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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th December 1862.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 14. From H. A. MANGLES, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th November 1862, No. 274.

Resource Department.

I have the honor to subjoin for the information and orders of Government the following Extracts from the Huzur Cash Balance Reports of the Madras and Bellary Collectors on the 31st October 1862, dated the 4th instant, showing a deficiency of Rupees 350 in the one, and Rupees 210 in the other.

Extract from the Report of the Madras Collector.

“ The sum of Rupees 350 have been found deficient in monies entrusted to the Head Shroff for small daily disbursements. He has disappeared, but the money will be recovered from his security.”

(Signed) J. D. JORDAN,
Deputy Collector.

Extract from the Report of the Bellary Collector.

“ Amount of one Pie pieces missing in the Treasury, Rupees 210.”

I beg also to forward the copy of a letter received from Mr. Hathaway to the Board of Revenue on the subject of the abstraction of the missing amount from the Bellary Treasury.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary; to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Bellary, 1st November 1862, No. 164.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board of Revenue, the abstraction from the Huzur Treasury of 21 small bags each containing 10 Rupees worth of Copper Pice, or a total of Rupees 210.

2. These bags were kept in a separate room, expressly prepared for keeping the Copper coins, the key of which is kept by the Assistant Collector, and from which no coin is ever taken out, save in the presence of that Officer, the Treasury Servants, and the Police Peon on guard, after due scrutiny of the seal over the lock.

3. I am satisfied (and in this the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Robinson, who in company with myself inspected the place this morning,) that the bags in question could only have been abstracted with the connivance of the guard.

4. The enclosed sketch will show how easy it is for any one, with the aid of a hooked stick, to take out the bags through the wooden lattice work, which had been inserted at the top of one side wall with a view to afford light and ventilation. There is a space between the top of the wooden lattice work doors, and the ceiling which would enable any one to enter a side room, between which, and the one whence the coin was taken, the wall in question forms a partition. There are also visible on this partition wall the marks of a right foot, and 2 left feet, evidently made by one of the guilty parties.

5. The loss was detected on the 28th ultimo, and on being informed thereof I reported it to the Superintendent of Police, and inspected the place myself.

6. It is not easy to decide the date of the commission of the theft, as it has not been usual, when periodically examining the Treasury, to examine the bags of Copper coin, the correctness of the seal of the lock, the only key of which was always in the possession of a Covenanted Officer, being deemed a sufficient voucher, and all parties including the Superintendent of Police having previously failed to observe that access to this side room was feasible through the open space intervening between the ceiling and the lattice door alluded to in para. 4. I am inclined however to believe that it must have been very recent; as it is only within the last few days that there has been an active sale of Copper coin to the public, a fact which would arrest the attention of the guard, and would enable them to dispose of their plunder, without attracting much attention.

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7. I believe the Inspector General has directed that the whole guard be dismissed ; and I have given instructions, that the outer gates be in future always closed when the Cashkeeper leaves the Treasury, and that the sentries be posted outside, instead of inside, the Treasury, as has hitherto been the practice. A European Constable has also been placed over the Native guard.

8. In conclusion I regret to be obliged to solicit sanction for this sum of Rupees 210 being written off.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. HATHAWAY,
Collector.

No. 15.

No. 237.

MEMORANDUM.

Resource Department.

The accompanying letter No. 36, dated the 22nd instant, from the Collector of Madras is forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government for information and orders, in continuation of letter from this Office, No. 274, dated the 14th instant.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
25th November 1862.

(Signed) H. A. MANGLES,
Acting Accountant General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of the Madras District ; to H. A. MANGLES, Esq., Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 22nd November 1862, No. 36.

I have the honor to report to you that the amount stated in the cash balance sheet of the 31st October last to be deficient, has been recovered from the Head Shroffs' security and credited in the accounts.

No. 16. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of M. Police ; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th November 1862, No. 2,724.

General Department.

