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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1537		**Press**
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Dated 1st June		**19** 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1869.

No. 22. Read the following letter from the Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd May 1869, No. 30 :—

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, No. 1,401, dated 19th May 1869, I have the honor to observe.

2. On the 6th February last, the Assistant in charge of the Office of the Conservator of Forests, Madras, Cundasawmy Moodelliar, laid information before me against Overseer Turnbull and Sub-Overseer Veerasawmy Pillay for criminal breach of trust in regard to an Order for Rupees 2,000, discounted by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., Madras.

3. On this information I issued Warrants for the arrests of Turnbull and his Sub-Overseer, and recommended Cundasawmy Moodelliar to consult with the Government Solicitor, and have the Wynaad accounts scrutinized without delay. Veerasawmy Pillay was apprehended, and after enquiry, released by me. In endeavouring to execute the Warrant, then out against Turnbull on the above charge, certain facts came to light as regards his transactions with the Bank of Madras, the purchase of a large number of Sovereigns, his decamping to Point-de-Galle under a fictitious name, the purchase by him of Bills-of-Exchange on London, and eventually his departure to Suez, and embarking on board the *Pera* for Marseilles. These facts were, in my opinion, such important points of evidence, that although not immediately bearing on the case of the 2,000 Rupees, I thought it right to make them known to the Government Solicitor, and place Major Beddome in possession of the facts; but with reference to any defalcations which were alleged to have taken place out of my jurisdiction, I distinctly informed Cundasawmy Moodelliar and Major Beddome that I could not inquire into the matter, but, as Commissioner of Police, I deemed it my duty to tell Major Beddome that the evidence regarding the 2,000 Rupees was not satisfactory, and I advised him to endeavour to get proof of the larger frauds said to have been committed in Wynaad or elsewhere.

4. In the matter of tracing the Notes, I gave Major Beddome all the assistance in my power, and I respectfully submit that, without the evidence collected by me, the Government would probably even now be in ignorance of the Overseer's whereabouts. I am at a loss to understand to what Major Beddome alludes in paragraph 3 of his letter. I was not aware that Mr. Cherry had gone to Mysore, that any Warrant had been applied for from Mr. Ricketts, nor has any such Warrant been received by me.

5. On the 1st April I received a Warrant from the Deputy Magistrate of Wynaad, which, I was informed, required my endorsement. As the Warrant appeared to me informal, before sending it to Government for transmission to England, I submitted it for the opinion of the Government Solicitor, whose opinion was forwarded to Government together with the Warrant with my letter, No. 22, dated 7th April.

6. On the receipt of another Warrant from the Deputy Magistrate of Wynaad, which he stated he had forwarded to me by orders of the Secretary to Government, I endorsed it and sent it to Government with my letter, No. 25, dated 19th April 1869.

7. At the request of the Government Solicitor (who applied to me), I telegraphed to the Deputy Magistrate of Wynaad for a copy of the Warrant and copies of the depositions upon which the original Warrant was granted. I enclose copies of my telegrams, as perhaps some misunderstanding has arisen from the facts of these telegrams being sent. Major Beddome appears by his letter to confound the two charges, *viz.*, the transaction regarding the order for Rupees 2,000 with the defalcations alleged to have taken place in Wynaad and Mysore.

Telegram from Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras, to Deputy Magistrate, Wynaad, Cannanore or Wynaad, dated 28th April 1869.

TURNBULL'S case. Send true copy of Warrant without delay. Send copies of the depositions upon which the original Warrant was granted, certified under the hand of the person issuing such Warrant and attested upon oath.

Telegram from Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras, to Deputy Magistrate, Wynaad, dated 29th April 1869.

SEND copy of the amended Warrant for the apprehension of Turnbull which was forwarded with your demi-official of the 16th April from Cannanore.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) T. E. TENNANT, Captain,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

No. 22A.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1869, No. 1,537.

Forests, No. 1.

THE Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers Captain Tennant's explanation to be perfectly satisfactory. Major Beddome will now be requested to explain the statement made by him in paragraph 3 of his letter to Government, under date 14th May 1869, No. 1,372.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 30

Madras Police
Commissioner's Office
22nd May 1869

From
Captain J. C. Tennant
Ag: Commissioner of Police

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to Para 3 of the
Order of Government No. 1111 dated 19th
May 1869 I have the honor to forward
2 Original Petitions, one addressed to
the Superintendent of Police Nilgiris
and the other to the Government
for Criminal Revision of Sessions Case No
dated 11th May 1869 from the Court of
Sessions of Nilgiris Ootacamund and
Commitment of Veerata Reddy, Cumalee
Reddy, Cumalee Reddy, Cumalee Reddy and
Chinnay Reddy, Cumalee Reddy for murder
of Chinnay Reddy, Cumalee Reddy for murder
before me on 29th April 1869 at Ootacamund
and the Government Pleader
for Criminal Revision of Sessions Case No
dated 11th May 1869 from the Court of Sessions
Nilgiris Ootacamund and Commitment of
Veerata Reddy, Cumalee Reddy, Cumalee Reddy

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place

Fro: 27th April 1869 No 542 - 3
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= 19th May = = 453 - 454

Revenue 1869 No 691

From

The Ag: Commissr & Collr
Madura

To,

The Secretary to
Government
Revenue Dept

Dated 22nd
Recd 25th } May 1869

Submits his explanation required in G.O. dated 19th May 1869 No 1401 relative to Turnbull's defalcations -

Recd 28 May/69 19.31 May.

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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st June 1869.

Read the following letter from
the Actg Commr of Police
dated 22d May 1869 &c

The Hble the
Govr in Council con-
siders Captain Swan's
explanation to be
perfectly satisfactory
Major Balsham will
now be requested to
explain the statement
made by him in para
3 of his letter to Govt
under date 14th May 1869
No 1372

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4 To the Actg Commr of Police dated 3d June
13 — Comr of Forests