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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

30th August 1878, No. 1,379.

Read the following papers:—

No. 341. From Colonel W. S. DREVER, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Coonoor, 17th June 1878, No. 2,658.

REFERRING to G.O. of 2nd May 1878, No. 647, Revenue Department, I have the honor to forward a report from the Superintendent of Police, South Arcot, on the subject of the destruction by fire of the Forest Ranger's house at Gingee, from which it will be observed that it is impossible as yet to determine whether the fire was accidental or otherwise.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major R. G. JENKINS, Superintendent of Police, South Arcot, to Colonel W. S. DREVER, Acting Inspector-General of Police, Madras, dated Cuddalore, 8th June 1878, No. 399 (through the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range).

With reference to the report called for in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 647, dated 2nd May 1878, relative to the inquiries made by the Police as to the destruction by fire of the Forest Ranger's house at Shanicoolum near Gingee on the night of 10th April, I have the honor to report the following particulars.

2. A beat Constable brought the information, that the fire had occurred, to the Gingee Station on the 11th. The Inspector was at the time attending the Joint Magistrate's Court at Trinomalay, but the Station Officer went off to the place and made inquiries. The village Magistrate subsequently sent a report of the fire to the Police.

3. The Ranger, Mr. Hendricks, was on leave in Madras at the time, but Mrs. Hendricks and children were in the house.

4. A female servant, named Karupoe, who was sleeping in the back verandah observed a light, and on awaking a man, also asleep in the verandah, it was discovered that the house, which was a thatched one, was on fire. Mrs. Hendricks and the children were awake and got out, and the servants appear to have done their best in trying to put out the fire, but the house was burnt, also the furniture stated to have been in it.

5. Mrs. Hendricks states that no light was kept in the cook-room, which is also in the verandah on the night in question, but no persons were seen near the house by the servants when the alarm of fire was first raised.

6. Mr. Hendricks returned on the 12th and suspected three men, viz., the Village Monegar Mooniya Gavundan, Joty Singh, and Vasoodava Row, the latter was formerly a Forest Watchman, but was dismissed.

7. These were arrested on Warrant issued by the Gingee Sub-Magistrate and inquiries made, but there was no evidence against them, and they were discharged.

8. The Police Inspector returned to Gingee on the 13th, and made every inquiry, but there is no evidence to show that the house was set on fire.

9. Ill-feeling appears to exist on the part of the Monegar Mooniya Gavundan towards the Forest Conservancy as the villagers claim the right of cutting thatching grass from the Valakanpary Tank, which is situated within the Forest Reserve at Shanicoolum, and the Forest buildings have been recently re-thatched with this grass, as the Forest Department also claim a right to cut and use it for the purpose, which I understand has been sanctioned by the Revenue Department.

10. The Ranger appears anxious for some reason to leave the place, and has been sending reports that the villagers have assembled to assault him, although, from the inquiries made by the Police, they could not find out that this had occurred.

11. From the evidence that has yet been obtained, it is impossible to say whether the house was set on fire or took fire accidentally, although there is some suspicion against the villagers.

No. 342. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to L. A. CAMPBELL, Esq., Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th July 1878, No. 624.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 138, of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to inform you that the house which was burnt was, I believe, styled the Ranger's house, but it was occupied by Mr. Hendricks, the Reserve Manager, who is in charge of the Gingee Reserves, and who is on the temporary establishment.

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1878, No. 1,379.

Forests, No. 18.

Under the circumstances now fully reported, the money lost in the fire will be written off, and the advance made to the Manager will not be recovered.

2. The Collector will inquire into the statement* that ill-feeling has arisen between the Forest Department and villagers in respect to the right to cut thatching grass in the Valakampary Tank, and will report thereon through

* Vide paragraph 9 of letter from Superintendent of Police, dated 8th June 1878, No. 309.

the Conservator, who will forward the letter to the Board and Government with his own remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.
„ the Accountant-General.

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communal right -
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vestigated. This I
w^d order. The report to be
transmitted thro'
the Bd. of Rev: Mr.

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reported that a house
the property of Govt.
and occupied by
the Manager
of the Singu Reserve
had been entirely
lost by fire.

orders were then
passed as to its
reconstruction but
the job awaited
the result of the
Police inquiry
as to the origin of the
fire before passing

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orders as to
\$14-4-0 for
money lost in
the fire & \$25 to
\$50 advanced
to the manager
whose family
had lost all
their property
valued at \$5
1000 & upward.
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this reported in
June that "as yet"
it was impossible
to determine whether
the fire was
accidental.
No further report
has come in yet

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in obedience to orders
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been advised to January
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 Proceedings of the Madras Government
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Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

R. L. Lumsden Major,
Superintendent of Police
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Wicks R. L. Jenkins

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From the Inspector of Police

From

The Superintendent of Police,

South Arcot.

To,

The Inspector of Police

Madras

Dated. 8th

April 8th June 1878

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No 309

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to the destruction by fire
of the Street Ranger's house
at Annamalai near the
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Ag. Insp. General of Police

No. 2658 Office of the Inspector General of Police,
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The Inspector General of Police,

To
The Secretary to Government
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From
The Insp. Genl. of Police,
South Arcot.
Date 28/8/78.

Office of Conservator of Forests
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From, ^{13/4}
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From No. 2650.

The Inspector General

of Police,
To
The Chief & Local

Revenue
Officer
Cotacambund.

Dated 17th June 1878.
No. 2658.

Subscribed report from
the District Police Officer
on the subject of the
disturbance by fire of the
Forest Reserve at
at Gingee with reference
to G.O. 2nd May 1878 No. 14700.

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To the Under Secretary

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Under 5th July 1898.

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