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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th July 1864.

No. 40. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras,—June 1864, No. 1297.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, copies of correspondence as per margin, on the subject of the insecure state of the boxes used for Cash remittances sent into the interior from the Bank of Madras.

1. From Superintendent of Police, Madras District, No. 212 of 13th June 1864, to Inspector General of Police.
2. From Inspector General of Police to Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, No. 1217 of 14th June 1864.
3. From Secretary and Treasurer, Madras Bank, to Inspector General of Police, No. 27-288 of 16th June 1864.

2. It is, I think, necessary that the attention of Government should be drawn to the matter.

3. In the case of any deficiency being found in the contents of a broken box after arrival at its destination, it would not be possible to bring home the charge to any particular guard, as the escorts are relieved on the boundary of each District.

4. I would suggest that officers in charge of District and Taluq Treasuries be authorized to receive for repair, or in order to have new boxes substituted from Police Treasure escorts, any boxes of treasure which may have become broken or otherwise unfit for transit.

5. I would then order the Police, in the event of any box being in an insecure condition, to take it to the nearest Treasury; of course this would not apply to damage to seals, or slight injuries of that description.

From Captain H. D. CLOETE, Superintendent of Police, Madras District; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 13th June 1864, No. 212.

I have on a former occasion reported on the insecure and dilapidated state in which chests of treasure are sent from the Bank Circular Memorandum, No. 408, P. W. C., No. 23, induces me to report again on the state of the boxes sent to Codoor on the 7thinstant. The European Head Constable who was in charge of the escort reports that many of the seals were broken when he took charge at Royapooram, and that one box was broken before the train started, and that by the time he made it over at Codoor, the top had fallen in altogether, exposing the coin inside. I have the honor to request you to be good enough to take steps to prevent a recurrence of this lax system of transmitting public money in boxes unsafe, and made of wood, no better than touch wood It is to be borne in mind that this treasure had to be escorted in carts through a wild country from Codoor.

2. The Head Constable of the Cuddapah Police party complained bitterly of having to escort this broken box, he having no means of repairing it. It is iniquitous to saddle the Police with such responsibility.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Captain,
Asst. Inspr. Genl. of Police.

From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to the Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, dated Madras, 14th June 1864, No. 1217.

In forwarding for your information an original letter* from the Superintendent of Police, Madras District, No. 212, dated 13th June 1864, I have the honor to request your particular attention to the report therein made, with regard to the unfit and insecure state of the boxes containing public treasure,† sent from Madras to Cuddapah *viâ* Codoor on the 7th instant.

* To be returned.

† Rupees 2,17,500.

2. I have lately issued a Circular Memorandum on this subject (copy enclosed) warning Police officers *not* to receive treasure insecurely packed, and I beg that you will cause all boxes of treasure sent hereafter from the Bank to be carefully examined before they are handed over to the escort.

(True Copy)

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Captain,
Asst. Inspr. Genl. of Police.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.
No. 408, 11th June 1864.

Cases have occurred in which public treasure has been lost in consequence of the utterly insecure and dilapidated state of the chests in which it is contained.

2. In such cases the Revenue authorities neglect the primary duty of seeing that the treasure is safely stored. The chests are unfit for the safe custody of public monies; but they fail to observe or rectify it.

3. Police are placed in charge and loss accrues. And here the Inspector is at fault. It is the duty of the Inspector to see that every chest over which he has a guard is secure; and that it continues in this state. He should object to take charge of an insecure cash-chest, and instantly report the circumstance.

4. The Inspector General warns these officers that he will have them do their duty, or they must take the consequence. When treasure is lost from boxes which are found to be in this state, the Inspector General will not look amongst the small fry to make it good. If the watchmen be convicted they take their punishment. But the Inspector General will make the responsible officer to make good the loss.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspr. Genl., M. Police.

(True Copy.

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Captain,
Asst. Inspr. Genl. of Police.

From J. McIVER, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras; to the Inspector General of Madras Police, dated Madras, 16th June 1864, No. 27-288.

In reply to your letter, No. 1217, dated 14th June, I have the honor to inform you that the boxes used by the Bank for packing treasure are as strong and secure as it is possible to make them, and that they are always carefully examined previous to despatch.

