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Mail Robbery.

No. 269. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 17th April 1875, No. 1993 :—

With reference to Order of Government, No. 579, dated 15th March 1875, I have the honor to forward a letter from the Superintendent of Police, South Arcot, reporting the final results of the Police inquiry into the recent Mail robbery near Punrootee. The three perpetrators of the robbery have been convicted and sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment. All the property lost has been recovered except twenty-two half Bank Notes for Rupees 100 each, the first halves of which had already been received by the consignee. Inspector Narraina Iyengar displayed great promptitude and ability in this case. I request permission to disburse the rewards recommended by the Superintendent of Police.

From Captain R. G. JENKINS, Superintendent of Police, South Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. HEARN, Inspector-General of Police, Madras, dated Cuddalore, 10th April 1875, No. 89.

I have the honor to report the particulars regarding the Mail robbery which occurred on the night of 5th March at about 11 P.M., on the high road near the 7th mile-stone between Punrootee and Arrasoor in which two mail bags were taken away containing Currency Notes as per margin, and other letters as packages per list enclosed.

	Rs.
One full Note	100
One do.	20
Thirty-seven half Notes, at Rs. 100 ...	3,700
Total ...	3,820

2. The Tappal Runner Rungasawmy states that he was proceeding along the road when a man came running behind him and pushed him down, that another man immediately came up and they both sat on him, keeping him down on the ground, taking away his earrings and a cloth valued about Rupees 7, and then made off taking the two mail bags.

3. The runner reported the robbery on the same night to the Village Munsif of Annathur, and Head Constable Venketasawmy of Punrootee getting the information the same night arrived at the village before day-light the next morning.

4. Inspector Narraina Iyengar got to the place the next day, and on questioning the runner he suspected one Parasooramun as being concerned in the case.

5. The Inspector also learnt from one Mootien that Parasooramun and his brother Thungavelloo were concerned in the robbery, also one Koolandai, and they were all arrested.

6. On Parasooramun being arrested, he tried to implicate others in the case, and amongst them a Village Munsif ; but although they may have been informed by the perpetrators of the crime after it was committed, yet there was no evidence to connect them with the robbery which appears to have been committed through enmity and more to get the runner into trouble than for plunder. The 2nd defendant, Thungavelloo, was formerly a Tappal Runner, but had been dismissed some time previously for misconduct.

7. The 1st defendant, Parasooramun, is a suspected character and has been for some time watched by the Police.

	Rs.
One full Note	100
One do.	20
Fifteen half Notes, at Rs. 100	1,500
Total ...	1,620

Not recovered.

	Rs.
Twenty-two half Notes, at Rs. 100 ...	2,200

8. Of the missing Notes those given as per margin were very cleverly traced by the Inspector and Police Officers concerned in possession of the three defendants.

9. All the missing letters and packages were recovered including the earrings and cloth stolen from the runner.

10. A native merchant in Trickalore, Veerasawmy Moodelly, had received from a merchant in Madras some days previous to the robbery the first halves of the Notes stolen, so that the public are put to no actual loss by the crime.

11. The case was taken up by the Assistant Magistrate, Mr. Thompson, on the 24th March, and committed by him to Court, and the three defendants sentenced by the Session Judge at the last Sessions* each to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.

* 7th April.

12. I submit a Roll for reward for Inspector Narraina Iyengar and the Police Officers concerned for working out this case which they did with great energy and ability.

The case was promptly and ably handled by Inspector Narraina Iyengar. No unnecessary arrests were made, though the 1st prisoner tried hard to get the Police to arrest the Village Munsif. The only three persons concerned were arrested and convicted, which speaks well for the acumen of the Police. There is another Constable who ought to be rewarded: he took the 1st prisoner to point out where a Note was; the prisoner asked him to say that it was found in the Munsif's back-yard; he pacified the man by saying he would, but on his return to the Station immediately told the real truth.

(Signed) H. D. CLOETE, Major,
12*th April* 1875. *Deputy Inspector-General.*

Roll of Men recommended for Reward for detecting the Mail Robbery committed near Punrootee, 5th March 1875.

General Number.	Rank and Name.	Reason for recommending.	Amount.
			Rs.
...	3rd-Class Inspector Narraina Iyengar, Punrootee Division	For detecting a case of Mail Robbery committed 5th March 1875, in which the three defendants were sentenced each to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.	80
722	4th-Grade Head Constable Venketasawmy of Punrootee		20
653	3rd-Grade Head Constable Davanayagum of Arrasoor		15
881	2nd-Class Constable Soubarayaloo of Arrasoor ...		5
		Total ...	120

CUDDALORE,
10*th April* 1875.

