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3rd November 1870.*

No. 59. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer,
3rd Division, dated 26th October 1870, No. 1,531:—

*Copy of a letter No. 536, dated 12th October 1870, from the Officer in charge of the
Hospett Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.*

I BEG to bring to your notice that, on the 10th instant, I left Hospett on a tour of inspection, and, while travelling from Hospett to Bellahoonsy on the said day, one of my bandies was pillaged, at about half past 6. P.M., by a gang of robbers at the 49th mile of the Dharwar road (within a mile and a half of Bellahoonsy.) The property carried away by the robbers is my writing or cash box, with valuable contents in it. Immediate intimation was given to the Police Inspector of Hospett Talook, who was fortunately then at Narrainkerra, and a letter, copy of which is enclosed, (which is explanatory of all the particulars concerning the robbery and the contents of the box stolen,) was addressed yesterday to the Superintendent of Police. Endeavours are being made for the recovery of the property, and this morning I received an intimation that some of the papers and the box (broken) were found by the Police somewhere near Hampapatnam in Hadagully Talook, and as soon as I shall know more about it, I shall report to you the property regained.

2. It will be observed from the list attached to the copy of the letter to the Superintendent of Police that, at the time of robbery, I had in the box a cash balance of Rupees 50-8-3, and numerous papers in the shape of plans, estimates, and several unanswered correspondence. The reason for the retention of the former is that a few minutes before leaving Hospett, having received my pay, I paid into my cash chest and credited in my account Rupees 50 in repayment of an advance of Rupees 500 (ninth instalment) I received, *vide* G. O., No. 141, dated 12th January 1870, and the remaining 0-8-3 was the balance with the Range Officer when I took over charge of the range. The reason for having had with me so many plans and estimates was that I had not intended to return to head-quarters until the 4th or 5th of next month, within which time I proposed to go over the papers myself and clear off as much arrears of work as I could, which, at present, is very heavy in the Estimating Department.

Copy of a letter from the Assistant Engineer in charge of Hospett Range, to the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, dated Bellahoonsy, 11th October 1870, No. 535.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, yesterday afternoon, while travelling on public duty from Hospett to Bellahoonsy, my bandies (two in number) were stopped by a gang of robbers at the 49th mile of the Dharwar road, about a mile and a half from Bellahoonsy, about half past 6 or 7 o'clock in the evening. The number of my public and private servants who accompanied the cart was seven, and, according to my servants' account, the robbers numbered about 20; at the time of the robbery my servants tell me that one of the carts, namely, (my tent and furniture bandy,) was about 100 yards behind the other, but the robbers made no attempt to go near it. They pillaged the front cart, and, having taken and thrown out all its contents on the road and in the fields, ran away carrying with them my writing or cash box, the contents of which are valuable, and almost beyond the reach of

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my memory. But, however, I enclose a list of things which were in the box as far as I can remember. Beyond the said box I have not sustained any loss with the exception of some articles, (crochery and glass,) which were smashed.

2. One of my private servants was so severely beaten as to be quite unfit for work for some days to come, and a bandyman received a slight injury on the arm from a stone.

3. Immediate intimation was given to the Police Inspector of Hospett Talook, who was fortunately at Narrainkerra last evening. I have been to the place of robbery, with him and my subordinates, to endeavour to find some of the official papers which were in the box, as I thought the robbers might have broken it open and extracted the money, leaving the papers; but I found none.

4. The carts left Hospett at about half past 3 P.M., but I did not leave till after 4 P.M., and, travelling on a horse, soon overtook the carts and arrived at Bellahoosy in advance, for I passed the carts at the 4th mile from Hospett.

5. In conclusion, I beg to add that the contents of the box, reported above as stolen, were a great deal of Government property in the shape of money, correspondence, plans, etc., which last were prepared at the expense of a great deal of labour and time, with a little of my private property in proportion to Government. I have given the Inspector of Police all the particulars I can concerning the robbery, and, under these circumstances, solicit that you will be good enough to do whatever lies in your power for the apprehension of the robbers and recovery of the stolen property.

Copy of list to accompany letter No. 535, dated 11th of October 1870.—*Vide* paragraph 1.

Detail of the property which were in the box stolen.

Government.

- 1 Full Cheque Book of Public Works Department, unused.
- 1 Mathematical Instruments box, brass bound second class.
- 1 Parallel Ruler, Ebony.
- 1 Note Book.
- 1 Penknife.
- Numerous plans, estimate, etc., in bundles.

Rupees 50-8-3.

Cash Rupees fifty Annas eight and Pice three.

