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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th September 1867.

No. 269. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Granting authority for the value of the property }
recently stolen from the Army Clothing De- } (Here enter 4th September 1867, No. 3,305.)
partment being written off to profit and loss. }

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1867, No. 2,809.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 36.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Superintendent Army Clothing, Madras, 12th August 1867, No. 10;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George
(through the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 21st August 1867, No.
XXXVI.)

I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the person who effected a robbery of Government Property from the Army Clothing Department, in June last, pleaded guilty at the Sessions of the High Court, and was sentenced on the 7th August 1867, to two years' rigorous imprisonment. I therefore solicit authority to write off the books of this department, the value of the stolen property.

2. With reference to the remark made by the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, in his report to Government, dated 20th July 1867, on my letter, dated 11th July 1867, No. 4, "the robbery which the Superintendent reports, appears "to have been owing to a want of the simple precaution of ascertaining that the "building was thoroughly vacated, before being closed," I beg respectfully to observe, that every precaution was that day, and is every day, taken to ascertain, that every one admitted into the building as a working man vacates before the doors are locked.

3. The thief in this instance, was a servant of one of the maistries: and according to the thief's statement, secretly admitted by the maistry during the tiffin hour (when all workmen are absent) to secret himself among a pile of several thousand Native Infantry Cloaks. All those who worked on the premises had left before the building was locked up for the night, and it never has been the practice to take down and pile up again the stock of the department, to look for thieves—an employment that would occupy many hours of the day. This occurrence was, therefore, one of those that scarcely any amount of fore-sight could have prevented, and the small amount of property abstracted from this extensive department, laboring under considerable disadvantage as to suitable premises, testifies to the fact of the diligent care that is taken of Government property.

4. In para 4 of the Acting Controller's letter, it is remarked, that "in the absence of any agreement on the part of the house-owner to furnish bolts and locks, such safe guards should be provided by the tenant, and in this case, the Superintendent is responsible that this had not been fully effected."

5. In this instance, the Government is the tenant: and I, as the Superintendent and Agent, failing to obtain from the Proprietor the necessary safe guards, addressed the Barrack Master, as the Government Officer, in charge of public buildings, on the 16th March, that Officer replied on the 18th, that he did not know the terms on which the building was rented, nor the name of the proprietor. I furnished all information on the 19th; but nothing was done: and I heard nothing from the Barrack Master on the subject. Had it been only bolts and locks that were wanted, the expense was too trifling for me to allow Government property to be exposed to risk.

6. It is the unprotected venetian doors and the glass windows that chiefly require to be secured: as any expert thief could admit himself from the outside, by almost any door or window in a very few minutes.

H. C. S. S. S.

ORDER, No. 3305, 4th September 1867.

Sanctioned as requested to the extent of Rupees 300, the estimated amount of loss, as recorded in Proceedings of Government No. 2911, dated 7th August 1867.

(True Extract.)

Mumtaz Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Clothing Department.

.. Controller of Military Accounts.

.. Public works Department,

.. Barrack Master,.....

} for information.

with 2 spare copies

*Sent to George
12th Sept 1867*

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Exd. J. E. Cashart.

ORDER, No. 3305, 4th September 1867.

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Pro: of House for Sept
No 3401.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Military Depo

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