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Public works DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st February 1878, No. 884 W.

General.

Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 243. Endorsement of the Inspector-General of Police, dated Madras, 30th January 1878, E No. 414.

From Major G. CHRYSTIE, Superintendent of Police, Nellore District, to the Inspector-General of Police—through Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range—dated Nellore, 19th January 1878, No. 56.

I HAVE the honor to make the following report about the theft of Rupees 115-13-3 from the cash-chest of the District Engineer of Nellore, which occurred on the night of the 21st November, 1877.

2. The money in question was on the evening of the 21st November counted and put into a sealed bag by the Accountant of the District Engineer's office named Mullawarapoo Nursimooloo; the bag was then as usual secured in a small wooden box fastened with a padlock, and the key of the padlock taken away home by the Accountant. The room of the District Engineer's office in which the box was kept was shut up and secured as usual, the Head Clerk keeping this key; a watcher named Govindoo was left in charge of the building till 8 P.M., when he was relieved by C. Goorappah, and at 9 P.M. this man was joined by Y. Soobbadoo, and these two remained there the whole night.

3. Next morning (22nd) the office was opened by a draftsman named Soobramania Pillay, who on entering immediately observed that the lid of the cash-chest was open, and on the Head Clerk's examining it the bag containing the money was found missing. Information was sent to the Town Inspector of Police, who immediately went to the spot. On examining the premises it was found that entry had been effected by the front door of the office, which as aforementioned was secured with a padlock. The padlock bore distinct signs of an attempt having been made to force open its back, but this had failed and the lock must then have been picked; on looking about the yard a key which opened it was found, and this may have been used; it was the property of one of the workmen in the yard who was in the habit of leaving it there near his chest to which it belonged. The thieves had reclosed the door and locked the padlock. Half of one of the windows of the room was also found open, but this being iron-barred the thieves cannot have entered by it, but may have forced, being broken near the hinge; in searching the verandah a small crow-bar was found under some gunny bags which may have been used for the purpose. Some marks on the side of the box near the hasp correspond with the points of the crow-bar. The crow-bar belonged to the Department Public Works Stores, it could not be accounted for how it came to be in the place where it was found; it had been in use with the watcher Soobbadoo two or three days before.

4. The watchers Y. Soobbadoo and C. Goorappah slept within about five yards of the front door which was opened; it seems impossible that the tampering with the padlock of the door and the opening and reclosing of it can have been effected without their knowledge and connivance, and the whole circumstances of the crime indicate its having been perpetrated by persons well acquainted with the premises as these watchers were. They were therefore arrested on the 22nd November, but subsequently

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 21ST FEBRUARY 1878, No. 884 W.

discharged by the Town Sub-Magistrate, who did not consider the case conclusive against them.

5. A most thorough search in all likely localities has failed to bring out the money; nor have the actions of the suspected parties up to this time given any indication as to what may have become of it.

6. The padlocks in use on the cash-chest and door were of common description, and the hasp of the cash-chest was of hoop or thin sheet iron. It would appear desirable that in future articles affording greater security should be used.

FORWARDED to Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, with reference to G.O., No. 2,028, dated 10th December 1877.

(Signed) C. S. HEARN, Colonel,
Inspector-General of Police.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

No. 243-A. From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 2nd February 1878, No. 3,775.

In reference to G.O., dated 10th December 1877, No. 2,028 W, I have the honor to submit a copy of the Police report on the robbery of Rupees 115-13-3 from my office on the night of the 21st November 1877. You will observe from this report that there was no want of care in the arrangements for the safe custody of the money and there can be no doubt that the robbery was committed by some person or persons connected with the establishment. The door-lock was by no means bad though not of the best description, and the box was sufficiently strong to require a crow-bar to open it.

