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Trichinopoly District Magistrate's Office.
30th September 1891.

No. 80
From 2

Charles J. Weir Esquire.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
TRICHINOPOLY.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to report
a serious outrage and accident on
the South Indian Railway at
11 P.M. on the 28th...

The mail train due at...
at 11.5 P.M. was derailed at...
about 2½ miles to the...
Srivaramam station...
robbers and 4...
belonging to the...
off. There was...
of life and the...
no case...
2. The...
killed... injured...

one side and one on the other had been carefully unfastened and placed on the side of the line. The engine did not leave the track but the guardsman which was next and contained the treasure, broke up and rolled down the embankment apparently precisely at the place where the robbers are congregated. Some of the carriages behind were upset but did not leave track.

The night was intensely dark & there was a heavy thunderstorm in progress at the time. No attempt made by any of the Railway officials to drive off the robbers or to go near them. It appears that the robbers kept up a shower of stones on the side of the train & were at work which no

one was thrown out of the carriage among them, & about 40 or 50 men were present, but no one else is known to identify any one.

The treasure which represented the amount of the treasure viz, the money, the jewelry and the gold ornaments.

Negapatam was contained in 4 large wooden boxes. Each box contained several leather bags in which the money is secured.

The Railway officials cannot as yet state the amount of money stolen nor give any particulars of the contents of the bags. The information has been called for and when received may perhaps furnish a clue where to trace the offenders.

5. The Police Superintendent & his subordinates were prompt on the spot and all the available Police are at work scouring the country on both sides of the line. As yet, however, have received no report of a clue having been found. They have also directed the District Magistrate and Taluk Magistrate in the neighbourhood to assist the Police and their own enquiries.

6. The Government have sent 30 or 40 men from the

I telegraphed yesterday to the
Dewan Regent and asked him to
urge all the officials of the State
to exert themselves to the utmost
in training the offenders. The
Muzkoteh Police received similar
instructions from the Superintendent
Police.

the skill with which the
one remained seems to point
employed of the
concerned in the
and all other clues
be worked out and
thout hope that
will be detected.

I have the honor to be
Yours truly & respectfully
J. M. McKim

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DEPARTMENT.

FROM

The COLLECTOR *Trichinopoly*

TRICHINOPOLY.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Judicial Department,

Madras

30th Sept 1891

No. *17*

ENCLOSURES.

Genl Dept.

No. *5790*

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras, 1st October 1891.

FROM

Col. C. A. Porters,

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

To

THE *Chief Secretary*
to Government
Fort Saint Georges.

SIR,

Enclosures. *2*

I have the honor to submit
copies of letters from the Superin-
tendent of Police, Trichinopoly,
reporting the de-railment of
Mail Train on the night
of 24th near Thervaramb
theft of Cash & 10
Brake Van —

For the Inspector General of Police

W. M. P.
By order of the Inspector General of Police

District Police Office,
Trichinopoly 30 Sept 1891.

No 1609
From

J. E. Boyd Esq.
Superintendent of Police,
Trichinopoly.

To

The Inspector General of Police,
Madras
and copy to Dy. Insp. Genl.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter
No 1599 of yesterday. I have the
honor to forward enclosed copy of
detailed statement of Mr Stinson
D. I. S. who was in the mail train
when it was derailed and the
Cash Chests were plundered on night
of 28 Instant.

Inspector of Police, Madras
obtained information from the
to which he has been referred.

and this forenoon I was led to Rock-
low along with the Collectors of
Trivadi and Vullam Division (where
the Superintendent of Tanjore was -
kind enough to send to assist in
detection of the case). I have not
yet received particulars of loss -
but these and any fresh informa-
tion will be wired to Nagapattinam
per instructions received from
Assistant Inspector General.
Yesterday afternoon.

I have etc.
(Signed) John Edward E. A. Boyd
Subd. of Police

Copy of statement made by Mr. Stinson
District Traffic Superintendent on
30th Septemb. 1891.

I was looking out of carriage
on the west side. The lightning was
very vivid and rain falling very heav-
ily. There was a very vivid flash of
lightning and at same time I heard
a noise from the front of the train.
Several crashes followed immediately.
Then I heard the carriages in front
of me bumping and suddenly the
carriage I travelled in in centre
train got off the road and the
train came to a sudden stop. At
this occurred train was
going from 20 to 25 miles.
The light was very
I opened the door on the
side but I could not see
could see nothing from
I got out when
the lightning came

direction of the engine. I saw a
native passenger alighting and
he had a lamp in his hand. I
took it, and went forward. Getting
over a low hedge and going round
over turned carriages I reached
engine. I was going round in
front of it when driver caught hold
of me and pulled me back saying
there were many men on the left side
of the line and they were abusing
and throwing stones. About
this time Chief Guard Stephenson
to me - he wrote me a telegram
at my dictation to effect
clear off the road and break
up all possible medical
aid at once. This same
with the telegram
of nearly
dozens
the
carriages

