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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th June 1862.

No. 383. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 19th June 1862, No. 1,387 :—

Communicating Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, with its enclosure for such notice as may appear necessary with reference to the conduct of the Tahsildár, Moonsiff and villagers connected with the robbery of Sub-Overseer, Kistnasawmy Pillai's cash chest, &c., at Teramungalem, Trichinopoly District. } Vide Public Works Proceedings, 19th June 1862, Nos. 348, 349.)

No. 384. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1862, No. 1,399.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Governmtne.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of the Southern Circle, dated Chepauk, 9th June 1862, No. 12:—

Read the following letter from Captain W. C. PALMER, Acting District Engineer, Trichinopoly, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Trichinopoly, 2nd June 1862, No. 252.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report to you that on the night of the 22nd ultimo, the house of temporary Sub-Overseer Kistnaswamy Pillai at Teramungalem, within 2 miles of the Cusbah and Police Station of Perambalur, in the Perambalur Táluq, was attacked by a gang of men painted and disfigured to prevent their being recognized, and armed with sticks, &c., who pinioned the Sub-Overseer, beat him with sticks, broke open his cash box and stole the cash balance in hand Rupees 16-11-5, besides carrying away all the private property, jewels, &c., they could lay hold of.

2. On receiving intelligence of the robbery, I asked Mr. Ricketts, 1st Assistant District Engineer, in charge of the Range, to proceed to the spot and report on the circumstances as well as the state of the Sub-Overseer's accounts, &c., and I forward copy of his letter on the subject, from which you will see that the Sub-Overseer's account were satisfactorily kept up to date,

No. 31, dated 29th May 1862.

that there is no doubt his box was broken, and his cash balance Rupees 16-11-5 stolen.

3. This amount is a small one for a subordinate who superintends the execution of work of the monthly value of about 2,000 Rupees, and it was necessarily in his hands for the payment of labor on the Trunk Road.

4. From paragraph 5 of Mr. Ricketts' letter you will perceive that none of the villagers, numbering about 300, came forward to the assistance of Kistnaswamy Pillai, and that the Police arrived about two hours after the robbery.

5. The Superintendent of Police is endeavouring to trace the perpetrators of the gang robbery, but as yet I believe without avail, and I request permission to write off to "profit and loss," the amount stolen Rupees 16-11-5.

6. I beg to add that Kistnaswamy Pillai, bears a very good character, and is a steady, hard working man, and has been employed near Teramungalem on the Trunk Road for the past 11 years, having been originally an Apprentice under Captain Best when Superintendent of Roads.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. C. PALMER,
Acting District Engineer, Trichinopoly.

From E. G. RICKETTS, Esq., 1st Assistant District Engineer, to Captain W. C. PALMER, Acting District Engineer of Trichinopoly, dated Teramungalem, 29th May 1862, No. 31.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter No. 174 of the 26th instant, which only reached me on the morning of the 28th instant (through the medium of the Post Office), I have the honor to inform you that I started the same evening and reached Teramungalem the next morning.

2. That Sub-Overseer Kistnasawmy Pillai's house was attacked by gang robbers there would appear to be no doubt, and that on the night of the 22nd instant, as from private and general enquiry all agree as to the time and place, and from inspections of the Government cash chest in the Sub-Overseer's charge, violence must have been used in breaking it open, as the top would appear to have been wrenched open by picks and crowbars.

3. The Sub Overseer himself bears in his body on his arms, the marks of the ropes with which they were pinioned behind him.

4. I have examined the Sub-Overseer's cash book and accounts and have every reason to be satisfied with them as they have been carefully kept up to date, though the cash balance Rupees 16-11-5 on the 22nd instant is missing; which the Sub-Overseer deposes to have been robbed when his house was plundered by gang robbers on that night, and which from the evidence on the face of the cash chest is beyond all doubt.

5. I cannot help adding that neither the Munsif nor any of the villagers, who number about 200 or 300, would appear to have come forward to aid the Sub-Overseer on the night of the robbery; and that the Police did not come up till about two hours after the robbery had been perpetrated, and that the Tahsíldár himself followed shortly after blowing horns, the use of which I believe is not only for bidden but must have given the robbers notice to decamp.

6. I have just visited the Sub-Overseer's house and find all his boxes and drawers broken open, and he informs me that he has been robbed of all his private and personal property including even the jewels on his family on the night of the robbery, which were forcibly taken possession of.

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1 Original letter No. 252, dated 2nd June 1862, with one enclosure.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Acting District Engineer has been requested to ascertain and report, whether the Superintendent of Police is of opinion that the robbery occurred as represented by the Sub-Overseer. This information will be submitted on receipt.

(Signed) S. O. E. LUDLOW, Lieut.-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of Southern Circle.

ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1862, No. 1,387.

1. The Government will await the receipt of the further report promised by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, before passing orders on the letter from the District Engineer Trichinopoly.

2. The Deputy Chief Engineer's Endorsement and its enclosures will be communicated to the Judicial and Revenue Departments, for such notice as may appear necessary with reference to paragraph 5 of Mr. Ricketts' letter.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.
" Judicial Department.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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