Letter no 88 of 2d April 1895

22nd March '95

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1416

Dated 6th july 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

PURCHASE OF AN IRON SAFE.

Censuring Messrs. Rees and Dena for the want of care displayed by them in the----from Messrs. Leighton & Co. for the deposit of valuable property in the Police station at Coonoor, Nilgiris.

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C. No 88 of 2nd April 1895

2nd March '95

Ref: Circular 178, Ootacamund 21st August 1894

If chests for custody of remand property are required, Inspectors will address the District Magistrate through the undersigned* on the subject under the authority conveyed in the G.O. below:—

* Superintendent

" Order No: 1233 Mis dated 22nd May 1894.
The Government considers that the District Magistrate should provide the iron chest."

n.c

(By order)

Dt. Police Office }
Coimbatore 7.6.94 }
Despd. 8.6.94

(Signed) A Subba Rao
Hd. Qr. Inspector of Police

To,
All Divisional Inspectors
Ooty Sub Division Office for information

(True Copy)

F Adene
Asst: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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through the undersigned on the [illegible]

under the authority conveyed in [illegible]

G. O. [illegible] |

"Order No. 233 dated 22 May 9

the Government Considered that the

District Magistrate should provide

the iron chest."

(By order)

Dt. Police Office | (Signed) [illegible]
[illegible] 1-6-94 | Asst Supdt of Police
[illegible] 5-6-94

[illegible] Inspector

[illegible] Office for information

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Enclosure No. 1
To Current No. 3658

Office No 88 of 2d April 1895

22nd March '95

Ref: to No 678/94.   Ootacamund 21st August 1894

From,

The District Magistrate
Nilgiris

To,

The Assistant Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

Sir,

In reply to your Endorsement dated 22nd June 1894 on Coonoor Inspector's Report dated 22nd May 1894 I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me whether it will be sufficient to supply an iron Chest to Coonoor Station only or whether such chests will be required for other Stations also.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) J. D. Rees
Collector & Dt. Magistrate.

(True Copy)

H. Dene
Asstt: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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2nd April 1895

Enclosure -9-94

From,

F. A. Dene Esqr.
Asstt: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

To,

The District Magistrate
Nilgiris

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 678 dated 21st August 1894 I have the honor to inform you that an iron chest is required only at Coonoor Station.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) F. A. Dene
Asstt Supdt of Police
Nilgiris.

(True copy)

F A Dene
Asstt: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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Ootac[illegible]nd 12th Septr 1894

Ref: on No $\frac{678.}{94.}$

From,
J. D. Rees Esqr. C.I.E.
District Magistrate
Nilgiris

To,
The Assistant Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris
Ootacamund

Sir,

With reference to your No 194 dated September 1894, I have the honor to inform you that an iron chest may be purchased for the Coonoor Stations and a bill for cost forwarded to me for payment.

I have the honor to be Sir,
(Signed) A. M. Jones
for District Magistrate

(True copy)

F H Dene
Asstt: Superintendent of Police
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Enclosure No. 2
Current No. 3658

To,
The District Magistrate
Nilgiris

Sir,

With reference to your letter no: 678 dated 12th September 1894, I have the honor to inform you that the Coonoor Division Inspector ordered an iron chest from Messrs Keighton and Co. Madras who have despatched it by rail and sent the rail receipt by value payable post. The amount to be paid as per postal receipt+ attached is Rs 217-6-0 for which I request a cheque may be forwarded me. In addition to this there will also be the cost of carriage from Mettapolium to Coonoor.

+ (To be returned)

I have &c.
(Signed) F. A. Dene
Asstt: Supdt. of Police
Nilgiris

(True Copy)

F A Dene
Asstt: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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Asstt Sr. Nilgiris

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Enclosure No. 4
Current No. 3658

From,
J. D. Rees Esqr. C. I. E.
District Magistrate
Nilgiris

To,
The Assistant Superintendent of Police
Ootacamund

Sir,

In reply to your letter No: 267 dated 24th ultimo, submitting postal receipt for Rs 217-6-0 being the cost of the iron chest ordered from Messers Leighton & Co Madras I have the honor to inform you that it appears to me that chests at such a high price were not Contemplat to be purchased for the custody of remanded property at Police Stations G. O. No: 926 dated 10-2-81 referred to in G. O. No: $\frac{1233}{22.5.94}$ judicial, sanctions the purchase of iron clamped chests, a description which does not include such an iron safe as the one that has been ordered. In these circumstances for Coonoor Station a chest at the lowest possible Cost should be purchas And I request information as to the Cost at which you Can get a chest

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Asstt Nilgiris

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) A. M. Jones
for District Magistrate

(True Copy)

H. Deane
Asstt: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Enclosure No. 5
Current No. 3658

11th January 1895

To,
The Superintendent of Police
Coimbatore

Sir,

In forwarding herewith the marginally noted Correspondence× I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the District Magistrate's instructions in his letter no: 678/12.9.94 the Coonoor Division Inspector ordered an iron safe from Messers Leighton and Co Madras. The Safe now lies at Mettapolium Railway Station and the railway receipt has been received by V. P. Post. The District Magistrate now declines to pay the amount of Rs 217-4-0 and directs an iron clamped chest to be purchased. I therefore request instructions what is to be done with the Safe now at

× Dt. Magistrate's letters no. 678/21.8.94 & 678/12.9.94 & 1731/12.12.94
This Office letters no. 194/Sept.94 & 267/24.11.94
Railway Receipt & 5 enclosures.

