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No. 310. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vallam, 10th January 1867, No. 8.

I have the honor to state that one Venai Titan was discovered, in the Munnargoody Taluq of this District, in possession of a buffalo, said to have been stolen from the village of Kaliveranviduthi, Alangudi Taluq, in the Poodoocottah Territory, and the fact reported to me by the Police. I, accordingly, ordered an inquiry to be made under Act VII of 1854, and herewith beg to forward copies of the depositions taken by the Deputy Magistrate of Munnargoody in the course of the inquiry held by him. As the accused appears to be guilty of theft, I have the honor to request the instructions of Government for delivering him to the Poodoocottah authorities for trial.

CALENDAR CASE No. OF 186 .

On the 21st day of December 1866.

Prosecutor.

Name.....	Kolandai Tevan.
Father's name.....	Rama Tevan.
Name of his village and Taluq...	Kaliveranviduthi—Poodoocottah Estate.
Caste and Sect.....	Agamudiyan, Sivite.
Profession.....	Mirass.
Age.....	42 years.

The above named witness, having taken the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows :—

The she-buffalo before the Court is my property. It is valued at about Rupees 30. On the 15th of Kartiki last, I was at the Taluq Cutcherry at Karinagudi in the Poodoocottah Estate. I am a Batta Peon in the Taluq Cutcherry. I had information, on the morning of that day, at about 9 o'clock, that this buffalo had been stolen the previous night from the shed in front of my house at Kaliveranviduthi, about seven miles from Karinagudi. I immediately returned home, and saw that the animal was missing from its shed. Kolandiyan and Subban, my neighbours, told me that they had seen the buffalo the previous evening tied up in my shed. My wife, Taiya, said to me that she had tied up the animal the same evening in the shed; that, at midnight, she went to give the buffalo grass, but did not find it there. I then sent a few of my friends and relatives to go out in search of the she-buffalo, while I went to Rajahmampatti, in the Tanjore Taluq, to the house of Sangali Pillyen. He is the Kavalgar of my village. I met him, and asked him to detect the offender with property. He told me to wait for two or three days. I was accordingly with him for two days, but no clue was to be had. I returned to my village, and after remaining there for four days, again returned to Rajahmampatti to the Kavalgar. Some two days afterwards, my brother's son came to me, and said that the buffalo was discovered at Paravakottai in the Munnargoody Taluq, and that my brother Sinniya Tevan had detected the property. I immediately came up and saw the animal in charge of the Police, who were leading the prisoner Venai Titan, a resident of my village Kaliveranvidu'hi, to the District Magistrate at Vallam. That the she-buffalo before the Court is my property is known to my neighbours Kolandiyan and Subban.

Cross-examined by the prisoner. I did not sell the buffalo to the prisoner for Rupees (30) forty days ago.

This statement was interpreted to the prosecutor in Tamil, which he understands, and was acknowledged by him to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

CALENDAR CASE No. OF 186 .
On the 21st day of December 1866.
1st Witness for the Prosecution.

Name.....Taiyalu.
Husband's name.. .....Kolandai Tevan.
Name of his Village and Taluq...Kaliveranviduthi—Poodoocottah Estate.
Caste and Sect.....Agamudichi, Sivite.
Profession.....Living under the protection of her husband.
Age.....32 years.

The above named witness, having taked the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows :—

The she-buffalo, before the Court, belongs to my husband. Twenty-five days ago, one Wednesday night, I had tied up this animal in a shed, in front of my house, in my village. My husband had gone to Karinagudi. At mid-night, I went to the shed to give grass to the buffalo. I was surprised to find that the animal was missing. I communicated the loss to my husband's brother, Sinniya Tavan, and went to Karinagudi ; next morning I told my husband about the theft and brought him home. My husband and his brother went out in search of the animal. This is all I know.

Prisoner has no questions to ask.

This evidence was interpreted to the witness in Tamil, which she understands, and was acknowledged by her to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

CALENDAR CASE No. OF 186 .
On the 25th day of December 1866.
2nd Witness for the Prosecution.

Name.....Kolandiyan.
Father's name.....Parimana Tevan
Name of his Village and Taluq...Kaliveranviduthi—Poodoocottah Estate.
Caste and Sect.....Agamudiyan, Sivite.
Profession.....Porakudi.
Age.....25 years.