carriages and great excitement
prevailed. I ordered driver to draw
fire and had a large wood fire
lighted by side of engine. This to some
extent assisted the passengers in
getting from the carriages. I questioned
driver regarding the accident and
as he was unable to give me any
satisfactory information as to how
it had occurred. I went back the
same way I came taking with me
the Police Inspector and then
near where double saloon had
been a stand two lengths of which
had been removed from track
and placed on the line about
2 feet away and
also removed from the side.
then occurred the accident
been done. I continued
getting help as I went on
looking for the engine and going round

side of it saw whole of upper —
portion of guard's van lying smashed
to pieces below the bridge but I
could not distinguish whether the
cash boxes were there. I tried to get
down the bank to examine the spot
but it was so slippery I came
down. The Inspector suggested that
2 men who were standing by should
scout down to examine the ground
! they reported that they could
find the cash boxes. In the
interim I had deputed others
under guard, my writer and my
(included) to assist the pass.
out of carriages
and take them to the
carriage. After the
11.30 or 11.45
with the
the Railway
the
guard's van and discovered
distinct

distinct marks of the Cash Boxes
having been rolled over but beyond
this there was no trace of the boxes.
The Police Inspector joined me a
few minutes after I reached the
engine.

(True Copy)
(Signed) John Ewart E.A. Boyd.
Supt. of Police.

(True Copy)
Ag. Insp. of Police

"Engine and 6 coaches derailed" at 240 miles, 8 feet near Thiruvananthapuram.
 Cash boxes robbed and carried away by robbers. Information should be
 sent by express to Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut, and Srirangapatna Station
 House officers and also to Gudalur, Ooty, Palakkad, Coimbatore, and
 should come at once with a party of police. I am alone and want more
 Police men"

Encl. No 2 to
 9 District Police Office
 Trichinopoly 29 Sept 1891
 N. 1899.

From
 To
 S. Boyd Esq.
 Secy of Police, Trichinopoly.
 The Inspector Genl of Police, Madras
 & Col. H. Dy. Insp. Genl of Police.

Referring to my telegram of this morning I have
 the honor to report that at 3.30 A.M. I received the message
 as per message from Railway Inspector who soon after
 arrived at my house in person. Having despatched
 pressed to Station House officers of Coimbatore, Gu-
 thiramanore and Coimbatore, sent instructions to Town
 Inspector to follow to scene of crime and arrived urgent
 to the Chief Insp. Pudukottai. I started with Rail-
 Insp. & one H. Constable and 6 Constables of Coim-
 batore for scene of crime by S. M. train. On arrival of
 I found the Division Insp. Mr. A. Clerk had not
 reached it along with the Sivagudi, Station
 Town Insp. Mr. Elder arrived about 3.15
 crime is in a large tract of
 beyond Thiruvananthapuram, the scene
 lies about 3/4 mile from it
 other side of line had been
 ing and numerous of the
 the black man but there was
 the man for
 30 years
 and in
 had not
 was a black

by Mr. Shree, District Traffic Supt. who happened to be in
the train. The night was pitch dark and heavy rain falling
but stones were thrown at the engine from the left side or that
on which the train fell. The driver, Brice and a fireman
Kamaluddeen, who were still at work, stated that by the
flashes of lightning they saw a gang of men close the
bridge but they could neither identify nor see any.
In the darkness and confusion, the District Traffic Supt. and
Inspector Subraya Chudalekar who was also in the train turned
their attention to the passengers in the first carriages and
lost it was discovered the 4th coach which had been
broken when had been carried off. About seven
coaches were found some 50 or 60 yards off broken and
a number of bags (6 intact and one
damaged and empty) which were trodden upon. Some
marks were traced towards the south and the
Inspector Chudalekar decided it was best for himself to go
to Wazir Station House Officer to Kolarapalle (Co-
lony) where lives one Nagan Kolundar an whose foot-
path watchman claimed to recognize.
He made local inquiries and
in the village of Vasavandi
there was nothing more to be
known. The train which reached
the station at 11.30 a.m. having left a head
of 1000 or 12000. —
The District Traffic Supt. and
Inspector Chudalekar are now
at Kolarapalle.

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about noon stated he fell on his back into the top of the van
and it was only when he had scrambled out and got out
the line again that he saw the robbers, he could give no
description of them, they were about 20 yards from the van
when he saw them.

I have the honor to
St. John Edward B. Boyd
Superintendent of Police

No. 579

True Copy forwarded to the Chief Secy.
to Government, Fort St. George for information.

Chief Office
1 October 1891.

M. N.
Sg. Asst. Insp. Genl.
for District Secy.

K.W.

Judicial (1291) Department.

C. No. 4397 & 4417

From

Colonel W. A. Porters.
Inspector General
of Police.

Subd. for perusal.

A.

6th Oct.
Canton 191 No 2043

Respectfully, further info.

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D. Lloyd, Esq.

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ORDINARY, MS.

Judicial DEPARTMENT
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[Despatch Abstract.]

*The accompanying letter from the
Collector of Diachinopoly &
the Sub-Genl of Police re-
porting the circumstances
of the mail to at 240
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& the theft of
from the box*

Dated

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