H. Deane
Asstt Superintendent

I have &c

(Signed) F. A. Deane

Asstt Supdt of Police

Nilgiris.

(True Copy)

F. A. Deane

Asstt Superintendent of Police

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Coimbatore dated 14-1-95

From,
The Superintendent of Police
Coimbatore

To,
The Assistant Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

Enclosures: 12

Refers to his letter no 1 dated 11th January 1895.

The chest appears to have been ordered by the Inspector under the Asstt: Superintendent's orders. The latter, if the District Magistrate is unwilling to pay for it, had better try to come to some terms with Messrs Leighton &c. The undersigned has nothing to do with the matter.

(Signed) L. G. Arbuthnott
Supdt of Police Coimbatore

(True copy)

H. Deane
Asstt Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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Asstt Supt Nilgiris

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Enclosure No. 7
Current No. 13658

Madras 19th January 1895

To. The Inspector of Police
G.W. Division
Coonoor

Dear Sir,

With reference to our letter of the 17th ultimo we are still without a payment for the Iron Safe sent you by V. P. P on the 20th Instant.

Should we not receive payment of the amount of our bill viz Rs 215-2-0 by the 25th Instant we shall forward Copies of the Correspondence to the Superintendent of Police Nilgiri District

We are, Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
(Signed) Leighton & Co

(True copy)

H. Deane
Asst. Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Enclosure No. 8
Current No. 3658

25th January

To,
Messrs Leighton & Co
Madras

Sirs,

I have the honor to inform you that the Coonoor Division Police Inspector has forwarded me your letter to him dated the 19th Instant regarding an iron Safe which he ordered from you and also your former letters on the same subject.

2. He ordered the Safe from you under the following circumstances. Government having sanctioned the purchase of iron chests for the safe custody of property at Police Stations application was made to the Nilgiris District Magistrate for sanction to obtain one for Coonoor Police Station. His sanction was obtained but owing to a misapprehension the Inspector ordered from you the expensive iron Safe now under discussion valued at Rs 217.4.0. The Nilgiris District Magistrate was asked to forward that amount but replied that the purchase of chests at such a high price was not contemplated by Government

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price should be obtained.

3. I have therefore the honor to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether you will take the safe back or what arrangements you could make as it is not required and was ordered by the Inspector under a misapprehension as to the kind of chest sanctioned and the Nilgiri District Magistrate is not prepared to sanction the expenditure of such a sum as Rs 217-4-0.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) F. A. Dove
Asst: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

(True Copy)

H. Dene
Asst: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris.

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Enclosure No. 9
Current No. 13668

To. F. A. Dove Esqr
Asst: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25th instant which has crossed ours of the same date.

2. We are still unable to understand why the Inspector took no notice of our letters.

3. We have requested the Railway to return the chest to us and we shall resell it as advantageously as possible and when we have done so will write and inform you what our loss on the transaction amounts to.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Leighton Co.

(True Copy)

H. Dene
Asst: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris.

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Asst. Nilgiris

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Enclosure No. 10
To Current No. 3658

To The Superintendent of Police
Ootacamund

Sir,

We have the honor to hand you herewith copies of letters which have passed between ourselves and the Inspector of Police Gw Division Coonoor regarding the purchase of an iron chest

2. You will observe that he first of all requested us to make the chest and to let him know the cost in response to which we forwarded to him a Specification and Estimate

3. He acknowledged our letter and asked us to have the chest made and forwarded to him, which we did on 20' November sending him the rail receipt by V. P. P.

4. Not only has he failed to pay the V. P. P and put us to the expense and trouble of having the Safe returned to Madras, but he has failed to reply

5. As soon as we have resold the safe we shall file a suit against him for our loss and in the meanwhile we have the honor to point out that the transaction is not quite creditable to the Police. If the man had not signed himself "Inspector of Police" and so led us to believe that the chest was required for the Department we certainly would not have executed his order.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Leighton & Co
(True copy)

F.A. Dewe
Asstt Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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To,
Messers Leighton & Co.
Madras

Sirs,

An Ironchest is need for Coonoor Police Station so please me an ironchest 3 by 2 & 2 feet an let me know the valuation of the said ironsafe by return post.

3 ft. in length
2 ft. in breadth
2 ft. in depth.

I beg to remain &c
(Signed)
Inspr of Police
C/w Dn
Coonoor

31st octr 1894.

(True copy)

Madras 2nd Novr 1894

To,
The Inspector of Police
C/w Dn
Coonoor

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of 31st ulto. we hope to send you an Estimate for the ironchest you require tomorrow

We are &c

F.A. Dewe
Asstt Nilgiris

| True Copy |

Madras 3rd Nov 1894.

The Inspector of Police
C/W Division
Coonoor

Dear Sir

In continuation of our letter of yesterday we enclose herewith an illustration and estimate for Safes of different sizes. ~~We~~

We can execute an order for either size within 10 days from receipt

A large number of these safes have been supplied for Government Offices.

