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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*15th December* 1876.

No. 341. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, F. S. St. George, dated Madras, 8th December 1876, No. 5,549 :—

WITH reference to G.O., No. 1,611, dated 9th November 1876, Revenue Department, I have the honor to forward a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Godavery, pointing out that it was not a "Police Peon or Constable" who originated the riot at Cocanada as stated by Mr. Hope, the Acting District Magistrate. The term "Police Peon" is an anachronism.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain C. A. PORTEOUS, Superintendent of Police, Godavery District, to Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, dated Rajahmundry, 2nd December 1876, No. 453.

WITH reference to paragraph 5 of the Acting Collector's report to the Board of Revenue, embodied in Proceedings of Government, dated 9th November, No. 1,611, I beg permission to make the following remarks for your information :—

The Acting Collector says: "It would appear that a Police Peon or Constable (it has yet to be ascertained who it was) went to a rice merchant in the Cocanada bazaar, and seized him to sell rice. He said he would sell it at 11 Seers a Rupee, and not more. Whereupon the Peon became violent, and called out to the coolies and other standing by to plunder the rice."

At no time was a Government servant suspected of being concerned in any way with this matter; the man who incited the people was known from the commencement. His name is Parasamudu. He was a Sub-Magistrate's Peon NOT a "Police Peon" or "Constable."

He was arrested, prosecuted, and sentenced to punishment as below :—

Two months' simple imprisonment.

2. I beg to point out also a mistake in Mr. Tate's letter embodied in the same Government Proceedings.

Mr. Tate says: "SOME of the Constables are reported to have taken grain themselves."

Such a report was made only against one Constable, and he was named Shaik Hossain.

For some reason or other the Inspector (Medford) of the division, at times hasty and indiscreet, suspected Constable No. 701, Shaik Hossain, and applied to the Assistant Magistrate for a search warrant to search his house for grain. The warrant was granted, search was made, and *no grain found*. This was the *only* case, and I think the charge made by the Inspector was wrong, for although I know the Constable to be a man of indifferent character, he was at the time a patient in hospital, and could not have been concerned as stated.

I think it my duty to clear up to you these implications against the Police.

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1876, No. 2,044.

Miscellaneous.

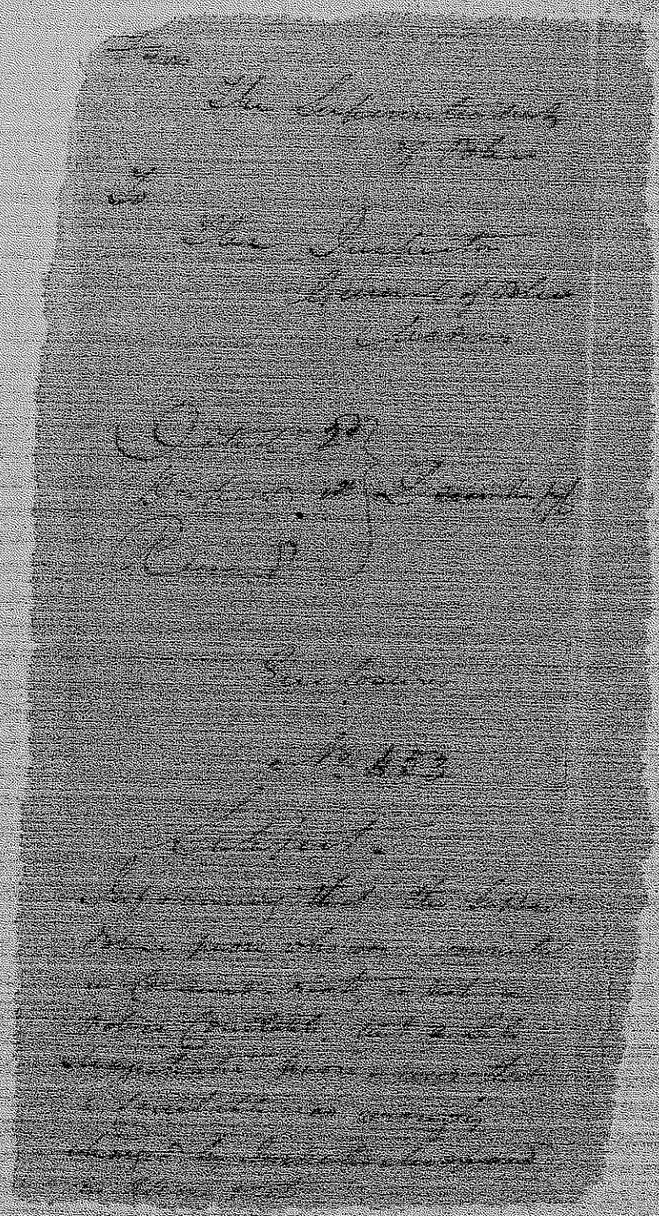
Communication to the Collector of Godavery through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Inspector-General of Police.

Asd. F. D. Gentleman.



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Enclosure

In a letter from the Inspector General of Police dated Madras 8th December 1876 No. 5549

From Rec: 5545/76

The Superintendent of Police Godavery

Dated 2nd December 1876 No. 453

Informs that the supposed Police peon who was connected in Cocanada riot is not a Police Constable but a sub-magistrates peon and that a constable was wrongly charged by Inspector Midford in Elore riot.

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Chief Office of the Inspector General of Police,

No. 5549 Madras, 8th December 1876.

From

The Inspector General of Police,

To

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Fort Saint George

Sir,

Enclosure One.

With reference to G.O. No. 1611 dated 9th November 1876 Revenue Department, I have the honor to forward a letter from the Superintendent of Police Godavery pointing out that it was not a "Police peon or Constable" who originated the riot at Cocanada as stated by Mr Hope the Acting District Magistrate. The term "Police peon" is an anachronism.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

[signature]

Inspector General of Police.

Revenue 1876 Dept. [illegible]

No. 5565

E.O. 9/11/76 No. 1611

From

The Inspector General

of Police,

To

The Secy to Govt:

Rev. Dept.

Govt. of Ceo

Dated 8th December 1876

Recd 9 No. 5559 Ent.

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Enclosed a letter from the Supt. of Police, Godavery stating that it was not the police peon or Constable originated the riot as Cocanada with reference to G.O. No. 1611 dated 9th November 1876

R. D. Wetherdon

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Communicated to the Collr. of Godavery through the [illegible]

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14 December 1876

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