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OOTACAMUND.

Sept 18th 1888.

My Dear Sir,

I send the paper re-
ferring the Native's Act. I hope
I was wrong in saying that the
report was false. It is undoubtedly.

Yours sincerely

W. S. S. S.

Thanks. I suppose this will be sent
to the Lt. Gov. & the Secretary to the
Lt. Gov. I hope probably it will
all be settled. W. S. S. S.

Sketch No.

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Sept. 15th 1888.

My Dear Sister

I send the paper re-
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report was false. It is undoubtedly.

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SAIDAPET, 14th September 1888.

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FROM

19-5-1888
G. M. Hellaly Esquire, and Magistrate
as COLLECTOR OF THE

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government an attempt to defraud the post office of \$15,000.

2. The facts are as follows:-

3. On the 15th August last one Kallappa Jayappa
Ipugar, Sub Magistrate of Watrap, Simevelly
District, posted at Streveliputtur parcel No 270
containing according to his declaration 4,500 dia-
-monds and 400 rubies and addressed to one
Steenivasa Ragava Chariar of Streperumbudur,
Chingleput District.

4. The parcel was insured at Rs. 65,000. From enquiries made it appears that this parcel reached

Streetpembudur in good order but was refused by the addressee, who said he was afraid to receive a parcel of such great value especially as it had been sent to him without his consent. It was accordingly sent back to Streetvelli further, Tinnevely District, where it appears to have reached in good order, the weight being precisely the same as when it was despatched but the sender refused to receive it on the ground that one of the seals seemed to have been tampered with. The parcel was then opened in the post office in the presence of the Sender and found to contain copper coins instead of diamonds and rubies.

5 Then arise two alternatives:-

1st The declaration for insurance was absolutely false.

2nd The parcel was tampered with in the post office.

6. Enquiry is carefully and vigorously proceeding both in this District and in Tinnevely, so it is premature to arrive at a final decision, but the following particulars will enable Government to form some opinion in the case.

7. The Sender Jayappa Iyengar is a Sub Magistrate of Watrap on a salary of Rs. 70 a month.

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He is said to have 25 years service that even assuming that he has been Sub Magistrate all this time (which is absurd) his total receipts from salary would amount to Rs. 21,000.

From the statement of the Sub Magistrate made in the presence of the District Superintendent of Police, Tinnevely, we have the following approximate figures.

Insured parcel No. 247, dated 4 th August 1888	Rs. 2050
Jewellery to his daughters	4500
Gift to the Gedothkari temple	5000
Jewellery to his wife	3000
Do daughter-in-law	1200
Purchase of land in Dammul	4000
Do Mamander	1000
Do house in Conjeevaram	2100
Marriage of daughters	2000
Value of unfinished ornaments	2500
Total	Rs. 27350

9. The property of his father was very small amounting to about Rs. 2000 or 3000, but even his share of this he relinquished in favour of his brother, so he started life with nothing. He also got no property by his wife except about Rs. 400 worth of personal jewellery.

10. Now we come to the insured parcel for Rs. 60,000. Where did he get such valuable jewels from? His story is that he got them from one Govardanam Rungafhari (now dead) as a gift 15 years ago, and all this time they were kept in an iron box in his house in Conjeeveram.
11. In December 1887 his wife brought them to him at Chilaumbaram and made them over to him.
12. On 4th April 1888 we find him sending an insured parcel No. 247, valued at Rs. 2,050 to the address of St. Sadagopalhari of Conjeeveram.
13. On the same day he posted a registered letter addressed to the same Sadagopalhari in which he tells him to take care of the covers of letters addressed to him and to send all communications in envelopes (This is on a small slip of paper).
14. A letter bearing the Watrapostal date stamp of 6th April and addressed to his mother-in-law H. Lutchmiammal at Conjeeveram contains the following words.
- "This letter will reach our place on 29th Panguni (9th April), the very day you receive it
- "You should write a letter to me as follows and