We are dear Sir &c
(Signed) Leighton & Co

| True Copy |

To,
The Inspector of Police
C/W Dn
Coonoor

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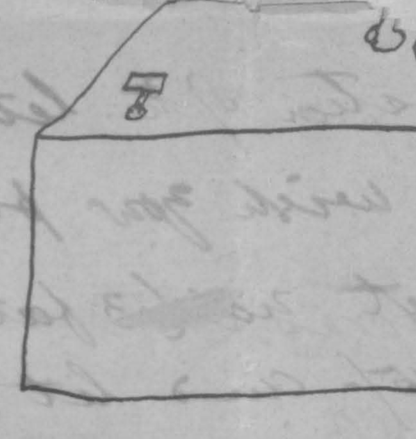

The above illustrated Safe is constructed of Sound wrought iron plates. The bolts shoot both to front and back and are secured by leverlocks of the best quality. The handles and mountings are of brass. If specially ordered they can be fitted with fire proof lining drawers and shelves.

Price No 1 -	3 feet × 2½′ × 1¾′	Delivered on rails at Madras	@ Rs 215/-
No 2 -	2½ feet × 1¾′ × 1½′		Rs 180/-
No 3 -	2¼ feet × 1½′ × 1⅓′		Rs 155/-

Madras
3-11-94
(Signed) Leighton & Co

| True Copy |

To,
Messers Leighton and Co
Madras

From,
The Inspector of Police
C/W Dn
Coonoor

In continuation of the letter dated 3-11-94, I wish you please make the ironchest no 1 (3 feet × 2½' × 1¾') price Rs 215/- and let me know total price including the rail charge and cart hire from Madras to Coonoor.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) Inspector of Police
C/W Dn

Coonoor
5-11-94

(True Copy)

Madras 8th Nov 1894

The Inspector of Police
C/W Division
Coonoor

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your favor of 5th instant and thank you for the order contained therein which will have our best attention

We are dear Sir &c
(Signed) Leighton & Co
(True Copy)

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To Current No. 3658

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The Inspector of Police
C/W Division
Coonoor

Dear Sir,

In execution of your order of 5th instant we enclose herewith our bill for one wrought iron safe the R receipt for which we have sent you by V. P. P.

2. Under separate cover we have sent duplicate sets of keys.

We are dear Sir &c
(Signed) Leighton & Co
(True Copy)

Madras 17th Dec 1894

The Inspector of Police
C/W Dn
Coonoor

Dear Sir,

We beg to call your attention to the fact that the R receipt which we sent you under V. P. P. for the iron safe ordered in your letter of the 5th ultimo has been returned

2. Kindly send us an explanation at

Asstt Engineer

In continuation of the letter

dated … (Signed) Leighton & Co

(True copy)

Madras 19th Jany 1895

The Inspector of Police
G/W Division
Coonoor

Dear Sir,

With reference to our letter of 17th ultimo we are still without payment for the iron safe sent you by V.P.P on the 20th November.

Should we not receive payment of the amount of our bill viz Rs 215-2-0 by the 25th instant we shall forward copies of the correspondence to the Superintendent of Police Nilgiri District.

We are dear Sir &c

(Signed) Leighton & Co

(True copy)

F A Dene
Asstt Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris.

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Enclosure 15 to Supdt. Letter No 88 d/ 2nd April 1895

Madras 22nd March '95

To. F. A. Dene Esqr.
Asstt: Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence regarding the iron safe ordered by the Inspector of Police G/W Dn Coonoor we beg to state that the safe has been returned to us in a damaged condition and without the keys.

We sent the keys to the Inspector G/W Dn Coonoor on 20th November & unless they are returned to us new keys will have to be provided and we shall have to claim for this expense in addition to the charges we have incurred in forwarding the safe to Mettupolium and having it returned again and the loss there will be on its resale.

We have &c

(Signed) Leighton & Co

(True copy)

F A Dene
Asstt Nilgiris

Enclosure 16 to Supdt letter no 88 of 2 April 1895

D. No. 78

Ootacamund
27th March 1895

To,
Messrs Leighton & Co
Madras

Sirs,

I have the honor to acknowlge receipt of your letter informing me that you have received back the Safe which was ordered by the Coonoor Inspector of Police. I regret that being out in the District on tour I have mislaid your letter and so request that you will kindly furnish me with a Copy of it. I request that you will kindly not Sell or dispose of the Safe until you hear from me again. The Coonoor Inspector has the Keys Which will be returned to you.

I have the honor &c

(Signed) F. A. Dove
Asstt Supdt of Police
Nilgiri.