(Signed) R. G. JENKINS, Captain,
Superintendent of Police, South Arcot.

From M. KINSLEY, Esq., Inspector of Post Offices, Cuddalore Division, to Captain R. G. JENKINS, Superintendent of Police, South Arcot, dated Virdâchellam, 25th March 1875, No. 12,427.

In continuation of this office letter, No. 11,939, of the 13th March 1875, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a correct and complete list of the contents of the Mail plundered on the night of the 5th instant between Punrootee and Arrasoor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
26th April 1875.

Contents of the plundered Mail.

Articles despatched from Cuddalore Post Office *vid* Punrootee.

I.—Bag for Villoopuram, No. 2/2, containing, besides ordinary letters, two unpaid parcels addressed to District Munsif's Court.

No. 1 Parcel enclosing twelve papers forming the records of Suit No. 680 of 1872, on the District Munsif's file of Villoopuram.

No. 2 Parcel containing nine papers forming the records of Suit No. 55 of 1874 of District Munsif's file of Villoopuram; each parcel containing, in addition to the above, a Takeed with sixhalf-anna Postage labels.

One book packet.

II.—Bag for Trickalore, No. 4/6, containing, besides ordinary letters, four book packets.

One Registered letter, No. 195, dated 4th March 1875, weighing 3¼ tolas addressed to P. C. M. Veerasawmy Moodelly, Trickalore, in transit from Madras, containing 37 half Currency Notes for Rupees 100 each as per margin.

Particulars of half Notes $\frac{B^*}{58}$ 96772, 98015, 97108, 97117, 64745, 89715, 82824, 87059, 87060, 88385, 83892, 85830, 86923, 95125, for Rupees 100 each.

$\frac{B}{44}$ 01099, 03008, 02743, 02720, 03038, 03037, 02062, 03427, 03424, 03423, 03426, 03428, 04590, 01192, 00707, 04053, 05424, 05425, 05426, 05427, 05428, 05429, 05430, for Rupees 100 each.

One Registered letter, No. 3587, dated 4th March 1875, weighing above ½th tolas, addressed to J. H. Garstin, Esq., from Nellecoopum Branch Post Office, containing a petition and a certificate.

III.—One paper packet, with ordinary letters only.

IV.—Bag for Trinamalay, No. 2/6, containing, besides ordinary letters, one Registered letter, No. 2641, dated 5th March 1875, weighing under ½th tolas, addressed to Gholam Mohamed Saib, Trinamalay, from Pondicherry, containing—

One Currency Note for Rupees 100, No. 36677.
One ,, for ,, 20 ,, 59242.

Articles despatched from Punrootee besides the above:—

* One Letter Packet, Ellavanassore to Trickalore.
* One do. do. to Trinamalay.
* One do. Callacoorchy to do.
* One do. do. to Trickalore.
* One do. Trivananellur to do.
* One do. Trickalore to Villoopuram.

It has been ascertained that none of these * packets contained any Registered letter or parcels.

(Signed) M. KINSLEY,
Inspector of Post Offices, Cuddalore Division.

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1875, No. 938.

Communicated to the Acting Postmaster-General.

2. The rewards to the Police proposed by Superintendent of Police and Deputy Inspector-General are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
,, Acting Postmaster-General.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of India. 1875. 3rd Extra.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE, &c. &c. &c.

Dated April 28th.
Issued
Rec'd.

G.O., 28th April 1875, No. 938.

APRIL.
Nos. 269-270.

Mail Robbery.—Letter from the Inspector-General of Police reporting on the result of the Police inquiry into the recent Mail robbery near Panrooty, South Arcot District, and recommending the grant of certain rewards to the Police for their prompt action in the matter, communicated to the Acting Postmaster-General; and the proposed rewards, sanctioned.

No. 12427

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Office of the Sorting Postoffice
Cuddalore Division
Camp Verdachellum dy 25 March 75.

To The Superintendent of Police
South Arcot
Cuddalore.

Sir.

In continuation of this Office
letter No. 11939 of the 13th March 1875,
I have the honor to forward herewith
a Correct and Complete list of the Con-
tents of the Mail plundered on the
night of the 5th Instant between
Panrooty & Arracoor.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servt.
W Kennedy
Sorting Postmaster
Cuddalore Division

VIII

Contents of the Seventeenth Mail. 4 MAR

Article - Despatched from Kadalore Sub Office via Pennagoly.

I Bag for Villoo Puram No 2/2 Containing besides 6 ordinary letters 2 unpaid Parcels addressed to District Moonsiff's Court.

