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Public DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

4th November 1865.

No. 21. Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 3rd November 1865, No. 204.

I have the honor to inform you that, on opening the Museum this morning, it was discovered that a table drawer in the office, in which the Curator, P. Rungasawmy Moodeliar, had placed some money that had been received, late in the afternoon, from the Bank, had been opened by cutting away the wood in front of the double bolt. Upon examination it was found that Rupees 163-9-0 in silver and Rupees 2-0-0 in pice had been taken. Three Bank Notes for Rupees 120-0 0, and Rupees 25-10-0, in half and quarter Rupees and double Annas, were left in the drawer.

2. I immediately closed the Museum, kept all the servants inside, and wrote to the Commissioner of Police, who at once sent a Detective Officer to examine into the circumstances of the robbery. There is a small flight of steps from one of the doors in the back-hall and half of this door was found open this morning. After the Museum is closed, it is the custom for the Watching peons to go round and examine all the fastenings, and, when all is reported correct, the front door is fastened. This was done last evening, and one of the peons had his particular attention called to the side door abovementioned, and was also made to see that the table drawer in which he was told there was money was properly secured. Suspicion rests upon the peons, one of whom has acknowledged that he left the Museum (contrary to positive orders) at 10 P. M. and returned about 1 A. M. There can be little doubt that the door found open was left open intentionally, and the peon was, so far as is at present known, the last man there. Moreover if the peons had done their duty, they must have seen the door open as it was sufficiently light all night. The Police authorities have taken active steps for an efficient search and I am in hope the thief will be detected.

3. It will be necessary to keep the Museum closed to-day as the servants are all under surveillance by the Police.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1865, No. 1156.
The Government await Captain Mitchell's further report.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent Government Central Museum.

Esd, J. H. Burns.

4th November 1865 N^o 1156.

Mr. M^r await

Capt. Mitchell's report
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