(True Copy)

F A Dove
Asstt Superintendent of Pol
Nilgiri

Enclosure of [illegible] letter no 58 of 2 April 1895

Madras 30 – 3 – 95

To F. A. Dene Esqr.
Assto Superintendent of Abkari
Nilgiris

Sir,

As requested in your letter No 78 dated the 27th Instant we have the honor to enclose a copy of our letter of the 22nd idem

We note the keys will be returned to us also that in the meanwhile you do not wish us to resell the Safe which for the present we shall not do, but as we have now been out of our money for a considerable period we shall have to charge 12% interest on the account

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servants
(Signed) Leighton & Co

(True copy)

F.A.Dene
Assto Supdt of Abkari
Nilgiris

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Madras 20-3-95

F. A. Dove Esqr
Asst Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

Sir,

As requested in your letter no [illegible] dated the 27th instant we have the honor to enclose a copy of our letter of the 22nd idem. We note the keys were returned and also that in the Iron white you do not wish us to resell the Safe which for the present we shall not do. But as we have now been out of our money for a considerable period we shall have to charge 12% interest on the account.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servants

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Enclosure to letter No. 2495 d: 29 April 95 from IG of Police

No. 88.

Office of the Asst. Supdt. of Police
Nilgiris Ootacamund
Dated 2nd April 1895.

From
F. A. Dove Esqre
Offg. Asst. Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris.

To
The Inspector General of Police
Madras
Thro' the Superintendent of Police
Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information and orders Copies of the below noted Correspondence.

2. The facts are as follows:- In accordance with the District Superintendent's Circular Memo No. 24 of 1894, the Offr. Coonoor Division Inspector Submitted through me to the Nilgiris District Magistrate a requisition for iron chests for the three Stations of his Division. In answer to the District Magistrate's letter No. $\frac{678}{31.8.94}$ I informed him in my letter No. $\frac{194}{5.9.94}$ that only one iron chest was required for Coonoor Station. He in his letter No. $\frac{678}{12.9.94}$ Sanctioned the purchase of an "iron chest". The Offr. Division Coonoor Inspector was accordingly directed by me to purchase one and as he

he Could not procure one locally he ordered an iron chest from Messrs Leighton & Co of Madras. That firm despatched by rail an iron Safe worth Rupees 217. 6. .. and Sent the rail receipt by V. P. Post. I informed the District Magistrate in my letter No. $\frac{267}{24.11.94}$ and requested a Cheque for that amount, he in his letter No. $\frac{1731}{12.12.94}$ declined to pay the amount Saying that Government never Contemplated the purchase of Chests at Such a high price and that an "iron Clamped Chest" may be purchased. I then referred the matter to the District Superintendent in my letter No. $\frac{1}{11.1.95}$ who replied as Shewn in his Memo No. $\frac{33}{14.1.95}$ I then informed Messrs Leighton & Co of all the facts of the case in my letter No. $\frac{9}{25.1.95}$ and meanwhile received their letter dated 25th January 1895 Covering copies of their Correspondence with the C/w Division Coonoor Inspector. Messrs Leighton & Co now inform me in their letter dated 22nd March 1895 that they have taken the Safe back which they intend to resell and to Claim for any loss on the resale and for expenses incurred in forwarding it by rail to Mettapolium and having t returned to Madras. I have requested them in my letter No. $\frac{78}{22.3.95}$ not to resell t until I Communicate with them again o which they agree in their letter dated March 1895 but Say that they intend

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to charge 12 % interest on the account. I therefore forward the Correspondence to you and request for orders. I beg to point out that the District Magistrate in his letter No. $\frac{678}{12.9.94}$ Sanctioned the purchase of an "iron chest" which in my opinion is an iron Safe Such as has been ordered and yet in his letter No. $\frac{1731}{12.12.94}$ he Says that an "Iron Clamped chest" is intended which is an entirely different article. Under these Circumstances I do not See how Messrs Leighton & Co can hold me responsible for the money nor can I allow them to file a Suit. as they threaten in their letter dated 25th January 1895, against C/w Coonoor Division Inspector who was acting under my orders. The whole point of the Case rests on the wording of the District Magistrate's letter No. $\frac{678}{12.9.94}$ in which he Sanctioned the purchase of an "iron Chest". I therefore beg for orders. I would Suggest that the iron Safe under discussion is just Such a one as is required at Coonoor Station for the Custody of the remanded property It is a place with a large European population and where at any time the Police may have in their Custody valuable jewels and a number of Currency notes or a large amount of cash. I would therefore Suggest that this iron

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Safe be purchased for Coonoor Station.

I have &c.a

Sd/ F. A. Dene

Asst. Supt. of Police Nilgiris.

Enclosures.

District Superintendent's Circular Memo No. 24/7.6.94.
Nilgiri District Magistrate's letter No. 678/21.8.94
This Office letter No. 194/5.9.94.
Nilgiri District Magistrate's letter No. 678/12.9.94.
This office letter No. 267/24.11.94.
Nilgiri District Magistrate's letter No. 1731/12.12.94.
This office letter No. 1/11.1.95.
Dt. Supt's memo No 33/14-1-95
Messrs Leighton & Co's letter dated 19.1.95.
This office letter No. 9/25.1.95.
Messrs Leighton & Co's letter dated 30 January 1895 Covering Copies of their letter dated 25 January 1895.
C/w. Coonoor Inspector's letter No. 27/31.10.94.
Messrs Leighton & Co's letters dated 2 and 3 November 1894.
C/w. Coonoor Inspector's letter dated 5.11.94
Messrs Leighton & Co's letters dated 8 and 20 November and 17 December 1894 and 19.1.95.
— do — letter dated 22.3.95.
This office letter No. 78/27.3.95.
Messrs Leighton & Co's letter dated 30.3.95.