I have the honor to forward the report of the Superintendent of Police of Bellary on the abstraction of certain bags of Copper, amounting in all to Rupees 210 from the Treasury at Bellary.

2. I have examined the case on the spot. The theft was easily effected in the manner indicated ; and could not have been committed but by some of the guard and with their connivance.

3. The precise date when it was done could not be ascertained, as the Copper coin room is rarely opened and had not been examined for some time previous to the discovery. Nor, for the same reason, can the parties implicated be detected. Some men who had been recently recruited at Bangalore, discharged Sepoys, are suspected. They were on this guard and several took their discharge together, shortly before the discovery. I have little doubt that they are the thieves ; and they are being carefully watched at Bangalore whither they went.

4. In the meantime I have made arrangement by placing a European Head Constable and selected men in charge of this duty ; and earnestly trust that we are gradually eliminating the black sheep who inevitably got into the force in the early stages.

From Major A. C. McMASTER, Superintendent of M. Police, Bellary ; to Captain G. S. HEARN, Deputy Inspector General of M. Police, Madras, dated Bellary, 3rd November 1862, No. 562.

I have the honor of forwarding a letter*
from the Collector of the District.

* No. 326, dated 20th October 1862.

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Ill health prevented me from proceeding to the spot at once, but in my place I sent my Head Quarter Inspector Mr. Woodcock, who is referred to in the above letter, and made every inquiry in my power on the subject.

The money has evidently been taken in the way indicated by the Collector, and I regret to think by some of the men on guard. Could I obtain any information as to the time or about the time it was lost, I should recommend that all who were on guard then, should at least be dismissed, but as they have been constantly relieved during the last few months, it would hardly be just to do that now.

The lattice work mentioned by Mr. Foster is a stout palisade dividing the record room from the one in which the Treasurer sits.

A rough plan of the room accompanies this letter, and my opinion is that the robbery was committed by only two men, who contrived to be posted as sentries at the same time during the night.

In doing this, however, there must have been a number of misses to each successful haul and as there must have been in the aggregate 21, it is I confess more than I can understand how the disorder which this must have occasioned by tearing and disarranging bags, damaging seals, &c., was not discovered at once.

The thief must have got over the palisades A, A, and climbed to the ventilator B. Hence by means of a hook and string he could have easily fished up the bags from the ledge C, which runs along the wall. There are marks of naked feet on the wall, just below the ventilator B, about 7 feet from the ground.

From A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary ; to Major A. C. McMASTER, Superintendent of Police, Bellary, dated 29th October 1862, No. 326.

I have the honor to forward for such investigation as you may think fit to institute, an original* letter from my Assistant Collector, Mr. Foster. On receiving from him intimation of the loss of the bags of Copper coin, I repaired to the Treasury ; and I feel satisfied that the bags in question could only have been removed by the guard, or at least with their privity. Mr. Woodcock, who was present, formed, I believe, a similar opinion.

From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Assistant Collector, Bellary ; to A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 28th October 1862, No. 1,438.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that on going to the Treasury this forenoon, in company with Mr. Blake, the Deputy Collector, I discovered that 21 bags containing one pie pieces, of the value of Rupees 210, in the aggregate, were missing from the room in which the Copper coins are kept.

2. I satisfied myself, before the door was opened, that the seal on the lock was perfect ; and, as I invariably observed the same caution, and carefully counted the bags myself, whenever money had to be given out, I can confidently say that the missing bags could not have gone out of the room except by being abstracted through the interstices of the wooden lattice work which is on one side of the upper part of the said room, it being quite possible to get the bags out through the interstices by means of a hook attached to a stick. Three sides of this room, as you

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are aware, are enclosed; and that on which the lattice work is, forms the side of another room, the front part of which is entirely of lattice work, with two apertures at the top, sufficiently large to admit of a man entering the room by climbing the lattice work, the door of the second room is locked every evening when the Treasury is closed, and consequently, it is impossible that any person could, during the night, have access to that part of the room, in which the Copper coins are kept, where the lattice work is, without the connivance, or at least the negligence of the Police guard there.