The above named witness, having taken the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows :—

The she-buffalo, before the Court, belongs to the prosecutor my paternal uncle. I am his neighbour. I saw the animal last tied up in the prosecutor's shed on the evening of the 14th Kartiki last. Next morning it was missing, and somebody had stolen it.

Prisoner has no questions to ask.

This evidence was interpreted to the witness in Tamil, which he understands, and was acknowledged by him to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

CALANDER CASE No. OF 186 .
On the 25th day of December 1866.
3rd Witness for the Prosecution.

Name.....Subban.
Fathers' name.....Mekka Tevan.
Name of his Village and Taluq...Kaliveranviluthi—Poodoocottah Estate.
Caste and Sect.....Agamudiyan, Sivite.
Profession.....Porakudi.
Age .....20 years.

The above named witness, having taken the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows :—

The she-buffalo, before the Court, belongs to the prosecutor. I am his neighbour. I saw it last tied up in the prosecutor's shed, in front of his house, on the evening of the 14th Kartiki last.

Prisoner has no questions to ask.

This evidence was interpreted to the witness in Tamil, which he understands, and was acknowledged by him to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHENDRA, ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

CALENDAR CASE No. of 186 .
On the 25th day of December 1866.
4th Witness for the Prosecution.

Name.....Sinniya Tevan.
Father's name .....Rama Tevan.
Name of his Village and Taluq ...Kaliveranviduthi—Poodoocottah Estate.
Caste and Sect.....Agamudiyan, Sivite.
Profession.....Porakudi.
Age.....45 years.

The above named witness, having taken the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows :—

The she-buffalo, before the Court, belongs to the prosecutor, my brother. I saw it tied up in the shed, in front of prosecutor's house, on the 14th of Kartiki last. Next morning, at a very early hour, Taiyalu, wife of prosecutor (1st witness), told me that somebody had stolen the animal. I went to the shed, and found the animal missing. I then went in search of it through several villages, until I arrived at Paravakottai, in the Munnargoody Taluq, on Monday morning, the 5th day after the loss. In this village, I saw the animal in the house of the Taliar. I also saw the Prisoner, Venai Titan, before the Court. The buffalo was forwarded with the prisoner to Vallam, to the District Magistrate. I sent intimation of this discovery to the prosecutor, my brother.

Prisoner has no questions to ask.

This evidence was interpreted to the witness in Tamil, which he understands, and was acknowledged by him to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

CALENDAR CASE No. OF 186 .
On the 28th day of December 1866.
5th Witness for the Prosecution.

Name..... Viru Tevan.
Father's name..... Appasawmy Tevan.
Name of his Village and Taluq. Paravakottai, Munnargoody.
Caste and Sect..... Agamudiyan, Sivite.
Profession..... Village Moonsiff of Paravakottai.
Age..... 42 years.

The above named witness, having taken the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows :—

At about 6 P. M., on the 10th December current, I was standing in front of the Siva Pagoda in my village, in company with Taliar Arnachalam, and another person named Kuperiyen. Chitambara Pillay, the Road Contractor, and Ramasawmy Tevan, one of the Mirasidars of the village, brought prisoner Venai Titan, and the she-buffalo before the Court. Chitambara Pillay said that he saw the prisoner leading the buffalo on the road near Ayanar Kovil, south of the village, where he was at work ; that he was asked by prisoner whether he would purchase the buffalo ; that only Rupees (15) were demanded for it ; that he suspected the property to be stolen, and, therefore, brought over the same to me. Ramasawmy Tevan corroborated this statement. I questioned the prisoner to explain for his possession, and he did not give me a satisfactory reply. He said, at one time, that he got it through purchase, and at another, that it was got from his brother. He wanted to dispose of it for Rupees 15. The animal was worth Rupees 30, and I suspected that the prisoner was a rogue. I, therefore, ordered the Taliar to keep the prisoner and the animal in his custody. At midnight, Sinniya Tevan (4th witness), brother of the prosecutor, came to me, and said that the

buffalo belonged to the prosecutor, and that it had been stolen from his shed. I delivered the parties and the property to the Police.