No 1 Parcel enclosing 13 Papers forming the record of Suit No 680 of 1872, in the District Moonsiff's file of Villoo Puram

No 2 Parcel Containing 9 Papers forming the record of Suit No 255 of 1874 of District Moonsiff's file of Villoo Puram. Each Parcel Containing in addition to the above, as stated with 6 1/2 anna Postage labels.

1 Book Packet

II Bag for Tiruvalore No 64 Containing besides ordinary letters 4 Book Packets.

1 Registered Letter No 195 dated 4th March 1875 Rs. 3 1/4 As addressed to Plo. Veera Swamy Mudaly Tiruvalore, in transit from Kadaloor Containing 3 Half Currency Notes for Rs 100/- each as per margin.

1 Registered Letter No 3587 dated 4th March 1875 Rs. above 5/8 As addressed to S. N. Gopalen Chetty from Nellore from Branch Post Office Containing a petition and a Certificate.

III 1 Papers Packet with ordinary letters &c

IV Bag for Tiruvadaley No 2/6 Containing besides ordinary letters 1 Registered Letter No 264 dated 5th March 1875 Rs under 7/8 As addressed to Ghulam Mohamed Sahib Tiruvadaley from Pondicherry Containing 1 Currency Note for Rs 100/- No 36,677
1 do Rs 20/- No 29,242.

(Packets despatched to Kadaloor No 96772, 98015;
97108, 97117, 64745, 89715, 82814, 87059
87060, 88385, 83892, 85830, 86023, 95725 for Rs 100/- each.
No 01099, 03008, 02748, 02720,
No 03038, 03037, 02062, 03427, 03420,
03428, 04579, 01192, 00701, 04027, 04029, 05430 for Rs 100/- each.
05426, 05427, 05428, 05429,

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South Arcot District

Roll of men recommended for reward for detecting the Mail Robbery Committed near Sunroolly 5th March 1875.

General Number	Rank and Name	Reason for recommending	Amount	Order.
	3d Class Supt. Narayana Dyengar Sunroolly Division	For detecting a Case	80 " "	
722	4th Fr. 1st Cl. Venkatasawmy of Sunroolly.	of Mail Robbery Committed	20 " "	
653	3d Do. Davanayagum of Arasoor	5th March 1875 in which the 3 Defendants were sentenced each to 7 years	15 " "	
~~881~~ 442	3d Con. Veerasawmy Raju of Arasoor.	Rigorous Imprisonment	5 " "	
		Total Rupees.	120 " "	

District Police Office
Cuddalore
10th April 1875

R. L. Lambert Captain
Superintendent of Police
S. C.

Article 6 Assisted in preventing Escape of Prisoners
No above.

+1 Kattiah Chetty Do Recommended
+1 ——— Do ——— Do
+1 ——— Do Gallantry ——— Do
+1 ——— Do ——— Do
+1 ——— Do ——— Do
+1 ——— Do ——— Do
+1 ——— Do Recommended by Police
+ Headmen Coolies Vide Article No 10 of Rules
+ Peons Constables & Peons Extra Guards Extra Peons.

Allowed
R. L. Lambert
Supt of Police

1875 Despatch

Encls Nos 1 to 4

A letter from the Inspector General of Police dated Ootacamund 17 April 1875 No

From
The Supt of Police
South Arcot

Reporting the particulars of the Mail Robbery between Pumroodee and Arnaoor & recommending the grant of Rewards to the Police &c &c No 967 of 1875

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District Police Office,
Cuddalore, 10th April 1875.

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From,

Captain R. G. Jenkins,
Superintendent of Police,
South Arcot.

To,

Colonel C. S. Hearn,
Inspector General of Police,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the particulars regarding the Mail Robbery which occurred on the night of 5th March at about 11 p. m. on the high road near the 7th Mile Stone between Tirnoottly and Arrasoor in which two Mail Bags were taken away containing Currency Notes as per margin, and other letters as packages per list enclosed.

1 full note	Rs 100	
1 Do	Rs 20	
37½ notes at Rs 100		3700
Total.		3,820

The Tappal Runner Rungassawmy states that he was proceeding along the road when a man came running behind him and pushed him down, that another man immediately came up and they both sat on him keeping him down on the ground taking away his earrings and a cloth valued about Rupees 7 and then made off taking the two Mail Bags.

The Runner reported the robbery on the same night to the Village Munsiff of

Annathur and Head Constable Ven Kelassamy of Punnootty getting the information the same night arrived at the Village before daylight the next morning.