2. If the watchers Goorappah and Yanady Soobbadoo are not the actual robbers, or even if they did not connive at the robbery, they were grossly careless of their charge, and although they have been released by the Magistrate from the more serious charges, I have dismissed them for at least neglecting their duty. Under all the circumstances I suppose nothing can be done but to ask the Government to be pleased to authorise the amount to be written off to profit and loss.

No. 243-B. From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 2nd February 1878, E No. 487 NL.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1878, No. 884 W.

The amount robbed will be written off to Profit and Loss, Provincial.
(True Extract.)

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
" Judicial Department.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
Colonel, R.E.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1878)  Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

NELLORE.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated February 21st.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 21st February 1878, No. 624 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 243-244.

Government money robbed from the District
office cash-chest, Nellore District. — The
amount of — ordered to be written off as
"Profit and Loss," Provincial.

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OF MADRAS. }

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 2TH. FEBRUARY

1875.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

Nellore

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THE AMOUNT FORWARDED BEING INSUFFICIENT
COVERABLE, IT ONLY REMAINS FOR
GOVERNMENT TO DIRECT ITS BEING
WRITTEN OFF TO PROFIT AND LOSS
PROVINCIAL, VIDE G.O. NO. 40. W. DATED
THE 9TH. AUGUST 1877.

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Copy of the letter from the Superintendent
of Police Nellore, to the Inspector General
of Police through Deputy Inspector General
of Police Central Range. dated 19th
January 1878 No. 56. *88/2*
Sir,

I have the honor to make the
following report about the theft of
Rs 115-13-3 from the cash chest of the
District Engineer of Nellore which
occurred on the night of the 21st
November 1877.

2 The money in question was on
the evening of the 21st November counted
and put into a sealed bag by the
Accountant of the District Engineer's
Office named M. M. Narasimhoolo, the bag was then

usual secured in a small wooden box fastened with a padlock, and the key of the padlock taken away home by the accountant. The room of the District Engineer's Office in which the box was kept, was shut up and secured as usual. The P. Clerk keeping this key, a watchman named Govindoo was left in charge of the building till 8 P.M. when he was relieved by G. Gammappa and at 9 P.M. this man was joined by Y. Subbadoo and these two remained there the whole night.

3 Next morning (22) the office was opened by a draftsman named Soobramanian Pillay who on entering immediately observed that the lid of the cash chest was

open and on the Head Clerk, examining it the bag containing the money was found missing. Information was at once given to the Town Inspector of Police who immediately went to the spot. On examining the premises it was found that entry had been effected by the front door of the office which as aforesaid mentioned, was secured with a padlock. The padlock bore distinct signs of an attempt having been made to force open its lock, but this had failed and the lock must then have been picked. On looking about the yard a key which opened it was found and this may have been used, it was the property of one of the workmen in the yard who was in the habit of leaving it there near his chest to which it belonged. The thieves had

reclosed the door and locked the
padlock. Half open of the windows
of the room was also found open, but
this being iron barred the thieves
cannot have entered by it, but may
have opened it after entry to pass out
the money. The hasp of the cash chest
had been forced being broken near the
hinge, in searching the Verandah a
small crow bar was found under
some gunny bags which may have been
used for the purpose. Some marks on
the side of the box near the hasp correspond
with the points of the crow bar. The crow bar
belongs to the D.P. Whore it could
not be accounted for how it came to be
in the place where it was found, it had
been in use with the watchmen Gobladoo

2 or 3 days before.

4 The watchmen Y. Gobladoo and
Goorappa slept within about 8 yards
of the front door which was open & it
seems impossible that the tampering
with the Padlock of the door and the
opening and reclosing of it can have
been effected without their knowledge &
connivance, and the whole circumstances
of the crime indicate its having been
perpetrated by persons well acquainted
with the premises as these watchmen were.
They were therefore arrested on the 22nd
November but subsequently discharged
by the Session Judge who did
not consider the case conclusive against
them.

