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No. 114. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Doosy, 20th February 1864, No. 7.

In continuation of my letter of the 15th instant, No. 5, I have the honor to submit copy of a communication just received from the Acting Joint Magistrate giving in fuller detail the circumstances of the robbery already reported. From the list which accompanied the Joint Magistrate's letter, and of which I enclose a copy, it will be found that the amount of public money then plundered is Rupees 174-14-4. Meanwhile Government will observe every means are being employed to effect the apprehension of the perpetrators of this daring outrage.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, in charge of Head Assistant Magistrate's office; to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, dated Kanganelloor, 15th February 1864, No. 9.

In reply to your letter, dated the 13th instant, and in continuation of my letter, No. 24, dated the 11th idem, I have the honor to furnish the following further particulars.

2. The two bandies containing the cash chest, current records, &c., of the Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate's office, accompanied by a Daloyet and two Police orderlies, left Sautghur on the evening of the 6th instant with orders to proceed to Kanganelloor via Vellore. After my arrival at Vellore by train on the morning of the 8th instant, I heard at about 11 A. M., that these bandies had been attacked by gang robbers and plundered a little more than two miles this (Vellore) side of Pullecondah at about 5 P. M., on the evening of the 7th.

3. The circumstances connected with this outrage may be stated in a few words. After getting some distance from Pullecondah and when near a village called Kandinere, three or four suspicious looking individuals, who had been seen loitering in front, were observed after the bandies had passed them to be following a short distant in the rear. A Police orderly not liking the look of this ordered them not to follow near the bandies, upon which they raised a cry of "Kui," and as if in accordance with a preconcerted signal, a number of robbers, variously estimated at from a dozen to twenty, rushed from the dry bed of a tank on the south side of the road, and under the Pullecondah hills, and joined those already near the bandies. The robbers were armed with sticks, and a short struggle ensued in which the Daloyet and orderlies were severely beaten and slightly wounded, and finally over-powered.

4. The orderlies and bandy people were then tightly pinioned, and the Daloyet held down with a man's foot on his throat; and while some of the robbers remained on guard over them, the remainder ransacked the bandies at leisure, breaking open the cash chest and scattering and overturning the records in all directions in their search for valuables; afterwards the robbers decamped the same way they came, viz., on the south side towards the hills. The robbers are said to have all been Wuddas (tank diggers) with the exception of a few Pariahs.

5. I personally inspected and questioned the Daloyet and Police orderlies, who also arrived at Vellore on the morning of the 8th; they all bore the marks of a very severe beating, and one of the Constables had his earrings forcibly pulled out of his ears, which were torn and bleeding. My dresser who attends the Daloyet reports him to-day, the 15th, as still unfit to walk, and states that the bruises appear to have been caused by severe blows inflicted by thick sticks.

6. Every exertion has and is being made for the detection and apprehension of the offenders. Within an hour after the intelligence had been received, the Talook Sub-Magistrate was by my orders on his road to the spot, and an express peon was despatched instantly to apprise the local Police Inspector (who, however, had been beforehand on the spot), as well as to warn the remainder of the establishment coming up behind. I also wrote to the Superintendent of Police, informing him of the amount and nature of the cash stolen. This letter could not be despatched until the following day, the 9th, as, until the arrival of some of my clerks who had had the 8th given them as a marching day, I was unable to give these particulars. I have every hope of the robbers being traced, and will give you the earliest intimation of any thing that may occur of importance. I should have gone myself to Pullecondah and resided there for a time, would not such a course have upset all the Jamabundy arrangements, and caused great inconvenience throughout the Sub-division.

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7. I enclose a detailed list showing the various articles and cash stolen. Unfortunately, in addition to the usual small office advance of fifty (50) Rupees or thereabouts, one or two other items amounting to about 125 Rupees were in the cash chest; the causes for these amounts being in deposit are separately stated opposite each item.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Magistrate.

Statement of items of the money robbed from the Cash Chest of the Head Assistant Collector's office on the 7th February 1864, at 5 P.M., on the road from Satghur to Vellore.

Item.	Amount.	Remarks.
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Amount of the sale of Penal and Procedure Codes.....	58 8 0	Detained in deposit owing to some explanation having been sought regarding some deficiency. This appears from a remark left by Mr. Leman; also vide Takeeds to 3rd Clerk, Venkatasoobia, dated 12th and 20th November 1863, Nos. 115 and 118.
Amount of Nibundana Tarasoo of Fasli 1263 and 1264.....	23 9 7	Amount to be distributed to certain ryots, but remaining undistributed owing to the parties not having attended.
Pay of M. Balakristna Rao, Acting Head Clerk for the month of December 1863.....	43 11 0	This amount was received on the 2nd, but no Urzi came with it to show on what account it was forwarded. Urzi was received from the Godiattum Taluq Sheristadar on the 10th, after the robbery.
House-rent of Ranepett Cutcherry for three months, viz., October, November and December 1863.	45 0 0	Only received on the 6th, the date on which the office left Satghur.
Moiety pay of Venkatasoobia, 3rd Clerk for December 1863.....	7 8 0	Sick.
Batta of Muchi Chinnasamy Mudali for December 1863.....	0 12 0	Then on leave.
Contingent.....	25 6 10	
Surplus.....	3 4 0	This amount, I fancy, is the sum alluded to by Deputy Collector in his Memorandum, dated 24th November 1863.
Total...	207 11 5	
<i>Deduct</i> Money given to Head Peon, Mahomed Hussien.....	32 12 6	With the Head Peon for bandy hire, &c., between Kogia Nelloor and Satghur, and repairs of tents.
Balance lost...	174 14 11	
<i>Particulars.</i> Cash.....	129 8 11	} In what form lost.
Bank Notes, one of 20 Rupees and two of 10 Rupees.....	40 0 0	
Postage stamps.....	5 6 0	
	174 14 11	

NORTH ARCOT,
HEAD ASST. COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
KANGANELLOOR, 16th February 1864.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge of
Head Asst. Collector's Office.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

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No. 115.

ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1864, No. 325.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police in continuation of the Order of the 25th ultimo, No. 245.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Madras Police.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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