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27th April 1861.*

No. 94. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Government Agent, Tanjore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th April 1861, No. 151.

1. In advertence to my letter of the 3rd instant, regarding the robbery in the Palace at Tanjore, I have now the honor to report that the amount of property plundered is much greater than I had then reason to suppose, and the value of what is already ascertained to be missing cannot be less than 50 or 60,000 Rupees. Owing to the transfer of property from other Mahals and the absence of specific lists as to what articles were so transferred, I am unable still to state positively what is wanting. I fear, however, that, in addition to what I have stated, some valuable weapons and pieces of armour are not forthcoming.

2. The precautions directed by Government have been taken and their instructions as conveyed in their Order of the 10th instant, will be fully acted up to. My object, however, now in addressing Government is to suggest the advisability of offering a reward for the recovery of the property; hitherto, through the exertions of the Police, we have been able to discover who the perpetrators of the robbery really were, and they are all now in custody, but our success in the recovery of the property stolen has been by no means great. From the information which has however reached me, there is every reason to believe that the bulk of the property has been sent to Trichinopoly. With the permission of Government, I would therefore propose that a reward of Rupees 2,000 should be offered for such information as may lead to the recovery of the property stolen or the greater part thereof, but that out of this sum a part proportionate to the amount of property recovered shall be paid to any informant or informants. Should the Government approve of this proposition, measures will be taken, by means of placards and the District Gazettes, to give the notice the utmost publicity.

3. I cannot also close this letter without stating that, presuming that the Sirkele and his establishment were not themselves implicated in the abstraction of property (but of which I am by no means certain) they have been, one and all, guilty of the most gross and culpable negligence; some of the establishment, besides being in the receipt of salaries, have by the liberality of Government, and on the recommendation of the late Commissioner, had their pensions increased; and the daily occupation of these men led them to a spot within the same Court-yard and not fifty feet from the place where this large abstraction of property was going on. I am bound also to state that, in the pursuance of the enquiries which are making and have been made, I have not derived that assistance from either the Sirkele or his establishment which I had a right to expect, their sole aim being to divest themselves of all responsibility. It is not improbable I may hereafter have to address Government again on the conduct of the Sirkele, but, at present, and with the permission of Government, I would propose that, till further orders, both the pay and pension of the Sirkele and all his establishment should be stopped.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1861, No. 226.

The Government do not approve the offer of rewards for the discovery of the property stolen from the Palace at Tanjore in the manner suggested in the 2nd paragraph of the above letter, nor the publication of such offer in the District Gazette. They however authorize Mr. Cadell to place at the disposal of the Superintendent of Police for the Tanjore District, such sum not exceeding Rupees (2,000) two thousand as he may require as secret service money for the purpose of tracing the thieves and discovering the stolen property.

2. The Government do not approve the pay and pension of the Sirkele and his Establishment generally being stopped, as recommended at the close of the letter, but it will be competent to the Agent to suspend from pay and employment any of the servants, Sirkele or others, who may appear to have been implicated in the robbery, or who may fail in their duty by not using their best exertions for its detection.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Why does Mr. Cadell correspond
direct with Govt. - demands can be
granted only under Reg. H of 16 - but XX
The demand is to be a per cent for
the recovery of the property - not for
the conservation of the property - this
is clearly wrong - the important
might & probably would be the
that of the Govt. -

I think Mr. C. should be told
to act in this matter according
to Reg. -

If the hi kala and also his
Eldrick want to put for some
main duty - they should be sent a
2nd round - After this they pay &
pension like further orders does
not appear to me to be a judicious
proposal.

W. H. C.

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of Reg 9 of 1816
Section attached to by Mr. Morehead seems
me intended to give ^{defined & prompt} ~~author~~ authority to
register in certain cases, & I do not read
as impeding Govt from offering a reward
any description of information or assistance
which may be required & which is not in itself
tending to ^{of right} ~~prejudice~~ ^{is} ~~be~~ advisable
offer the reward suggested by Mr. Cadell in
other point - On the whole I should be inclined
to do so on this occasion after the application
authority having been made.
On the 2nd point I concur with Mr. Morehead
unless there is sufficient cause to suspend
the servants in question their salaries &
wages should not be stopped at this
premature stage W. H. C.

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Read the following letter
from the Govt. Agent,
Saugor.

(Here enter 20th April 1861,
No. 181.)

Order thereon 27th April 1861 No. 226.

W. W.

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of the property stolen
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[Signature]

To the Govt. Agent at Tanjore. - dated 27th

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of Police for the Stanger District
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Rs. 2000 as he may require
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thieves and recovering the
property stolen from the
Palace.