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5 A most thorough search in all
likely localities has failed to bring out

the money nor have the actions of
the suspected parties up to this time given
any indication as to what may have
become of it.

6 The padlocks in use in that safe
chest and door were of common
description, and the back of ^{the} safe
chest was of hoop or thin sheet iron
it would appear desirable that
in future articles affording greater
security should be used.

I have to

Sign Geo. Chrysler Major
Superintendent of Police

(True Copy)

No 57 Forwarded to the District Engineer
with reference to his letter No 3358 dated
22^d December 1877 for his information

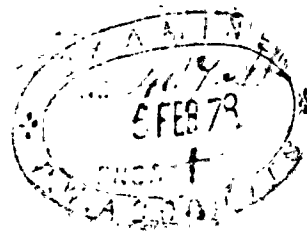
District Police Office
St. Louis
19 Jan 1878

Sign Geo. Chrysler Major
Superintendent of Police

(True Copy)
P. H. H. H. H. H.
District Engineer

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No 3775

NELLORE,
District Engineer's Office,
2 February 1878

FROM

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF NELLORE,

TO

*The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department
Fort St. George*

SIR,

In reference to G.O. dated 10th
December 1877 No. 2028 W. I have
the honor to submit a copy of the
Police report on the robbery of
Rs 115-13-3 from my office on the
night of the 21st November 1877.

You will observe from this report
that there was no want of care
in the arrangements for the safe
custody of the money and there
can be no doubt that the robbery

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was committed by some person or
persons connected with the establishment.
The door lock was by no means
bad though not of the best
description and the box was
sufficiently strong to require a
crow-bar to open it.

If the watchers Gurrappa and
Yanady Subbadu are not the
actual robbers or even if they did
not connive at the robbery
they were grossly careless of their
charge and although they have
been released by the Magistrate
from the more serious charges.

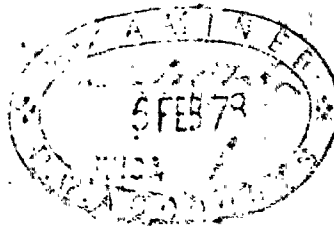
I have dismissed them for
at least neglecting their duty.
Under all the circumstances

I suppose nothing could be done
but to ask the Government to be
pleased to authorize the amount
to be written off to Profit and Loss.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. K. S. S. S.,
District Engineer

W. K. S. S. S.
C. O. P. D. C.

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E/A. 487 N.L. dated 2 February 1878

Forwarded to E W for information & orders.

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Examiner P.W. Accounts & Majors

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From

The District Engineer Nellore

To

The Chief Engineer P.W. Department Govt St George

Station. Nellore

Dated. 2nd February 78

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Subject.

Robbery of Rs 115-13-3 from the District Office Cash Chest

Submitting a copy of the Police report on — and requesting to ask the Govt to authorize the amount to be written off to Profit and Loss.

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No. 56

OFFICE OF THE SUPT. OF POLICE, NELLORE DISTRICT,

dated. 19 January 1878

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, NELLORE DISTRICT.

TO

THE Inspector General of Police Thro Deputy Inspector of Police (Central Range)

SIR,

I have the honor to make the following Report about the theft of Rs 115-13-3 from the Cash Chest of the District Engineer of Nellore which occurred on the night of the 21st November 1877.

1. The money in question was in the evening of the 21st November counted and put into a sealed bag by the Accountant of the District Engineer's Office named Mullawarappa. The bag was then as usual secured in a small wooden box fastened with a pad lock, and the key of the pad lock taken away home by the Accountant. The room of the District Engineer's Office in which the box was kept was shut up and secured as usual. The Head Clerk of the Office named Govindoo was left in charge of the building till 8 P.M. when he was relieved by Choorappa, and at 9 P.M. this man was joined by V. Subbadoo and these two remained there the whole night.