3. It is difficult to say when the theft actually occurred, as it is not usual to count the Copper coins at the monthly examination of the Treasury, owing to the large quantity of these coins, but simply to examine the seal and the room, on those occasions.

4. It may not be amiss to mention here that the room in which the Copper coins are kept, was expressly prepared for that purpose, during the time Mr. Pelly was Collector here, and that those coins have been kept there ever since.

5. With reference to what has now occurred, I would request your taking into consideration the advisability of again having a European sentry at the Treasury.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1862, No. 851.

His Excellency the Governor in Council grants authority for writing off in the Accounts of the Collector of Bellary the sum of Rupees (210) two hundred and ten, found deficient in the Treasury of that District.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Revenue Department

No 274

*Fort Saint George
Accountants Office
14th November 1862.*

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*From
The Acting Accountant General
To The Chief Secretary
to Government*

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"The sum of Rupees 350 have been found
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(Signed) J. D. Jordan
Dy Collector*

*Extract from the Report of the Bellary Collector
"Amount of one pie pieces missing in the
"Treasury Rupees 210."*

*They also to forward the Copy of a letter
Received from Mr. Hathaway to the Board of
Revenue*

Revenue on the subject of the abstraction of the
missing amount from the Bellary Treasury

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant



R. M. Mungel
Agent Account General

Cd. In the Treasury

N. 164

Bellary Collection Office

1st November 1862

To

The Secretary to the Board
of Revenue
St. George.

I have the honor to report for the in-
formation of the Board of Revenue, the
abstraction from the Nagar Treasury of
21 small bags each containing 10 Rupees
worth of copper piece, or a total of Rupees 210

The loss was detected on the 28th ultimo;

and on being informed thereof I reported it
to the Superintendent of Police, and inspected
the place myself.

It is not easy to decide the date of the
commission of the theft, as it has not been
usual, when periodically examining the
Treasury, to examine the bags of Copper Coins,
the correctness of the Seal of the lock, the
only key of which was always in the possession
of a Covenanted Officer, being deemed a
sufficient voucher, and all parties including
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1862 Accounts
from
The Dy. Secy. to Govt.
to the Chief Secretary
to Government
Dated 27th Nov 1862
G.O. No 854
No 274. Secy.
No 914
Reports the deficiency
in the Cash Balances of
the Treasuries of the Madras
District and Bellary
Collectorate.

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I believe the Inspector General has directed that the whole guard be dismissed; and I have given instructions, that the outer gates be in future always closed when the Cashkeeper leaves the Treasury, and that the Sentries be posted outside, instead of inside the Treasury, as has hitherto been the practice. A European Constable has also been placed over the

the Native Guard.

I In conclusion I regret to be obliged
to solicit sanction for this sum of Rs 210,
being written off.

I have the honor to be
signed / A. Hathaway
Collector —

/ True copy /

A. Hathaway
Collector

Resource Department

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No 287

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Memorandum

The accompanying letter N: 36 dated the
22^d Instant from the Collector of Madras is
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for information and orders, in continuation
of letter from this Office N: 274 dated the
14th Instant.

Fort Saint George
Account Genl's Office
25th November 1862

R. M. M. M.
Ag Account General

To The Chief Secretary to
Government

A. L. Hathaway

Enclosure No 1
See a letter from the
Collector of Madras
to the Ag. Acct. Genl.
Fort St George, dated
3rd November 1862
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To
H. A. Mangle Esq.
Clerk of Auditor and
Accountant General
St. George.

I have the honor to tell
Sir
Yours most Obedt. Servant

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Collection

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From
the U^s Account to You,
John C. Calhoun
Secretary
to Government

Date 25th
Recd. of 1st November 1862

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No 943

Forwarded a letter from
the collector of attached in
confirmation of my letter
of 27/4 dated Mr. Swinburn

General Department..

