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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th August 1865.*

No. 402A. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 9th August 1865, No. 1,097:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward the further particulars connected with the robbery of Overseer Misquita's Cash Chest, called for in the Order of Government of the 21st of July 1865, No. 2,096.

1 Letter from Mr. Paynter, No. 163 of 25th July 1865.
1 Letter from Mr. Misquita No. 18, dated July 1865.

2. Mr. Paynter, the Range Officer, reports that the sum of Rupees 260, which was in the Overseer's Cash Chest, was not more than sufficient for the payments he intended making before returning to Tripatore. The exact amount due at the time to the road coolies, as shown by the Station Books, was Rupees 234-10-0. The box measured $16\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 8$ inches. The books and papers lost were one Cash Book, nine Nominal Rolls, and eight Station Books. Mr. Paynter also states that he made a thorough examination of Mr. Misquita's accounts a few days before the robbery, and that the accounts were then correct. The loss of the books is not likely to cause any difficulty in the adjustment of the Overseer's accounts.

3. I forward, as requested, Mr. Misquita's letter to the Range Officer, and the report of the latter.

No. 402B. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1865, No. 2,382.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 46A.

Before passing final orders on the subject of the robbery reported on by the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division, in this and in a previous letter, dated 17th July 1865, No. 896, the Government desire to be furnished with particulars of all that came under the observation of the Police authorities at Vaniembady, in connection with it, as well as of the steps taken for the detection of the robbers, and for the recovery of the stolen property. Colonel Foord will obtain this information from the Police authorities at Vaniembady, and submit it without delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 163.

Coosoo Range Office
Kistnagerry 25th July 1865.

From/ The Assistant Engineer
in charge of the Coosoo Range.

To, The Superintending Engineer
5th Division D.P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you a report of what I know of the circumstances connected with the robbery of the cash chest of Talook. Overseer Misquita called for in your No 897 of the 17th instant.

2 On the morning of the 5th instant, at Vaniambad, whither I had proceeded the day before to inspect works, Overseer Misquita came to me at 5 O'clock and reported that his cash chest had been stolen about ten minutes before. he said that he saw four men carrying it away and had followed them for a short distance, but as they had sticks and he was unarmed and alone he thought it best to return and awake his horse keeper, and by the time that was done the robbers were out of sight.

3 I directed the Overseer to report the robbery to the Police at once, and in a few minutes afterwards I rode to the Police Inspector and reported the matter to him. He instituted a search for it at once, but did not succeed in finding any trace of it. As it was day-light when the robbery took place it was thought that the thieves could not have taken the box far and the Police Inspector advised that all the wells and gardens in the neighbourhood should be searched all day, and that people should watch in the night, as it was probable that the thieves would return to carry away the box if they had not been able to do so in the morning. this was all done but to no purpose, and up to this time nothing further has been heard of the

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the box or the robbers.

4 The Overseer reported the whole matter to the Sub. Magistrate at Taniambody a few hours after the robbery took place.

5 The Overseer had been sleeping in a Soldiers Shed close to the high road about half a mile to the west of Taniambody and close to a small village, the name of which I do not know. There were no doors or windows to the Soldiers Shed. I was stopping in the Overseer's Shed about 500 or 600 yards from the Soldiers Shed, the Overseer had also stopped in the same place the whole of the previous day but had gone to the Soldiers Shed in the evening; what were his reasons for doing so I do not know, as there was quite sufficient room for him in the Overseer's Shed.

6 The cash chest was not chained as none of the cash chests in this Range are provided with chains, but the Overseer might if he thought his cash chest not safe, have placed it in the Police Station House, the Deputy Thasildar's Cutcherry, or with me.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

M. P. S. P. S.
Assistant Engineer

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Supg. Eng^r Office 5th Division
Calcutta, 9th August, 1865

To Asst. Eng. Insurance
of 29th July 1865

5th Division D.P.W.
Calcutta District

From, No 163.
The Assistant Engineer
in charge of Ojora Range.

16th August 1865
No 2382

To, The Superintending Engineer
5th Division D.P.W.
Calcutta

Dated 25th July 1865
Received

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Reporting the circumstances
of the robbery of Overseer
Misquitas' Cash Chest, all
for in the Asst. Eng. No 897
of the 17th instant.

Pres. 16th Aug 1865 - Bt 4022

No 1097
Supg. Eng. Office 5th Division
Calcutta, 9th August 1865

From
Lieut. Col. E. A. Ford R.E.
Superintending Engineer 5th Division
Colonel C. S. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Enclosures 2.

1 Letter from Mr
Paynter No 163 of
25th July 1865
1 Letter from Mr
No 18 dated - July 1865

I have the honor to forward the further
particulars connected with the robbery of Overseer
Misquitas' Cash Chest called for in the order
of Government of the 21st of July 1865 No 2000.
2. Mr. Paynter the Range Officer reports
that the sum of Rs 200 which was
in the Overseer's Cash Chest was not more
than sufficient for the payments he in-
tended making before returning to
Tripatore. The exact amount due at the
time to the road Coolies, as shown by
the Station books was Rs 234 10.
The box measured 10 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 8 inches.
The books and papers lost were one
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states that he made a thorough
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of the Overseer's accounts.

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3. Forward as requested,
Mr. Maguire's letter to the Range Officer
and the report of the latter.

I have the honor to be,
Your most ^{truly} obedt. Servt.

E A Ford ^{Col.}
Superint. Engineer S. A.

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Read the following

Reporting further
particulars in connection with
the late robbery of Overseer
Misquitas Cash Chest—

Here enters 9th August 1866
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Before passing final orders on the subject of the robbery reported on by the Superintending Engr. of the S. A. in this and in a previous letter dated 17th July 1865 No. 896, the Government desire to be furnished with particulars of all that come under the observation of the Police Authorities at Yamimbato.

The Secretary to
Government, St. Paul.

Patented 9th August 1885.
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Departing further
further into the convention
with the late robbery
of Brown "negatives"
each chest.

For Orders
August 1865 - Aug. 12th 1865

do not see that any blame attaches to
the man - present himself to the
street may be willing

circulated for the
orders of Government

Fort George }
10th August 1855 }

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Contact: Dr.
James W. G.

Secretary to Government.

was unprepared of the Mangin's story
is that there is not a drop of truth in it -
He can't be proved unprepared and unhappy
even from the statements made in the
papers report of the matter -
What has become of W.H.
the letter before stating
that the Mangin's were drunk & that
in that state he was robbed?

in connection with it,
as well as of the steps
taken for the detection
of the robbers & for the
recovery of the stolen
property - Colonel Poore
will obtain and submit
from the Police authorities at Marseilles & has
this information without

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To The Superintendant:

Deaf - 16th August - 1900

