
advice that Mr. Thier  
was directed to proceed  
to Mysore and obtain  
Mr. Nicholls formal warrant  
for the apprehension of  
Warren Tumbull

W.O.

statement

MD.

137. A Comr of Forests. Dec: 28  
& A. Comr of Police