Sd/ F. A. Dene

Asst. Supt. of Police

Forwarded.

Sd/ L. G. Arbuthnott.

Supt. of Police.

(True Copy)

Asst. Inspr. Genl. of Police

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Enclosure I to Supts letter no 97 d: 8th April 1895.

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Madras 5th April 1895

F. A. Dene Esqr.
Assistant Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

Sir,

We now beg to inform you that the keys for the iron safe have been returned to us and that we are willing to take back the safe at its full value less the actual charges incurred by us as per memo attached.

Please let us have your reply as soon as possible as we wish the matter settled at an early date.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) Leighton & Co

Memo

	Rs As Ps
Rail charges, Demurrage & cart hire to and from Mettoopolium – –	37-10-0
Depreciation and Cost of repairing the safe. – – – – – –	40-0-0
Interest – – – – – – – –	9-9-9
Rs	87-3-9

(Signed) Leighton & Co

(True copies)

Ootacamund
8th April 1895

F A Dene
Assistant Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris

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Enclosure II to letter no 2495 d: 29' April 1895 from I.G. of Police

Office of the Asst. Supt. of Police
Nilgiris, Ootacamund.
Dated 8' April 1895.

No 97

From
H. A. Dene Esqre.
Asst. Supt. of Police,
Nilgiris

To
The Inspector General of Police
Madras.
Thro' the Superintendent of Police
Coimbatore

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. $\frac{88}{2.4.95}$ covering correspondence regarding an iron safe, I have the honor to forward a Copy of a further letter dated 5' instant from Messrs Leighton & Co. They offer to take the safe back at its full value less the actual Charges incurred by them which they estimate at Rupees 87. 3. 9.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Sd) H. A. Dene
Asst. Superintendent of Police
Nilgiris.

(True Copy)
J. McArt
Asst. Inspr Genl of Police.

Mr. Dene appears to have authorized the Inspector of Police, Coonoor, to purchase one (Para 2 of his letter No. 88, dated 2d April 1895). The Inspector therefore entered into correspondence with Messrs. Leighton & Co., Madras, and settled to buy an iron chest, price Rs 215 [Vide letter No. 9/95, dated 25 January 1895, from Assistant Superintendent, Nilgiris to Messrs. Leighton & Co. and correspondence between the Inspector of Police and Messrs. Leighton & Co. enclosed]. The District Magistrate on receipt of the bill objected to pay the amount as he said G.O., No. 926, dated 10 February 1881, referred to in G.O. No. 1233 dated 22d May 1894 only sanctioned the purchase of iron clamped chest and not such an expensive chest as this one. After some correspondence the safe was returned to Messrs. Leighton & Co. who now send a bill for Rs 87. 3. 9 thus

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N.C

Rail charges, Cart hire &a.	37	10	"
Depreciation and cost of repairs to safe	40	"	"
Interest on money out	9	9	"
Total Rupees	87	3	9

Messrs. Leighton & Co. consent to take the safe back if this sum is paid.

3. There has been a succession of mistakes. The

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The District Magistrate should not have
authorized the purchase of an iron safe
if he meant an iron clamped box. Mr. Dene
should not have given the Inspector permission
to purchase an iron safe without finding
out what it would cost, the Inspector should
not have ordered an iron safe for Rs 215 with
-out referring the matter to Mr. Dene for or
orders first.

4. The District Magistrate made the init
mistake and, I think, the police cannot be
held much to blame for having carried
out his orders. I think almost the best pl
is to take the safe now and use it. Coono
is a large place and possibly the polic
may have to keep at times property o
considerable value. In any case it wo
be better probably to buy the safe an
a use for it than to pay the large sum
Rs 87 for nothing. The Board of Reven
used to be continually purchasing s
of this character and possibly it migh
of use to them. In which case w
could purchase a cheaper box
would answer our purpose. I
the honor to ask for the early
of Government upon the subj

This must be
[illegible] whether the
chest be furnished
or safe
RS

5. Copies of all the correspondence are enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.

Hammick
Inspector General of Police

Endorsement No. 367

Referred to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, for early remarks with reference to para. 4 of the Inspector General's letter.

(By order)

Ag. Under-Secretary

To
The Board of Revenue L.R.
Mad.

Jud. (1895) DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT NO. 2159

FROM J. Hammick Esq. I.C.S.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

BOARD OF REVENUE 6 MAY 95 MADRAS

To

No. 2495

CHIEF SECRETARY 1 MAY 1895 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 29 April 1895.

Received

Encs. 20.

No.

SUBJECT.

Forwarding ~~correspondence~~ with the remarks ~~from the Asst. Superintendent of Police, Nilgiris,~~ regarding the [illegible] an Iron chest for Coonoor Police Station from Messrs Leighton & Co. ~~and requesting early orders upon it.~~ and the return [illegible] of [illegible] who now claim Rs 87-3-9 for rail charges, depreciation, cost of repairs

MR 3/5

W.S. 3/5.