2. Next morning (22nd) the office was found by a draftsman named Subramanian Pillay

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Villay who on entering, immediately observed, that the lid of the Cash. Chest was open, and on the Head Clerk examining it, finding containing the money, was found missing. Information was sent, to the Town Inspector of Police, who immediately went to the spot, on examining the premises it was found that entry had been effected by the front door of the Office, which as aforementioned was secured with a padlock. The padlock bore distinct signs of an attempt having been made to force open it back, but this had failed and the lock must then have been picked; on looking about the yard as they which opened it was found - and this one of the workmen in the yard who was in the habit of leaving it there near his chest to which it belonged. The thieves had unlocked the door and locked the padlock. Half of one of the windows of the room was also found open, but this being iron-barricaded the thieves cannot have entered by it, but may have opened it after entry, to pass out the money. The hasp of the Cash Chest had been forced - being broken near the hinge, in searching the wardrobe a small crow-bar was found under some gunny bags which may have been used for the purpose. Some marks on the side of the box near the hasp correspond with the points of the crow-bar. The Crow bar belonged to the D.P.W. Stores, it could not be accounted for how it came to be in the place where it was found, it had been in use with the watchmen, 2 or 3 days before.

11. The watchmen Y. Lookbadoo and (Goorabala) slept.

5. Slept within about 5 yards of the front door which was opened, it seems impossible that the tampering with the padlock of the door, and the opening and reclosing of it can have been effected without their knowledge and connivance, and the whole circumstances of the crime, indicate its having been perpetrated by persons well acquainted with the premises as these watchmen were. They were therefore arrested on the 22nd to-morrow but subsequently discharged by the Town Sub Magistrate who did not consider the case conclusive against them.

6. A most thorough search, in all likely localities has failed to bring out the money; nor have the actions of the suspected parties up to this time given any indication as to what may have become of it.

The padlocks in use on the Cash Chest and door, were of common description and the hasp of the Cash Chest was of hoop or thin Sheet iron: it would appear desirable that in future, articles affording greater security should be used.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedt Servant

Jas. Clarys

Major

Superintendent of Police

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J. D. J. L.

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OFFICE OF THE Supt. OF POLICE,
NELLORE DISTRICT.

From

The Supt. of Police,
Nellore.

To

The *Madras to London*
by the 1st of Decr.
Central Railway.

Dated 17 January 1898.

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Enclosures.

SUBJECT.

Madras to London
by the 1st of Decr.
Central Railway.

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No. 884 W Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21st Feb/78
Read the following:—

From the Inspector General
of Police (H.E. No 414 of 30th Jan/78)
" D. H. H. H. - (in 3775 of 2nd Feb/78).
" Exr. Mr. Accts. - (in 407 of 2nd Feb/78)

[Signature]

The amount robbed
will be written off to Profit
and Loss, Provincial.
[2] With reference to the
last paragraph of the
Superintendent's letter,
it is thought that if care
be taken to employ
trustworthy watchmen
the ordinary description
of padlocks and ^{of fair quality} hasps
will be ^{as a rule} sufficient.

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1878 Report

From

The Inspector General
of Police

To

The Secretary to
G. O. M. D. Report.

W. H. George.

Dated 30th Jan/78
Recd

No. 414

Superintendent
of Police, Madras, reports

regarding the theft of

Rs 115.13-3 from the

Cash Chest of the Secy
to the Government.

No. 414

Forwarded to Secretary
to Government - Public

Works Department with

reference to G. O. No 2028
dated 10th December 1877.

Chief Office of the

Inspector General

of Police

to the Secretary to Government

Public Works Department
(W. H. George)

[Signature]

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Co. 10th Dec 1877 No. 2078. W.
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The N. & S. Ballad

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G. O. *J. L. Long* 1878, No. *884 (2)*

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Govt. money robbed
from the Dist office Cash
- Check: - Tellur Dist -
The amount of —
Ordered to be written
off to "Deficit & Loss"
Provincial &

Wm. P. in Rep.