Prisoner has no questions to ask.

This evidence was interpreted to the witness in Tamil, which he understands, and was acknowledged by him to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHANDRA ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

CALENDAR CASE No. OF 186 .
On the 28th day of December 1866.
6th Witness for the Prosecution.

Name	Chitambara Pillay.
Father's name	Appasawmy Pillay.
Name of his Village and Taluq	Kailasanathan Kovil.
Caste and Sect	Agamudiyan, Sivite.
Profession	Road Contractor.
Age	22 years.

The above named witness, having taken the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows:—

On the 10th of December current, at about 6 P. M., I was at work on the road near Ayanar Kovil, south of Paravakottai. I saw the prisoner Venai Titan leading the she-buffalo, before the Court. There was also another person driving it from behind. I questioned the prisoner whence he was coming, and why he was leading the buffalo. He replied that the animal was for sale, and that he wanted only Rupees 15 for it. The animal was well worth Rupees 30, and I was puzzled as to the cause of so low a price being demanded. I suspected that it was stolen property, and at once took him and the buffalo to the Village Moonsiff (5th witness), who was then in front of the Siva Pagoda in the village. Ramasawmy Tevan, who had been with me all the time, accompanied me to the Village Moonsiff. I communicated to the Village Moonsiff all about the buffalo, and the low price demanded by the prisoner. Ramasawmy Tevan was also examined by the Village Moonsiff. I delivered to his care the prisoner and the buffalo, and went away. The man who was driving the buffalo from behind disappeared suddenly.

Prisoner has no questions to ask.

This evidence was interpreted to the witness in Tamil, which he understands, and was acknowledged by him to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

CALENDAR CASE No. OF 186 .
On the 28th day of December 1866.
7th Witness for the Prosecution.

Name	Ramasawmy Tevan.
Father's name	Sivagnigana Tevan.
Name of his Village and Taluq	Paravakottai, Munnargoody.
Caste and Sect	Agamudiyan, Sivite.
Profession	Mirass.
Age	28 years.

The above named witness, having taken the usual solemn affirmation, deposes as follows:—

Fifteen or sixteen days ago, one evening, I was returning home from my fields. I saw the 6th witness Chitambara Pillay at work near Ayanar Kovil. I stood there, and was conversing with him, when Prisoner Venai Titan brought the she-buffalo, before the Court, on the road; another person was driving it from behind. Chitambaram asked the prisoner about the buffalo. Prisoner said it was for sale, and that he wanted only Rupees 15 for it. The animal was worth twice that sum, and the 6th witness suspected that it was stolen property. He said that he would

take the prisoner and the animal to the Village Moonsiff. He accordingly led the animal and the prisoner to the 5th witness, the Village Moonsiff, and reported to him what had happened. I also accompanied him. The Village Moonsiff examined me, and I informed him what took place. The buffalo and the prisoner were made over to the Village Moonsiff. The man who drove the animal from behind disappeared suddenly.

Prisoner has no questions to ask.

This evidence was interpreted to the witness in Tamil, which he understands, and was acknowledged by him to be correct.

(Signed) A. RAMACHENDRA ROW,
Deputy Magistrate.

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1867, No. 173.

The Governor in Council directs, under Section 19 of Act VII of 1854, that the prisoner Venai Titan be made over to the Poodoocottah Authorities, for trial.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Tanjore.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

On a Letter

From

The Magistrate

of Tanjore

To The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

Dated 10th

Rec'd 7 January 1857

Ans'd

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Daily Occurrence

Report

No. 4828

Memorandum of Crimes of other Occurrences reported to the Police during the week ending 12-12-66 in the Districts of [illegible]

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						Lost	Recovered	Committed for trial	Arrested by Police	Arrested by Private Persons	Bailed by Police	Bailed by Magistrate	Discharged by Magistrate	Name	Residence
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Enclosure of a
Letter No 8 dated
10th January 1867.
from the Magistrate
of Tanjore.

Encl No 87/67.

No 173 - 29 January 1867.

The Governor in Council directs under Section XIX of Act VII of 1854 that the prisoner Veerathee be made over to the Vedukottai Authorities for trial

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