- "post it at once. After stating all about the health of the members of our family, say our girls have been long wishing for diamond ear-rings. When you send diamonds to Sadagopalhari, you should select and keep with you 98 good diamonds for 7 pairs of ear-rings and send the remainder to him. Please don't fail to do so."
15. Evidence shows that St. Sadagopalhari went to Struvelliputtur and returned to Conjeeveram between 7th May and 17th May.
16. On 17th May an insured parcel No. 252, valued at Rs. 60,000 was despatched by the Sub Magistrate to Sadagopalhari to Conjeeveram.
17. On the 31st May money order for Rs. 100 was paid to Rajagopalahari, Sub Magistrate's son, at Conjeeveram from Narayan Iyengar of Struvelliputtur, who is implicated in the anonymous petitions referred to later on.
18. On the same date both the parcels were returned insured to the same value to the Sub Magistrate and were received by him, the insurance charge for the parcel valued at Rs. 60,000 being

10. about Rs. 150. the amount of the money order.
19. On the 15th August an insured parcel No 270, for Rs. 65,000 was posted by him (the Sub Magistrate) to his brother St. Streenivasa Raghavafhariar at Streepereumbudur. This is the one now in question.

20. On the same day an insured parcel No 271, for Rs. 2,050 was despatched by him to his wife Homalamma at Conjeevaram.

21. The insured parcel for Rs. 65,000 arrived at Streepereumbudur on the 18th August and was returned on 21st August and arrived at Streepereumbudur on 29th August.

22. Two anonymous petitions have been received, one dated the 26th August and another dated the 28th August.

23. The one dated 26th August says that a robbery of the mails had been arranged between Sanit Thomas' Mount and Streepereumbudur, but failed. It implicates the Sub Magistrate of Watrap, the Sub Post Master of Streepereumbudur, and Karayana Iyengar, village munsiff of Kausapuram, Watrap.

24. The petition dated 28th August further

implicates the Sub Magistrate, the Sub Post Master and Karayana Iyengar.

25. On the 31st August 1888 the Sub Magistrate writes to his wife bewailing his loss, but says that as he has insured the parcel, he will be compensated for the loss by Government.

26. Search has been made in the houses of his wife and daughters, brother and cousins in Conjeevaram and jewels have been found as follows.

In the house of his wife	Rs. 5676-12-0
In the house of daughter Rajamma	Rs. 9132-2-6
In the house of daughter Latchamma	Rs. 1563-4-0
In the house of daughter Teruvengadam	Rs. 242-12-0
In the house of brother Rangaiahari	Rs. 122-2-0
In the house of Cousin Sadayopahari	Rs. 709-0-0
Total	Rs. 18446-0-6

27. Evidence is being recorded in the Trinevelly District, but the substance of it is not yet known to me.

28. From the information as yet available, my conclusions are:-
(1) The Sub Magistrate of Watrap owns property far exceeding what he could have acquired

10. by legitimate means.

W (2) The sending and returning of the two insured parcels for Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 60,000 was a sort of confidence trick to test the post office.

as (3) The declaration of the contents of the insured parcel for Rs. 60,000 was absolutely false and the Sub Magistrate should be prosecuted under Section 199 and 420, I. P. C.

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12. 29. Section 43 of the Post Office Act (Act XIV of 1866) seems defective. This act was passed prior to the introduction of the money order, Savings Bank and Insurance system and requires much amplification and especially for this case, to have more stringent penalties for false certificates under Section 43. The maximum penalty now is only Rs. 500, which is altogether inadequate to an offence of such gravity.

14. 30. Finally the facts ascertained are such as to enable the Post Office to repudiate any claim on them. There was undoubtedly a conspiracy, otherwise the expense and publicity

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of frequent insurances would not have been undergone - if he really wished to transport the jewellery, the ordinary course would have been to send it by his relations, which would have had the advantages of secrecy and cheapness.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Shree
Collector.

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF THE
CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

TO

Chief.
THE SECT. TO GOVERNMENT
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

Dated 14
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ENCLOSURES

SUBJECT.

Reports on an attempt to
defraud the Post office of
Rs 65,000 by Jayappa Iyengar
Sub Magistrate of Walahap -
Tinnevely District.

H.M.

Order 22 Sep/88 No 2014

Recorded pending the report on
the result of further enquiries.

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to Secy. of Police -
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