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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following -
Proceedings of the Public Works Department, dated 10th Aug 1893, No. 2055 W.
~~Read the following paper -~~

From the Inspector General of Police,
Madras, dated 20th October 1893, No.
6106.

With reference to your endorsement
of No. 1410 dated 14th August 1893,
Judicial, on Proceedings of the Madras
Government, Public Works Department, No.
2055 W, dated 10th August 1893. I have
the honor to state that on the 11th of
June last the Pinjara Station House officer
received a letter from Mr. Mathew of
Pheekady complaining that his magazine
has been broken into, that some property
has been stolen, that he suspected some
body and that he (Complainant) would
give the name of the suspected person
if Station House officer would call
upon him.

The Station House officer proceeded
to Pheekady, 7 miles, and called upon
Mr.

Mr. Mathews, who referred him to our D'Crug. The latter told the Station House officer that watchman Subban Chetty has informed him that the brass padlock of the magazine had been broken open, that on receipt of this information he (D'Crug) examined the magazine and found 34 rolls of paper missing.

D'Crug further told the Station House officer that he suspects his servants Chinnandey Seyeran and Rama Seyeran because he has dismissed them from his service.

This is all the clue the Public Works Department officers gave.

3. The Divisional Inspectors went up to Periyar to investigate the case, but failed to obtain any further information.

4. On the 12th July last the Superintendent of Works, Periyar, Mr. Pijeban reported that the same magazine had again been burglariously entered and some explosives had been stolen about 2 o'clock the morning before, that he had reason to believe the thieves had taken the property through certain jungle paths to Combay or Bodanakkur and that

that a lock-out should be kept. A lock-out was accordingly kept.

5. Enquiries were instituted and on the 13th July the Store-keeper Vanda Raja Madalija stated that on the 11th July at about 3 a.m. the Magazine watchman came and informed him that the magazine had been broken into. When questioned, he stated that his companion Chinna Seyeran, who awoke him, told him that hearing a noise he went to the magazine and found a box of gelatine lying on the ground near the door. This is all the information obtained from the Department of the Public Works.

6. On the 19th July Chinna Seyeran made a rambling statement different to his first one to the effect that on the 11th July he was standing near the magazine when he saw Vanda Seyeran, Mijandey Seyeran, Sappat Seyeran and Veeranna Seyeran pass by. On being addressed they said that they were going to their village - At "dear of night" he

Went to the magazine when he saw
four persons carrying boxes - He
challenges them, whereupon Vera
Seyran dropped the box he was
carrying and knocked him down.
They all then bolted with the
boxes.

He did not report this to any
one as he was afraid he would be
beaten by the Store-keeper -

Kempaga states that her
husband was sleeping near the
magazine, and that she was
cooking food near to it (rather
an unsafe operation) - When Chinua
Seyran, who had gone to Eace
himself, told her and her husband
that the magazine had been
broken into.

7. The Station House officer went
to Melankandalon and searched
the house of Vera Seyran. No property
was found - Vera Seyran said he
knew

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knew nothing about the matter - He
was however, arrested on the testimony
of Chinua Seyran -

The arrest was hasty and unnecessary.

The houses of the other 3 suspects, who
had absconded, were also searched, but
nothing was found.

Vera Seyran was remanded for 7 days
by the joint Magistrate who remarks
that the case rested entirely on Chinua
Seyran's evidence which differed entirely
from his first statement.

8. On the morning of the 24th July,
the Divisional Inspector having received
information that some of the stolen property
was hidden in certain houses in the village of
Dorasanipuram, proceeded to that village
and had the houses indicated searched, but
found nothing.

9. On the 7th August he received information
that Vera Seyran of Kila Gudalur, and
3 other men were about to remove the
explosives

Explosives to Dorasampuram. The path along which they were likely to pass was watched but the thieves did not appear.

The path was again watched on the nights of the 8th and 9th and on the latter night Vera Seyvan, Mondy, Mayandy Seyvan, Laffal Syerus Seyvan and Rya Seyvan fell into the arms of Constable No. 880 and Sahamias Mada Seyvan and Mashimias who were in ambush. The thieves, on seeing that they were on the point of being captured, dropped four bags containing explosives and bottles of oil and, although pursued, managed to make good their escape.

10. This information was communicated by Superintendent de minimis to the Superintendent of Works, who was asked to be good enough to give the necessary instructions to Magistrate and Police for the safe storage of

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of the recovered "blasting gelatine and fuses" as it was considered highly dangerous to allow such powerful explosives to be kept by men having no acquaintance with their nature.

11. The suspected reports that man who for the arrest of the accused have been applied for and that he has detained a Head Constable and Special Constable to effect their arrest.

12. The suspected further reports that the recovery of the property is in no way due to any information furnished by the Public Works Department Sub Divisional officer and is entirely due to Police exertions.

13. While admitting that things at Periyas are not as satisfactory as they might be, the Superintendent takes exception to the assertion that the Police are afraid of the Criminals who

who inhabit the neighbourhood of Perijar.
From the District Magistrate, Medellin, dated 20th
October 1893, No. 42. *Am*

Order: 15th November 1893, No. 2370.

The letter from the Inspector General
of Police will be communicated to the
Public Works Department and that
received from the District Magistrate
of Medellin to the Inspector General
of Police.

2. The District Magistrate should
arrange that as far as possible all
serious cases from the neighbourhood
of Cumbun and Guadalupe should be
disposed of by the Divisional Magistrate,
even though triable by Magistrates
of the 2^d or 3^d class. This
more frequent intervention of a
superior Magistrate will strengthen
the hands of the Police, even if he
does not impose many more severe
punishments than his Subordinates
could have imposed.

/ True Extract /
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To the Public Works Dept. Chief Secretary
Inspector General of Police.
District Magistrate Medellin.

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The P. W. Dept

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Proceedings, dated 15 November 1893
No. 2370.

Subject.

Communicating to the
P. W. Dept the report from
the Supr. Genl of Police
on the theft of explosives
from the Magazine
at Nukady and to the
Supr Genl that from
the District Magistrate
of Madras and forwarding
certain instructions
to the latter on 'conceal-
ment' thereunto.

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Communicated to
the Supr Genl of Police
Project with reference
to para 3 of G.O. 2055W
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