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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th February 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 115. From Major the Hon. E. R. BOURKE, Postmaster-General, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th December 1873, No. 12626—4820.

I have the honour to forward, for the information of the Government, copy of a letter to the Collector of Bellary from the Inspector of Post Offices, 3rd Division, reporting the plunder of the District Post mails for Anantapore on the 7th December 1873.

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From G. E. WALKER, Esq., Acting Inspector of Post Offices, 3rd Division, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Hyderabad Division, 12th December 1873, No. C—334.

The Deputy Postmaster of Anantapore reports that the mails despatched from the District Post Offices on the 7th December, excepting that from Hindupoor, has not been received. The Tahsildar, who was addressed on the subject, states the mail was robbed on the night of the above date.

2. I have the honour, therefore, to request that inquiries may be instituted in the matter, and the result kindly intimated.

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Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for report.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

20th December 1873.

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No. 116. From Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 5th February 1874, No. 481.

With reference to your endorsement on a letter from the Postmaster-General (herewith returned), reporting the occurrence of a mail robbery near Anantapore, I have the honour to forward a report from the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, on the subject.

2. It would appear that, although the postal runner may have been beaten, there is good reason to suppose that plunder of the mail was not intended. The contents were left intact, and the Joint Magistrate has dismissed the charge of robbery brought by the postal runner against certain persons with whom he had previously quarrelled.

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From Captain R. G. BRIGGS, Acting Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range, dated Goondagul, 26th January 1874, No. 499.

As directed in memorandum, No. 112, dated 14th January 1874, from the Chief Office, I have the honour, in continuation of my official No. 461, dated 20th December 1873, to report on the result of the trial of the prisoners (four in number) charged with stopping the Moolky tappal on the 7th December 1873, between Anantapore and Dhurmavaram of this district.

2. As stated in my letter the tappal runner pretended that he identified four men as having attacked him.

3. As I also reported none of the tappals were found missing, but the bag was found a few yards off with the runner's staff and bells, the tappal bag being opened.

4. The only article of any value in this tappal was a registered letter which was found intact. Considering this and the fact of the complainant, the tappal runner, having a short time previously quarrelled with persons whom he now charged with the crime, there was much reason to question the reliability of the complainant's accusation, and even admitting an attack it was evident from the circumstances that plunder was not the object of the persons who made it.

5. The four defendants were, however, charged before the Joint Magistrate with "beating the tappal runner and taking from him the tappal bag" under Section 392, Indian Penal Code.

6. The evidence rested solely upon the complainant's identification of the defendants, and on the bag being found, as described, two hours after the alleged occurrence of the crime.

7. There were discrepancies in the statement of the complainant to the village heads to whom he reported the matter as to the number of persons who attacked him; he mentioned five at first, and later on in the morning corrected himself, giving the number as four.

8. The Joint Magistrate remarks in his calendar that the defendants proved to his satisfaction the existence, a short time previously, of enmity between themselves and the complainant and of threats uttered by the latter to get them into jail, which in his cross-examination he had denied; that the complainant probably from marks on his body did get a beating, and that, possibly, though his evidence must be regarded as unreliable, while he was carrying the tappal, that the fact of only one cover being torn suggests that the complainant may himself have fabricated the evidence, as far as related to the appearance of the ground and condition of the tappal, and that the bell stick had evidently been left at the same place for effect.

9. The Joint Magistrate concludes by saying that he is not prepared, under the circumstances, to rely on the evidence of complainant, and he discharged the prisoners under Section 220 of Criminal Procedure Code.

10. Under the circumstances the Collector might be asked to consider whether the runner should not be dismissed, and I have this day requested him to do so.

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1874, No. 252.

The Police report will be communicated to the Postmaster-General.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Postmaster-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Dated February, 13th.

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G.O., 13th February 1874, No. 252.

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Postal.—Letter from Inspector-General of Police forwarding report from the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, regarding the mail robbery near Anantapore, communicated to the Postmaster-General.

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Enclosure

In a letter from the Inspector General of Police dated Madras 5th February 1874 No 481.

From

The Supt of Police Bellary

To The Dy Inspr Genl of Police C Range

Reporting on the trial of 4 Prisoners Charged with stopping mail bag tapparal before Joint Magistrate

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POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 18th December 1873

From Major the Honorable E. R. Bourke
Postmaster-General, Madras

To Honorable W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Government copy of a letter to the Collector of Bellary from the Inspector of Post Offices 3rd Division reporting the plunder of the District Post mails for chuan-tapore on the 9th December 1873.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

E. R. Bourke
Postmaster General

Rec'd

No 9/334

3d or Hyderabad Division
Inspector's Office
12th December 1873.

To
The Collector of Bellary.

Sir,

The Deputy Postmaster of Anantapore reports that the mails despatched from the District Post Offices on the 4th December by cepting that from Hindupoor has not been received. The Tehsildar who was addressed on the subject states the mail was robbed on the night of the above date.

I have the honor therefore to request that enquiries may be instituted in the matter and the result kindly intimated—

I have &c
(Signed) Geo. C. Walker
as Inspector of Post Offices
3rd Div

True Copy
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Postmaster General

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From
The Postmaster-General,
Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort Saint George.

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Forwarding Copy of a letter from the Collector of Bellary regretting that the District Post Office has been robbed to Anantapore on the 4th instant.

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Collector of Bellary

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Chief Office of the Inspector General of Police.

No. 481

Madras, 5th February 1874

From

The Inspector General of Police.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

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Enclosures. one

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt,
C Means
Inspector General of Police

Fort 1874 Dept.

From

The Inspector General
of Police,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
No 280 Fort St. George

Dated 5th February 1874

Rg No 481

Enclosure one

Forwards a report
from the Supt of Police
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Anantapore.

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Rept. of {1874} Madras.

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To

The Post Master General.

Received 13th July 1874.
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G.O. 13 July 1874, No. 25-2.

Nos. 115 & 117.

Postal. Letter from Insp. Genl. of Police forwarding report from Supt. of Police Bellary, regarding the mail robbery near Anantapore, communicated to the Postmaster General.