Private.

- 1 Prismatic Compass with leather case.
- 3 Currency Notes for 50 Rupees each.
- 2 Note Books.
- 1 Small brass box with five half Anna postage labels in it.
- 1 Penknife of three blades.
- 1 Do. of one blade.
- 1 Golden Seal with white stone on it with "W" engraved.
- 1 Stamp with my full name on it. Rupees 80-1-0 cash.

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Copy of a letter No. 555, of the 19th October 1870, from the Officer in charge of Hospett Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

In continuation of my letter No. 536, dated 12th ultimo, I beg to report that the articles, as per annexed list, were handed over to me yesterday by the Tahsildar of Hospett, being those that were found out of the things robbed from me on the 10th instant.

2. I have regained almost all the property lost, with the exception of Government and private money in actual cash. The robbers have left the three currency notes of Rupees 50 each. I would have had the Government cash also in currency notes had I previously thought of retaining it with me for any length of time, or had the least suspicion that the road is so unsafe as to be robbed on immediately after sunset, and close to the village (Bellahoosy.)

3. The Police inform me that further efforts are being made to recover the rest of the property, and for the apprehension of the robbers.

LIST OF PROPERTY FOUND.

Government.

- 1 Full Cheque Book of Public Works Department.
- 1 Mathematical Instrument box, brass bound, second sort, (broken in pieces and the instruments missing.)
- 1 Parallel Ruler, Ebony.
- 1 Note Book.
- Bundles of plans, estimates, and correspondence.

FORWARDED to Government for information. The Officer in charge of the Hospett Range has been requested to submit the Police Report.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Lieutenant-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1870, No. 2,632.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 8.

THE Government will await the Police report on the case of robbery reported in these papers, together with the Superintending Engineer's recommendations.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Copy of a letter No 536 dated 12th October 1870 from the
Officer in charge of the Kerpitt Range to the Suptg
Engineer 3rd Division:-

I beg to bring to your notice that
on the 10th Instant I left Kerpitt on a
tour of inspection and while travelling from
Kerpitt to Bellahoonry on the said day one
of my Boondies was pillaged at about 1/2
past 6 P. M. by a Gang of Robbers at the
49th mile of the (Pharwar Road) (within a
mile and half of Bellahoonry). The pro-
perty carried away by the Robbers is my writ-
ing or Cash Box with valuable contents in
it. Immediate intimation was given
to the Police Inspector of Kerpitt Talook
who was fortunately then at Narrainkema
and a letter copy of which is inclosed (which
is explanatory of all the Particulars concern-
ing the Robbery and the Contents of the Box
Stolen) was addressed yesterday to the Super-
intendent of Police. Endeavours are being
made for the Recovery of the property and
this morning I received an intimation
that some of the Papers and the box (broken)
were found by the Police some where near
Kampapatnam in Madagully Talook
and as soon as I shall know more about
it I shall report to you the property
recovered.

2. It will be observed from the letter

attached to the copy of the letter to the Superintendent of Police that at the time of Robbery I had in the Box a Cash Balance of Rupees 50-8-3 Fifty Annas Eight and pice three and numerous Papers in the shape of Plans & Estimates and several Enclosed Correspondence. The reason for the Retention of the former is that a few minutes before leaving Kaspette having received my pay I paid into my Cash Chest and Credited in my account Rs 50-0-0 in repayment of an Advance of Rs 500. (9th Estimate) I received Vide G.O. No 141 dated 12th Jan any 1870 and the remaining - 8-3- was the Balance with the Range Officer when I took over charge of the Range. The reason for having had with me so many Plans and Estimates was that I had not intended to return to Head Quarters until the 1st or 5th of next month within which time I proposed to go over the papers myself and clear off as much arrears of work as I could which at present is very heavy in the Estimating Department.

Copy of a letter from the Assistant Engineer in charge Kaspette Range to the Superintendent of Police Bellary of Bellahoonery 11th October 1870 No 535.

I have the honor to inform you, that Yesterday afternoon while travelling on Public duty from Kaspette to Bellahoonery my bandies (two in Number) were stopped by a gang of Robbers at the 49th Mile of the Dharwar Road about a mile and a half from Bellahoonery about 1/2 past 6 or 7 O'clock in the evening. The number of my Public and Private Servants who accompanied the Cart was 7 and according to my Servants account, the robbers numbered about 20 at the time of the Robbery, my Servants tell me, that one of the Carts viz (my tent and furniture bandy) was about 100 yards behind the other, but the Robbers made no attempt to go near it. They pillaged the front Cart, and having taken and thrown out all its contents on the road and in the fields ran away carrying with them my writing or Cash box, the contents of which are valuable and almost beyond the reach of my memory. But however I enclose a list of things which were in the box as far as I can remember. Beyond the said box I have not sustained any loss with the exception of some Articles (Crockery and Glass) which were smashed.