Enc. 1

G. 887.

1895 REVENUE DEPARTMENT Enclosure No. 24 Current No. 3658

Cover

BOARD'S GOVT. REG. No. OF 18 LAND REVENUE.

Refce No 450/95 & papers.

Endorsement. No. 967

Referred to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, for early remarks with reference to para. 4 of the Inspector General's letter.

(By order)

Lionel Davidson
Ag. Under Secretary. 3/5

Ootacamund
3rd May 1895

To
the Board of Rev. L.R.

MR
3.V.95

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

300-28-5-94.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

C No. 2159/95

From the I.G. of Police.

Dated 29 April 1895.

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the draft endorsement on back of the current. Perhaps the purchase of the safe in question may be sanctioned for Coonoor Police station, in the circs reported? Submitted that it would be better to await the Board's reply before deciding. When they reply, it will be necessary to fix the responsibility for the loss to Govt. on some one. The chest is in Madras & it is folly to incur ~~another~~ further expenditure on bringing it up to Coonoor again, if the Board has any use for it in Madras

D
3-5-95

MR
3.V.95

Iron chest for Coonoor Police station.

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(For orders)

~~Mr?~~ Cs

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$\frac{0}{18}$ 10,000—25-3-95.

Judicial (1895) Dept.

~~REVENUE~~ DEPARTMENT.

Current Number. ~~3658~~ 2846

From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.

Dated 17th May 1895

Received 20th May 1895
Do in Judl 12. 6. 95
Reqd " " 13. 6. 95

Enclosures ~~22~~ 2 & cno. 215 quita
Ever: retd.

No. 2484 mis:

SUBJECT.

Reporting to Govt. that the iron safe of Messrs Leighton & Co. may be ordered to be forwarded to the Collector of Godavari for use in the Deputy Tahsildar's office, Sivakodu.

Refee No. 967/95 Mahes

ABSTRACT.

Read also cus 4022

Endorsement No. 2308 mis

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

2. The safe may be forwarded to the Collector of Godavari as proposed.

CHIEF SECRETARY 12 JUN. 1895 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

W B Ayling

Ag: under Secry: to Govt.

Ootacamund
10th June 1895

To
The Judicial Dept. (with enclosures)
Copy to the Board of Revenue (L. L.)

MR 13.6.
Us 14.6.

(For orders)

Mr. 1/6

3,000
3-5-59.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 30 May 1895.

No. 2757 Mis. ~~Routine.~~

READ the following letter from V. A. Brodie Esqr. Collector of Godavari, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 21st May 95. Ref. No. 2544/acc.

With reference to B. P. Sab. No. 1609 dated the 9th instant, I have the honor to state that the Dy: Tahsildar of Sivakodu reports that the largest sum he receives into his treasure chest would be Rs. 10000. which consists of stamps, jewels and other valuables received for safe custody in criminal cases, unclaimed property, money payable to the Local Fund contractors on account of L. F. works, to village munsiffs on account of Survey advances and salaries of the Establishments. The cost is to be met from the General Savings at the disposal of the Board.

Resolution

Submitted to Government in continuation of Boards Proceedings dated 17-5-95 Mis. 2484.

2. The safe proposed to be sent to the Collector will hold Rs. 80000, which is more than the Collectors requirements in cash, but it is observed that in his original application the Collector states that the Deputy Tahsildar would want the safe also for custody of stamps and other valuables.

3. The cost of the safe can be met from general savings under Land Revenue.

(True copy & Extract)

ag. Secretary

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20 The Secretary to Govt. R. D.

Accountant General.

B.P. 2484 d/17-5-95 Cr. No. 3658

Revenue 1895. Dept

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Current Number 4022

To

The secretary to Govt.
R. D.

5 JUN 95

Recd 3 June

Proceedings, dated 30-5-1895,

No. 2757 Mis. ~~Routine~~

Recommending that the safe be forwarded to the

Subject.

Sabmg. to Govt. letter from the Collector of Godavari (& stating that the cost of the safe recommended to be forwarded to the Collector of Godavari, can be met from General Savings under Land Revenue.)

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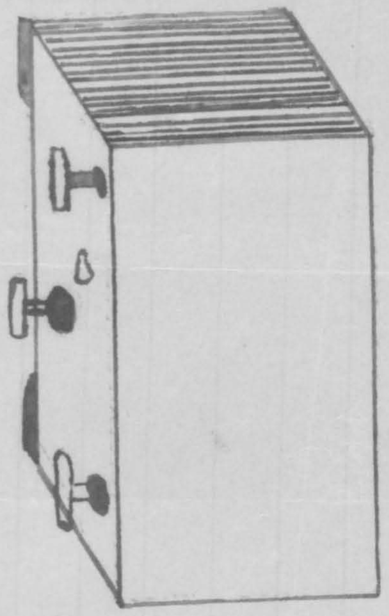
Jud Dept
Enclos. No 1
To
C. No. 2846

