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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 22nd July 1861, No. 2,942 :—

Read the following letter from Supervisor W. A. GOODCHAP, Executive Agent No. 1 Range, to Captain A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer Madras, dated Sembeum, 10th July 1861, No. 66.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that I started last night at about ½ past 9 o'clock P. M. from the Basin in a top-boat for Pulicat, with the undermentioned individuals, viz., Shunmoogavalee Mudali Acting Sub-Overseer, Mooneswami Lascar, and a Cook. On the boat reaching a position between the Washermen's Pettah and Trivattoor bridges, we were suddenly attacked from both sides of the canal with staves and yells ; the two boatmen in charge immediately made off. The robbers after throwing stones for about four or five minutes made a rush on the boat with sticks, &c., the number of men collected on the east bank were about 6 and on the west 12 or 14. Mooneswami Lascar and myself jumped out of the boat into the water and charged the east bank with the bamboos used in poling the boat (unfortunately I had no fire arms or even a stick with me), drove two of the gang into the water with the pointed end of the bamboo (with some little injury I think) we cleared and kept possession of the east bank, and the robbers drew the boat over to the west side of the canal and commenced breaking open boxes, &c.; about five minutes elapsed when I heard cries from Shunmoogavalee Mudali for assistance, I called out to him to jump into the water and make his way to us, Mooneswami and I having taken up a position that we could attack or assist any one attempting to land from out of the water ; the cook made his way over to us in the way above referred to just at that moment, and stated that Shunmoogavalee Mudali was murdered. I immediately made off with the lascar and cook for assistance, and ultimately arrived at the Washermen's Pettah Police station, the Inspector of which quickly heard what I had got to say, made arrangements and started off across country to the spot, as well as a patrol of the mounted Police. I returned to the Basin, got a boat and started back to look after Shunmoogavalee Mudali. I met the Police boat and two gentlemen returning from Pulicat at the Washermen's Pettah bridge, and found Shunmoogavalee had lost a great deal of blood and much cut about the head and other parts of his body ; the Inspector of Police took him off at once in his buggy to the Hospital where he is now. Lascar Mooneswami is injured in the side, but I escaped with a few bruises and the cook also. I had no Government property with me, with the exception of some Mathematical instruments and papers, which are partly destroyed; property to the value of about Rupees 200 belonging to me, has been stolen and destroyed.

2. I beg to bring Lascar Mooneswami to your notice for the gallant manner in which he attacked the robbers and stuck by me.

MEMORANDUM, No. 473.

Forwarded to the Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle, for information.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Captain,
District Engineer of Madras.

Guindy,
12th July 1861.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1861, No. 1,433.

Communicated to the Judicial Department, in view to a report being obtained from the Commissioner of Police on the subject of the robbery.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 1262

Copy letter from Supervisor No. 4. Prod. Chas Sangster Revenue Agent No. 1. Range, in reply to a report being obtained from the Commissioner of Police on the subject of the robbery stated therein to have taken place when he with certain others started in a boat for Police.

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Writts and Orders.

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Referred to the Commissioner of Police.

The Commr. of Police. mp. 7th