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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

3rd April 1868.

No. 35. Read the following letter from the Acting Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 27th March 1868, No. 1038-552.

General Department.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 287, of the 20th February 1868, I have the honor to forward a report by Lieutenant Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Salem District, on the result of the inquiry into the Dacoity Case reported by Colonel Priestley.

2. The Sub-Magistrate is said to have released the three prisoners on the ground that the property discovered in their houses was not found in such place as to prove exclusive possession.

From Lieutenant C. HARRIS, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Salem, to the Superintendent of Police, Salem; dated Tripatore, 11th March 1868, No. 5.

With reference to your endorsement on the copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 12th February 1868, (herewith returned,) I have the honor to submit the following report on the Dacoity, which occurred in the Oossoor Station Range on the 13th December 1867.

2. Immediately on receipt of intelligence of this crime, the Officer in charge of the Police Station, accompanied by two Constables, proceeded to the spot, and began his inquiries, at the same time sending information to his Inspector, who was at one of the out-stations of his Division.

3. Inspector Mr. Jones arrived at Oossoor on the morning of the 14th, saw the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and the complainants, obtained full particulars of the crime, and without delay set himself and his subordinates to work.

4. No clue was obtained till the 18th December, when information was received that a leg of an English Camp Cot, belonging to Colonel Priestley, had been seen in the possession of one "Kalapen" of Boderpully, a village in the neighbourhood of the scene of the Dacoity.

5. He was at once seen and questioned; at first he denied having this property in his possession, but eventually produced it, stating at the same time that it had been found and given to him by his shepherd boy. The latter denying this "Kalapen" was arrested.

6. On the 21st December a Constable, when on beat, found an empty Drill haversack floating on a tank situated about a mile north of the scene of the crime; he remained at the tank and sent intelligence to his Station Officer who proceeded to the spot, searched the tank, and discovered the property noted in the margin.

1 Duffadar's belt.	1 Tin-pot.
4 Postage stamps.	1 Piece of iron.
4 Iron and inch pieces.	1 Tin-box.
1 Gunny bag.	1 Gram bag.
1 Bullock shoe.	

7. No further clue was obtained till the 1st January, when, from information received, the houses of two men named "Venkataswamy" and "Ramen" of Sokarasapully village in Bangalore Station Range, were searched; in the house of the former a cot's leg, similar to the one previously recovered, was found, and in that of the latter, a Peon's brass badge.

8. The cot's leg was found in a niche in the wall of the house, and the man stated at the time that he had bought it in Bangalore market.

9. The brass badge was found tied up in some straw and secured in the loft of the house, and the house-owner denied all knowledge of it. They were both arrested.

10. The search was conducted in a proper manner, and in the presence of several respectable men whose signatures are attached to the Mohazce. On the 4th January the 1st Class Sub-Magistrate of Oossoor commenced his inquiry, and on the 20th January he discharged the three prisoners under Section 225 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. I beg to annex extracts from Mr. Jones' Diaries, informing me of the reasons given by the Sub-Magistrate for coming to this decision, and would only add that, as far as my own knowledge of the case goes, I am unable to agree with him in the conclusions he has drawn.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

3rd April 1868.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1868, No. 577.
Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Proceedings
in that Department, dated the 12th February 1868, No. 397.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
" Commissioner of Mysore.

Edw. R. Eastman.

General Department

*No. 1038
552*

*Chief Office of the Insp. Genl
of Police*

Madras 27th March 1868

From The Ag. Inspector General of Police

*To The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George*

*Sir, With reference to Order of Govern-
ment No. 287 of the 20th February 1868
I have the honor to forward a report by
Lieutenant Harris Assistant Super-
intendent of Police Salem District
on the result of the inquiry into the
Dacoity Case reported by Colonel
Priestley.*

*2. The Sub Magistrate is said
to have released the 3 Prisoners on the
ground that the property discovered
in their houses was not found in
such place as to prove exclusive
possession.*

*I have the honor to be,
Sir,*

Your most Obedt^h Servt,

Edw. R. Eastman

Ag. Inspector General of Police

3^d April 1868 N^o 577.

Communicated to the Revenue De-
partment, with reference to the Provis-
ions in that Department dated the 12th
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by the Revenue Department.
Superior Survey
Commissioners of Revenue

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Chief of Police

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Chief of Police

1868 Department

From

Chief of Police

to the Chief Secretary

to Government

Dated 27th March 1868

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Enclosure one

Enclosure one

by Chief Secretary

Chief of Police

Chief of Police

by Colonel Middleton.

With enclosure

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No. 5.

Police Station, Triplicate 11th March 1868.

From

Charles Morris Esq.
Officer of Police
Salem.

Chief J. P. Norton.
Superintendent of Police
Salem.

Sir,

herewith
returned.

With reference to your endorse-
ment on the copy of the Proceedings of
the Madras Government dated 12th February
1868. I have the honor to submit the
following report on the Occurrence which
occurred in the Coosore Station Range
on the 13th December 1867 -

Immediately on receipt of intelligence
of this crime, the Officer in charge of the
Police Station accompanied by two constables
proceeded to the spot, and began his enquiries,
at the same time sending information to
his Inspector who was at one of the sub-

Station of his Division -

Inspector Mr. Jones arrived at Cochin on the morning of the 14th, saw the Supt. of Revenue Surveys and the Comptrolr, obtained full particulars of the Crime, and without delay set himself and his subordinates to work.

No clue was obtained till the 18th December, when information was received that a bag of an English Camp hat belonging to Colonel Pringle had been seen in the possession of one "Kolapu" of "Poderpully", a village in the neighbourhood of the scene of the Deceit.

He was at once seen and questioned, at first he denied having this property in his possession, but eventually produced it, stating the same time that it had been found and given to him by his Shepherd boy. The latter denying this "Kolapu" was arrested.

On the 21st December a Constable when on beat, found an empty Drill Musket

lying on a bank situated about a mile north of the scene of the Crime, he remained at the bank and sent intelligence to his Station. The Officer who proceeded to the spot, searched the bank and discovered the property noted in the margin -

1 English Camp Hat

1 Bag of Camp Hat

1 Dragoon's Gun

1 Gunny Bag -

1 Bullock's Head -

1 Tin Pot -

1 Pair of Shoes -

1 Tin Box -

1 Gram Bag -

No further clue was obtained till the 1st January, when from information received, the houses of two men named "Venkatasamy" & "Ramesh" of "Sokrasopully" village in Bangalore were searched; in the house of the former a Cat leg similar to the one previously recovered was found, and in that of the latter a Peon's brass badge.

The Cat leg was found in a niche in the wall of the house and the man stated at the time that he had bought it in Bangalore market.

The brass badge was found tied up in some straw and secured in the loft of the house, and the house owner denied

all knowledge of it. They were both arrested.

The search was conducted in a proper manner, and in the presence of several respectable men whose signatures are attached to the Indorse.

On the 4th January the 1st Class Sub Registrar of Coleridge commenced his enquiry, and on the 20th January he discharged the 3 Prisoners under Section 225 - C. C. P. I beg to annex extracts from Mr. Jones's despatches informing me of the reasons given by the Sub Registrar for coming to this decision, and would only add that as far as my own knowledge of the case goes, I am unable to agree with him in the conclusions he has drawn.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Charles James Hewitt.

Offg. Supt. of Police.

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