CURRENT NO. 2846



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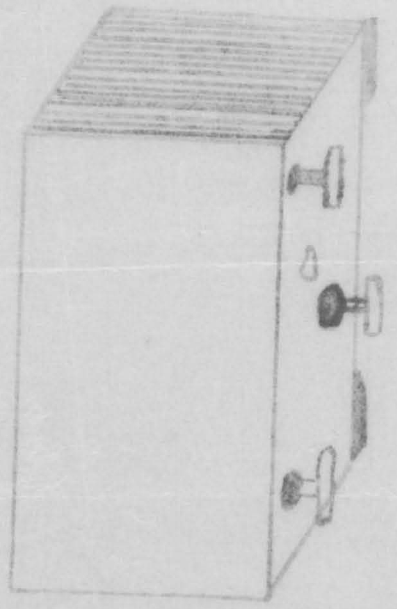
B.P. 2484 d/17-5-95 Cr. 3658



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Tr. Dept
Enclos. No. 2
To
C. No. 2846

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Enclosure No. 22
To Current No. 3658

CURRENT NO. 2846

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

Dated 17th May 1895.

No. 2484 Miscellaneous.

READ the following papers:—

1. The following letter from J. A. Brodie Esquire, Collector, Godavari District, dated 22nd April 1895 Ref. C. No. 2544/Acc of 95 to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras.

The Sivacoda Deputy Tahsildar has no iron safe and his treasury box is now guarded by the police. The Superintendent of Police, Rajahmundry, wrote to the District Magistrate that he cannot spare a separate guard for the Treasury. Without the police guard there can be no safety for the stamps and other valuable property secured in the office by the Deputy Tahsildar in his double capacity of the Revenue and Magisterial officer. I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will be so good as to order the supply of an ordinary iron safe that can be imbedded in the ground, for use of that office, and the following

reference

reference thereon dated 9th May 1895.

The Collector is requested to report the largest amount which the Deputy Tahsildar has occasion to deposit in his treasury box and the dimensions of the safe required. He should also point out the source from which the proposed expenditure may be met.

2. Also Endorsement of the Acting Under Secretary to Government Public ~~&c.~~ Department dated 3rd May 1895 No. 967. and the following Telegram to the Collector of Godavari. dated 10th May. 1895

Your No. 2544, 22 ultimo. Wire size of safe required Sivakodu. Is imbedding essential?

Also the following reference to Messrs. Leighton & Co. Madras, dated 10th May 1895.

Messrs Leighton & Co are requested to state whether the safe lately supplied by them to the Inspector of Police, Coonoor Division, and which the Board understands has now been returned to them is one that can be imbedded in the ground and whether it is already provided with shelves. The undersigned makes this enquiry as the Government has asked the Board whether it wishes to take the safe for its own use.

3. Also the following letter from Messrs Leighton & Co., Madras dated 11th May 1895 to the Secretary Land Revenue Board of Revenue. Madras

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant we have the honor to state that the Iron safe referred to is well suited to be imbedded in the ground, as it opens at the top.

It contains no shelves.

Enclosed we beg to hand you an illustration of it.

4. Also the following Telegram from the Collector of Godavari, dated 11th May 1895 to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Board of Revenue Land Revenue, Madras.

Your telegram tenth two and half by two by one. One fourth feet with two bars and four screws to the base for imbedding safe in the ground which is essential Sivacodu having only two peons.

And the following telegram to the Collector of Godavari dated 14th May 1895.

"Your telegram 11th. A safe three feet by two and half by one and three fourths available here. can be imbedded in ground. Will it suit Sivakodu.

5 Also the following Telegram from the Collector of Godavari dated 15th May 1895, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras.

Your telegram 14th. safe of those dimensions suffices.

Resolution

Resolution

With reference to endorsement dated 3. 5. 95 Public, 967 returned with its enclosures, the Board begs to state that the Collector of Godavari has indented for an iron safe for the use of Siwakodu Deputy Tahsildar. His treasury box is now guarded by the Police, but the District Superintendent of Police has proposed to withdraw the treasury guard. In the event of this proposal being carried out, the Collector considers that a safe should be supplied to the Deputy Tahsildar for securing stamps and other valuable property received into the office on the revenue and magisterial sides. The Board support the Collector's proposal and recommends that the safe which the Police Department ordered from Messrs. Leighton & Co. may be ordered to be forwarded to the Collector of Godavari.

2. The Collector reports that Messrs Leighton & Co's safe will suit the Deputy Tahsildar. It is somewhat larger× and costs more than safes generally supplied to Deputy Tahsildars, but in the present case no objection need be raised on that score.

	dimensions	cost Rs
×Messrs Leighton & Co's safe	3' × 2½ × 1¾	215
Safe generally supplied to Deputy Tahsildars	2½' × 1¾ × 1½'	163

3. The Collector of Godavari should report the source from which the cost of the safe can be met. The report will be submitted on receipt.

(True copies & Extract)

To
The Secretary to Govt. R.D.
with Govt. Endorsement
of 3-5-95 & its enclos: returned.
and with enclosure
cm

Acting Secretary

D.O. No 333

Chief Office of Inspector General of Police.

~~Madras~~ Ootacamund. 24 v. 1895.

