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Overseer carried the money back in his bandy to his head quarter station; why the money was sent out at all is not explained, nor have reasons been given for so much as Rupees 300 being drawn in cash. These appear to me the points as to the Overseer's responsibility: whether the robbery was committed, or assistance rendered by any persons connected with the establishment, may perhaps be ascertained by the Police Department. Further details will be reported when received; but I have thought it advisable to make this report without more delay.

No. 301. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1866, No. 842.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 30.

Ordered to be recorded, pending the receipt of a further report from the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division upon the robbery in question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2340 Sup.ᵈ Engineer's Office 8ᵗʰ Div.ⁿ
Madura 27ᵗʰ February 1866.

From

Captain H. L. Prendergast R.E.
Off.ᶜ Superint.ᵈ Engineer 8ᵗʰ Div.ⁿ

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government Dᵗ Wᵏˢ

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Cash chest of Serjeant Littlewood, Overseer in the Venkarau taluq of Tinnevelly District, was stolen from his house during the night of the 15ᵗʰ Instant; and all the money Rupees 473-5-3., carried away; all records and papers being left untouched.

2. I am not yet sufficiently acquainted with the case to make a full report; but the circumstances that have come to my knowledge are as follows.

3. The Overseer reported on the 16ᵗʰ Inst.ᵒ to the Executive Engineer at Tinnevelly, that his house at Streevigoondum had been entered at night by thieves, who had removed the bolt from the bath-room door, and taken off the Cash box, which was found in an adjoining

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adjoining lotte; the papers being all Correct but the money gone. The items of Cash were Government money Rupees 311-5-10 of which a sum of Rs 300 had been drawn on the 13th

Pay of the Overseer and his establishment	121-15-5	drawn on the 15th
Travelling allowance	50-0-0	
Total Rs	173-5-3	

4. In answer to questions put by the Executive Engineer at Tinnevelly, the Overseer further reports on the 17th that he had only Rs 11-5-10 in Cash previous to cashing the Cheques for Rs 300; and that being at a distance, when the Cheques were cashed, the money reached him only on the evening of the 11th, so that it was in his possession only one day and one night - that on the 15th he was marching to Sreevegoondum his Head Quarters; but as his bandy carrying the Cash Chest did not come in till the evening; he could make no payments that day; and at night the money was stolen. The Overseer complains of the delay in Cashing his Cheques at the Cutcherry, and that his Lascar was kept waiting till 5 P.M. for the Cash, on which account the money could not be disbursed as soon as received. He explains that the robbers must have entered by forcing the bath-room door removing a bolt & chain, and then passed and re-passed thro' the bed-room in which he and his family were sleeping. Major Paxton in forwarding these reports states, that he at once requested the Superint. of Police to investigate the case: and wrote to the Tahsildar for explanation as to the alleged delay in the Cheques being Cashed - he considers that blame is not attributable to the Overseer. (if this statement is correct regarding the delay in cashing the Cheques) except that the chain attached to the Cash box was not fastened to any fixture in the room. The Overseer stating that he intended marching at 2. A.M. and left the Cash box in readiness to be moved.

5. On receiving this report; I wrote back for information on some points, which are not clearly explained - Considering that the Lascar took 21 hours to reach the Overseer, with the money; I do not see how delay in Cashing the Cheques at the taluq Cutcherry, has any bearing on the matter; especially as the Overseer Carried the money back in his bandy to his Head Quarter Station; why the money was sent out at all, is not explained - nor have reasons been given for so much as Rs 300 being drawn in Cash - These appear to me

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Police Head Quarters Trichinopoly

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 14th March 1866.

From the Officiating Inspector General of the 1st Division

To Lieut Colonel Ward Commanding 1st Regt Madras Native Infantry

Dated Trichinopoly 13th February 1866 No 2340

Reports that the Cash Chest of Overseer Littlewood of the Turnevelly District has been robbed on the night of the 15th instant and that a full report will be made when the explanation of the Range Officer on some points which are not clearly explained is received.

Ordered to be recorded, pending the receipt of a further report from the Superintendent of Police Trichinopoly.

By order of the Governor

(Signed) W. Lee Warner

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St George 15th March 1866

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From the Officiating Inspector General of the 1st Division

To The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George

Dated 27th February 1866

Rec'd 5th March 1866

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Robbery of the Cash

Chest of Overseer Littlewood

Tinnevelly Dist, on the 15th

Ultimo - Letter from the Supg

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