2. The damage complained of arises from the careless way in which the boxes are treated in transit, the coolies throwing them down upon one another without any regard to the injury they occasion thereby.

3. In receiving treasure at the Bank, cases have frequently occurred in which a perfectly sound box has been smashed by another being thrown down heedlessly upon it.

4. Captain Cloete's letter forwarded with yours under reply is herewith returned.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. W. CARR, Captain,
Asst. Inspr. Genl. of Police.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1864, No. 365.

The Governor in Council does not consider the explanation offered by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras to be an answer to Captain Cloete's complaint. If the boxes containing public treasure were sound when sent from the Bank, they could not have been in the state in which they were represented to have been received at the Royapooram station by the Police escort. The simplest plan, for the future, will be for the Bank to forward with each Cash remittance a certain proportion of spare boxes and tools for repairs.

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2. The Governor in Council approves of the instructions issued on the subject in the Circular of the Inspector General of Police; his officers will refuse to take charge of any boxes in bad order, or with the seals broken.

3. No order such as that proposed in paragraph 4 is necessary. Under such circumstances it would be the manifest duty of Treasury and other Officers to afford every reasonable assistance in ensuring the security of Government property.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Madras Police.
,, Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Chief Office of the Inspector
General of M. Police.
Madras 14th June 1864.

No. 1217.

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Inspector General of M Police.

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I have &c.
/ Signed / W. Robinson.

/ True Copy /
Capt.
Asst. Inspector General of Police

Enclosure 2

1864 Department.

On a letter from P. Robinson Esqre Inspector General of Police to N.L. Archibald Esquire Colonial Secretary to Government

No. 1297 dated 24 June 1864

Sir,

The Inspectors General of Police

&

The Secretary & Treasurer Bank of Adelaide.

No. 1217.

Requests his particular attention to the Regulations with regard to the unpleasant insecure state of the Locks containing Public Money.

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Signed J. W. Robinson
Inspector General of Police

"True copy"

W. Capper
Asst. Insp General of Police

1864 Sept 11th

Have Letter from D.F. Robinson Esqre Inspector General of Police & N.I. Assistant Esquire Total Treasury & Government Rs.

dated

Circular Memorandum Rs 4208 11th June 1864.

Bank of Madras.
Madras 16th June 1864

A°. 27/288.

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/Signed/ John Mc Iver.
Secretary and Treasurer.

/True Copy./

Assistant Inspector General of Police

General Departt
No. 1297

Chief Office of the Inspector
General of M. Police
Madras June 1864.

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W. Robinson Esquire
Inspector General of M Police.

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Esqr. Inspector Genl of Police
to A. J. Arbuthnot Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
No. 1297 dated 24 June
1864

Item

To the Secretary & Treasurer
Bank of Madras.

Do

To the Inspector General
of Police.

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are wanted for Treasure Cases
those that are strong and
Secure.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

R Mahon

Inspector General of M Police.

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Read the following
letter from the Inspector
General of M. Police
& Steele Butler — Secret 8 Sept. 1864 No 1297

Order thereon 5th July 1864 No

The Government agree
with the Inspr. Genl. of Police
that the simplest plan
will be to have a certain
proportion of empty boxes
with nails and tools for
repair kept in the Jail with
each permittance. The
Superintendent will arrange
accordingly.

No order such as
that

Fin. Dept. 1864 September.

From,
F. Robinson Esqre.
Asstt. Secy. to Govt.

To
J. D. A. Stokes Esqre.
Secy. to Govt.

Dated 3rd Sept. 1864.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council to forward herewith a letter from the Inspector General of Police, dated 2nd instant, No. 1297, and to request that you will submit it for the orders of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council.

I have &c.
(Signed) F. Robinson
Asstt. Secy. to Govt.

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Enclosure 3 in G.O. Fin. Dept. 5th Sept. 1864.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a correspondence on the subject of the measures which it is proposed to adopt for the Reconfinement of Prisoners sentenced to the Interior, from the Presidency of Madras.

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To the Inspector General of Police

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To Inspector General of Madras Police.
Secy: to Treas: Bank of Madras.

Financial 1864. Department.

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Nº 373.

Dated 13 July 1864

Relative to the insecure state of the boxes used for cash remittances to the Provinces from the Madras Bank.

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