PUBLIC & EST. DEPT. MAY 95 UNDER SECRETARY

Dear Davidson

E. File

With reference to my letter d 29. 4. 95. No. 2495/163. about the supply of an iron safe from Mess. Leighton & Co. I have just heard that Mess. Leighton & Co have the safe and now demand Rs 7-3-9. So please if the matter has not yet been disposed of - dispose of it on the understanding that we

Resolution

Cannot get the Safe now, if we wished it.

Yours
truly
M Hammick

[G / 9]
2,000—23-1-95.

D.O.
~~Current~~ No. 333

DEPARTMENT.

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abs of ct No. 2159/95

From

M. Hammick Esqre
Ootacamund

No.

Dated 24 May 1895

Received }
~~Regd~~ } 24 — " — "
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Re supply of an iron Safe from Messrs. Leyelon & Co.

24/5

To await receipt of Bd's reply to Refce No. 967 of 3-5-95.

D / 27-5

MR / 27-5-95 Note. As the Bd's reply has, it appears, been recd in the R.D. it seems unnecessary to enforce the Bd's reply ... Refce.

Refce No 967 - 3.5.95 & papers

D.O. 333 & Cu. 2846 / 2159 / 95.

For orders.

As the safe has since been sold by Messrs Leighton & Co., the Board can now be told so. Orders have now to be passed as to who is responsible for the loss to Govt. of Rs 87-3-9. The I.G. considers that, the D.M. having made the initial mistake in authorizing the purchase of an iron safe (meaning an iron-clamped box), the Police cannot be held much to blame — vide paras. 3 & 4 of the I.G.'s letter. Should not the amount be recovered from the Dist. Magte. Mr. Rees?

D / 15.6.95

This muddle has arisen not so much from the mistake made by the Dist. Magistrate as from Mr. Dene's having left to the Inspector a matter to which he should have seen himself. The Inspector should certainly had he had any sense have referred to Mr. Dene when he found what the chest was to cost but Mr. Dene should not have allowed him to have anything to do with the matter.

Messrs. Leighton & Co's bill is a heavy one. The safe must have been a pretty gimcrack affair if it depreciated & was damaged to the value of 40 rupees during transit and the time that it was at Mettupollaiyam. It is surely the Mr. Co. that is responsible & should pay for this.

Mr. Rees & Mr. Dene made the muddle between them — & should anything should pay between them, if any one should be made to pay. It is hardly the right thing to make officers of their position pay — Govt. must pay & they should be wigged for their carelessness.

W 24/6/95

If any one is to make good the loss incurred by Govt. in this transaction it is as is submitted Mr. Dene

MD 20/6/95.

C 21/6.

[G. / 24.]
600—8-3-95.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. 2159 of 1895, dated 29-4 from the I.G. of Police
[D.O. 333 from the I.G.]
Current No. 2846 of 1895, dated 17 May from the Bd. of Revenue

ORDER. d/ 6th July 1895 No. 1416.

As Messrs. Leighton and Co. have since sold the safe in question, the ~~Board of Revenue will be informed that it is unnecessary to send it to the Collector of Godavari~~ proposals of the Board of Revenue cannot be given effect to.

2. Messrs. Leighton & Co's claim for Rs. 87-3-9 is not disputed by the I.G. of Police ~~& must be paid by Govt. & he will be authorized to meet it~~ & the Dist. Magte, Nilgiris, will accordingly be authorized to pay it.

3. For the loss to Govt. Mr. Rees & Mr. Dene ~~were~~ were responsible ~~to blame~~. The former as Dist. Magte should not have sanctioned the purchase of an "iron chest", if he ~~only~~ meant an "iron clamped box"; & the latter should not have given his inspector permission to purchase a safe without first enquiring himself into the cost.— Strictly speaking these officers should make good the loss, but in view of their position & the smallness of ~~loss caused~~ amount, the Govt. considers

Omit
W / 30 Aug

C.

[illegible] suffered [illegible]
for the want of care
~~[illegible]~~ which they
displayed in the matter
(from orders) [illegible]
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24.6.95 4/7/95

The I.G. of Police (Q.C.)
The Bd of Revenue (Q.C.)
The Dist. Magte, Nilgiris; (A) C-2159
The Acct. Genl. (P.C.)

DESPATCHED 13 JUL 95 IN M.S.

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Note

No explanation has been called for from Mr. Rees or Mr. Dene; perhaps they may be able to explain

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M
27-5-9[illegible]

~~Loss of~~

Purchase of an iron safe

C.S. / mis from orders.

Issue
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(office copy)

Judicial Dept.

Revised Copy of G.O. of 6 July 1895 No. 1416.

As Messrs. Leighton & Co have since sold the safe in question, the proposal of the Board of Revenue cannot be given effect to.

2. Messrs. Leighton and Co's claim for Rs: 87-3-9 is not disputed by the Inspector-General of Police and the District Magistrate, Nilgiris will accordingly be authorized to pay it.

3. For this loss to Government Mr. Rees and Mr. Dene were responsible. The former as District Magistrate should not have sanctioned the purchase of an "iron chest," if he meant an "iron clamped box" and the latter should not have given his inspector permission to purchase a safe without first satisfying himself as to the cost.

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5/5/95

To The Inspector General of Police.
" Board of Revenue.
" District Magistrate, Nilgiris.
" Accountant General.

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