2. One of my private Servants was so severely beaten as to be quite unfit for work for some days to come, and a Bandy man received a slight injury on the Arm

3. Immediate intimation was given to the Police Inspector of Kerpitt Sabosh, who was fortunately at Narran Kierah last evening. I have been to the place of robbery with him and my subordinates to endeavour to find some of the official papers which were in the box, as I thought the robbers might have broken it open and extracted the money, leaving the papers but I found none.

4. The Carts left Kerpitt at about 1/2 past 3 P.M. but I did not leave till after 4 P.M. and travelling on a horse soon overtook the Carts, and arrived at Bellahoonny in advance. For I passed the Carts at the 4th mile from Kerpitt.

5. In conclusion I beg to add that the contents of the box reported above as stolen, were a great deal of Government property (in the shape of money) Correspondence Plans &c. which had been prepared at the expense of a great deal of labor and time with a little of my Private property in proportion to Government; I have given the Inspector of Police all the particulars I can concerning the Robbery, and under these circumstances solicit that you will be good enough to do what ever lies

Copy of List to accompany letter No 535 dated 11th of October 1870. Side Para. 1. qv

(Detail of the Property which were in the box stolen.

Government

1. Full Cheque Book of D.M. issued.
1. Mathematical Instruments box brags
1. Bond 2nd Class Money.
1. Parallel Ruler
1. Note Book
1. Penknife.
- Numerous Plans Estimate &c. in bundles
- Cash Fifty Rs. Eight Annas and three pice.

Rs 50-8-3.

Private

1. Presmatic Compass with leather case.
 3. Currency Notes for 50 Rs. each.
 2. Note Books
 1. Small brog box with 5 half Anna postage labels in it.
 1. Penknives 3 blades.
 1. — Do — 1 — Do.
 1. Golden seal with white stone on it with "W" engraved
 1. Stamp with my full name on it
- Rs 80-1-0. Cash. Eighty Rs and one Anna only.

Copy of a letter No. 535 of the 19th October 1870 from
the Officer in charge Knapett Range to the
Superintending Engineer 3rd Division.

In continuation of my letter
No. 536 dated 12th & 13th. I beg to report
that the articles as per ~~inventory~~ list were
handed over to me yesterday by the Tahiti
dar of Knapett being those that were found
out of the things robbed from me on the
10th Instant.

2. I have regained almost all
the property lost with the exception of
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Cash. The Robbers have left the 3 Currency
notes of Rs 50 each. I would have had the
Government Cash also in Currency notes
had I previously thought of retaining it
with me for any length of time or had
the least suspicion that the Road is so
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la hoonsy).

3. The Police inform me that
further efforts are being made to recover
the rest of the Property and for the appre-
hension of the Robbers.

— List of property found —
Government.

1 Full Cheque Book of O.M.

1 Mathematical Instrument box broken
bound 2nd Port (broken in pieces and the
Instruments missing)
1 Parallel Ruler Ebony. ✓
1 Slide Book.

Bundles of Plans Estimates & Correspondence

No. 1531. dated 26th October 1870.

Forwarded to Government for
information. The Officer in charge
of the Knapett Range has been request-
ed to submit the Police Report.

A. H. H. H.
Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

Public Works Department
 No 2632 -
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 3rd Nov 1901.
 Read the following.

From The Supr Engineer S. D. S. / H. E. No 1531 of 26th Oct 1901

The Government
 will await the Police
 report on the case of
 robbery reported in these
 papers together with the
 Supr Engineer's recommendation.

W. B.

To.
 The Supr Engineer S. D. S.
 M. S. Dept. 3/11/01 -

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Towards App of Case.
 Remission from the
 Audit by Mr. Montagu
 reporting that certain
 Govt's private properties
 have been stolen near
 Bellary on the 10th Nov.

No 1531.

Date: 26th Oct. 1901.
 Recd: 31

To.
 The Secy to Govt
 P. M. D.

The Supr Engineer
 S. D. S.

Approved by Mr. Montagu
 No 104338

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
3rd Division

Date

No. of

3rd Div. 2632.

Nos. 59-60

Robbery. The Police report on
the case of robbery of Cer-
tain Govt & private pro-
perty near Kellahosney in
the Kellany District, awaited.