No. 2724.

Chief Office of the Inspector
General of M. Police
Madras 18 Nov. 1862

From

W. Robinson Esquire
Inspector General of M. Police

To

A. J. Arbuthnot Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort S. George.

Sir

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as the Copper Coin Room is rarely opened

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1862 Department

From

The Collector of
Bellary

To

The Acting Secy to
General

Order 223
25 Nov 1862

28 Nov 1862
To Secy to Govt

31st Oct. 1862

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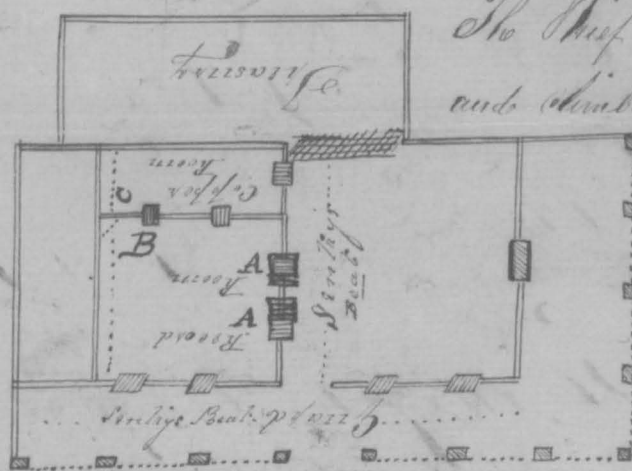
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at Battery.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

C. Shaw

D. W. Police

Attest Master Major

Superintendent of M. Police

15/11/62

N^o 326.

Bellamy, Magistrates Office,
29th October 1862.

From,

A. Hathaway Esquire,

To,

Magistrate of Bellamy.

Major A. McMaster,

Superintendent of Police,

Bellamy.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for such in-
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the loss of the bags of copper coin, I repaired to the
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a similar opinion. -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most Obedt. Servant.

Signed / A. Hathaway
Magistrate.

True Copy

~~W. M. McMaster~~ Major
Superintendent of Police

Office 1862 / 29th October

From,

Office of the Collector

To,

Bellamy.

The Deputy Collector,
B. B.

Dated 3rd October
1862

No. 572.

Forwarded & Copy of

a letter with its enclosure

received from the Magistrate of

Bellamy.

W. M. McMaster

Bellamy Collector's Office

28th October 1862.

From,

W. S. Foster Esquire,
Assistant Collector,

To,

Billary.

A. Hathaway Esquire,
Collector of Bellamy.

Sir,

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3. It is difficult to say when the theft actually occurred, as it is not usual to count the copper coins at the Monthly Examination of the Treasury, owing to the large quantity of these coins, but simply to examine the seal, and the room, on those occasions.

4. It may not be a miss to mention here that the room in which the Copper Coins are kept, was expressly prepared for that purpose, during the time Mr. Pelly was Collector here, and that those Coins have been kept there ever since.

5. With reference to what has now occurred, I would request your taking into consideration the advisability of again having a European sentry at the Treasury.

I have the honor to be
Signed W. L. Foster
Asst. Collector.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters.

From the Accountant General } Dated 14th & 25th November 1862
No 274 & 287

From the Inspector General of Police } 18 - - - - - 2724

Order - 4th December 1862 No 851

His Excellency the Governor in Council grants authority for writing off in the Accounts of the Collector of Bellary the sum of Rupees (210) Two hundred & ten found deficient in the Treasury of that District.

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[Signature]

To Dy. Secy. & Accts. General,
Civil Paymaster,
Collector of Bellary } dep. 5

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Referring to the circumstance of 210 Rs. having been found missing in the Treasury.

Dated 28th Dec 14/38

By the Collector of Bellary

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Final
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No. 857.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 4th Decr 1862