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No. 35. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 4th May 1860, No. 48.

1. I am sorry to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that two daring robberies have lately been committed by some persons who I have not yet succeeded in apprehending, although instant measures were taken to effect that object.

2. The first occurred in the house of Captain Johnston, of the Madras Engineers, situated near the Cathedral on the Mount Road, and the other, in the house of Captain Rundall, also of the Engineers, situated on the bank of the Adyar River, near the Elphinstone Bridge. From the former house a considerable quantity of silver plate, which had been laid out for dinner was stolen just after dusk, during the absence of the family who were out driving. The latter house was entered at night, and from a bed room upstairs, a common water color paint box, and a leather box, in which latter articles of jewelry, the property of a lady were kept, were stolen. The paint box complete, and the empty jewel box, were discovered on the south of the Adyar River.

3. In neither case do the masters entertain any suspicion of the domestics of their respective families, and the enquiries I have made, has not yet implicated any person in either house. A clue to the authors of the robbery had therefore to be sought outside, and measures were immediately taken to obtain information by the employment of secret agents.

4. Suspicion soon fell on an old offender, who has been residing in a Village south of the Adyar. He has absconded, and up to this time has eluded the officers whom I have despatched in quest of him.

5. As it is absolutely necessary that every possible exertion should be made, and every expedient adopted in order to procure a discovery in these cases, and to allay the apprehensions which they have awakened in the public mind, I request you will do me the favor to solicit His Excellency the Governor in Council, to permit me to offer a reward of five hundred Rupees to any person who will furnish me with such information, as shall lead, either to the recovery of the property, or the apprehension of the daring offenders. This measure will probably aid me much in the pursuit of them.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1860, No. 561.

The Commissioner of Police is authorized to offer a reward of Rupees 500 for the apprehension of the party or parties implicated in the robberies referred to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Chief Secretary

The Commr. of Police. Desp'd 5 P.M. Rec'd 6 P.M. 4th May
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