Inspector Narraina Iyengar got to the place the next day and on questioning the Runner he suspected one Parasooramun as being concerned in the case.

The Inspector also learnt from one Mootien that Parasooramun and his brother Sungavelloo were concerned in the Robbery — also one Koolandai and they were all arrested.

On Parasooramun being arrested he tried to implicate others in the case and amongst them a Village Munsiff, but although they may have been informed by the perpetrators of the Crime, after it was committed, yet there was no evidence to connect them with the Robbery which appears to have committed through enmity and more to get the Runner into trouble than for plunder.— The 2d Defendant Thungavelloo was formerly a Runner but had been dismissed some time previously for misconduct.—

The 1st Defendant Parasooramun is a suspected character and has been for some time watched by the Police.

Of the missing notes those given as per margin were very cleverly traced by the Inspector and Police Officers concerned in possession of the 3 Defendants.

1 full note at Rs 100		margin
1 D°	20	
15½ D° @ Rs 100	1500	
Total Rs.	1620	

Not recovered.

22½ notes at Rs 100	2200

All the missing letters and packages were recovered including the earrings and cloth stolen from the runner.

A native merchant in Tric Kallore Veerasawmy Moodelly had received from a merchant in Madras some days previous to the Robbery the first halves of the notes stolen so that the public are put to no actual loss by the crime.—

The case was taken up by the Asstt. Magistrate Mr. Thompson on the 24th March and committed by him to Court and the 3 Defendants sentenced by the Session Judge at the last Sessions each to Seven (7) years Rigorous Imprisonment.

7th April

I submit a Roll for reward for Inspector Narraina Iyengar and the Police Officers concerned for working out this case which they did with great energy and ability.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt,

L. L. Lewis
Captain,
Superintendent of Police S.A.

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The case was promptly and ably handled by Insp. Naman Iyengar an intelligent young man more than the 1st Peon was had to get the Police & arrest the Accd. Immediately, the only 3 persons concerned arrested and arrested, while speaks well for the acumen of the Police - There is another Constable who ought to be rewarded, he took the 1st Prize to point out where a letter was, the person asked him to say that it was found in the Accused's back yard, he pacified the man by saying he would, but on his return to the Station immediately told the real truth.

H. D. Clerke
D.I.G.

1875.

From,
The Superintendent of Police,
South Arcot.

To,
The Inspector General of Police,
Madras.

Dated 10th April 1875
Rec'd.

Enclosures

No. 89

Reports the particulars of a Mail Robbery that occurred on 5th March 1875 between Punrootty and Chidambaram in which 3 of the Culprits were convicted in the Sessions for April to 7 years Rigorous Imprisonment each.

Office of the Inspector General of Police.
No. 1993 Ootacamund 17 April 1875.

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From

The Inspector General of Police,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Enclosures 4

With reference to Order of Government No. 579 dated 15 March 1875 I have the honor to forward a letter from the Superintendent of Police South Arcot reporting the final results of the Police inquiry into the recent mail robbery near Punrootee. The 3 perpetrators of the robbery have been convicted and sentenced to 7 years rigorous imprisonment. all the property lost has been recovered except 22 half bank notes for Rs 100 each the first halves of which had already been received by the Consignee.

Inspector

Inspector Narrain Iyengar displayed great promptitude and ability in this case. I request permission to disburse the rewards recommended by the Superintendent of Police.

I have the honorable
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant,

Inspector General of Police.

Mis. 15th March 1875. No. 579 or

Fin. d. 1875 Depth
(Postal)
From The Insp.r Gen.l of Police
To The Chief Secy to Government Fort St. George

Rd 17 } April 1875.
Rec.d 21st }

No 967 No. 1993 Enclos.

Reports on the result of the Police enquiry into the recent mail robbery near Punroolee & Arcot Distt. & recommends the grant of certain Rewards for promptitude & actions of the Police With &c &c

+ 21st April Fin. No. 938

To the Govt. of Madras Pub. Dept.

Commn. 7 Pk Cy. & Enclos.

In forwarding Enclosed Report of the Police Commissioner

Copy transmitted

To the Govt. of Madras Pol. Dept. Chief Secy. Govt. Asst. Secy. Govt.

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Appeal.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

Jud.

to

G. O., 26 Apl, 1875, No. 938

Nos. 269-270

Mail Robbery. Letter from Supr. Govt. Police reporting on the result of the Police enquiry into the recent Mail robbery near Pumroottee, S. Arcot Dt, & recommending the grant of certain rewards to the Police for their prompt action in the matter, comd to the Agt. Post Masters Genl; & the proposed rewards, sanctioned.