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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st July 1863.*

No. 414. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 7th July 1863, No. 593:—
SIR,

1. Agreeably to the G. O. No. 711 of the 25th of April 1863, I have the honor to forward a copy of the Proceedings of the Civil Court at Salem, the cause of delay in forwarding this document has been caused by the closing of the Court.

2. The robbery occurred in Lieutenant Ouchterlony's house when he was absent on duty in the District, the reason why he had so large a balance in his cash chest was that, he had just received orders to pay up some large arrears of pay due to an extra Establishment, which required the sanction of the Supreme Government; the money stolen from his house was the pay due to some Peons who had not come in to be paid.

No. 415. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1863, No. 1,357.

There is nothing in the papers before Government to show that Lieutenant Ouchterlony took any precaution for the safe custody of the money. No guard was kept, and if none was available no reason is assigned for not having sent the money to the Hoozoor or Talook Treasury. Lieutenant Ouchterlony should therefore be held responsible for the sum lost.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Calendar No 9 of 12

Complainant Prisoner
Sgt. J. Ouchterlong Venkatawamy

That the Prisoner on
the 1st July 1862 at Salem com-
mitted housebreaking & theft
by forcing the door of the
Complainant's room and
taking therefrom Rs 247.12.6.
& that
he has thereby committed an
offence punishable under
Section 454 of the Indian
Penal Code.

J. H. Ouchterlong. I am an officer of
Her Majesty's Indian Army &
Assistant Conservator of Forests.

about the 4th July on returning
from Salem after an absence
I learnt that the cash box
with Public Money under my
charge had been broken open
& robbed. I found nothing
therefrom No. 247-12-6. The
money was inside a bag which
again was inside another bag.
The bags not sealed. The bag
was fastened with a letter
lock. No body but myself
knew the letter. The bag was
kept in my bed room. My
servant Shendrayen had the
charge of my bed room. He
had the sole charge. He told
(me)

me that on going into my room
early that morning after the
robbery he had discovered
that the box had been broken
open. He suspected the Prisoner
whom I had but recently
discharged. P. who was my head
servant. The Prisoner was
caught at the Railway station
with part of the money on him.
He told me he had seen the
Prisoner the day before I went
about the Prisoner as he was
going to eat his rice, and that
he had himself shut up all the
doors and windows of the Bangalore
The

The Prisoner had been in my
service a month or 6 weeks. I
discharged him for drunkenness.
I got a good character with
him. That is the usual written
characters servants bring. The
harp of the box was broken.
The lock was perfect. It required
some force to wrench back
the iron staple. All my house
servants knew that the box
contained money. Nobody but
myself could get the money out
without breaking it open. His
pay was 10 Rs. a month. The
balance I paid him was 3 or
4 Rs.

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1st Petrif } I saw the Complainant
J. Henderson }
Deobast. I have been with
him 1 1/2 months. I got 8 Rs. a
month. I was with Captain ^{Kesey}
before 8 years. I don't remember
the date about a month ago the
Complainant left Salem having
discharged the Prisoner for
misconduct. The whole of that
day I saw the Prisoner loitering
about the Bangalore. I had
closed the door of the bedroom
and fastened it with a chain.
The outer door of the Bangalore
was left open. Next morning
I found the bedroom door open

and the Cook boy broken the
staple was wrenched off. I
and the Bandy Dair & the Cook
were all sleeping in the verandah
that night. I suspected the Pri-
soner because I had seen him
about the premises the previous
day. As the Prisoner had told
me that he was going to Madras
I went to the station & found
the Prisoner under a carriage
with a ticket ready to start in
the Train. I called a constable
& with his assistance searched
the Prisoner & found on his waist
cloth Rs. 183 - 15 - 3 in the 2
bags before the Court. This is the
letter

letter took of Complainant to
this is the third copy taken from
in the Prisoner. I knew nothing
of Prisoner's character. The Prisoner
admitted to me that he had
taken it from the Bungalow.

2^d Witness { I am a writer in the service
of H. P. Seymour, Complainant I got 20 Rs. a
month. The bags before the
Court are the same bags that
Complainant used to keep the
money in. I don't know the letter
on the lock.

3^d Witness { I am a Police Constable
No. 99. I am stationed at
Saosamungalam. The first meeting
came one morning about 8 o'clock.

He reported to me that the Pri-
soner was suspected of having
taken some money from some

Plaintiff's house. I asked my
Assistant. I and first witness
searched the Prisoner who was
under a Railway carriage just
going to Madras & found on

him the 2 bags of money before
the Court. The Prisoner told me
he had picked it up near
Complainant's Bangalore. I
took him to the Police

Station. Defence

I showed the Bags before
the Court in the verandah
of

of Complainant's Bangalore^B
I saw that they contained money.
I seized them in my waist
cloth. I bought my ticket &
was off to Madras when the Police
caught me with the money. The
Complainant gave me 4 Rs. the
balance of my pay - out of
which I purchased my ticket
for 3-3-0. I expended a few
Annas for food. The remainder
of my pay is in the leather bag
before the Court containing 8
Annas 9 Pies. I have nothing
more to say. I thought it would
be unsafe to return the money

to the complainant's servants
& that I should meet him
at Tripattor Vannabady or
Madras & then return to Compt.
My ticket is for Perambur
I was not in the service of Compt.
at the time.

Finding

The Court concurring with
the Magistrate finds the Dist.
guilty of the offence specified
in the Charge viz that the Dist.
has committed the offence of
Housebreaking & Theft & has
thereby committed an offence
punishable under Section 454
of

of the Indian Penal Code &
directs the said Prisoner to
be sentenced to 10 Years rigorous
imprisonment

August 4th / 62 / Sgt J. H. Cherry
Sessions Judge
Perambur

M. Cherry
Sessions Judge

Rein: 1067/63

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Dec 25th 1863 at 217-218

Received
Dec 25th 1863
From
The Official Conservator of Forests.

To
The Secretary & Secy. of the

Dated 7th July 1863
Received 15th July

No. 573

Enclosure

No. 1
Subject.

Shaw's 1863 (see memo
of James & Co. 1863, 1864, 1865
No. 2152-1863)

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from 1863 to 1864
and offering some 4000
on the other side of the
of the land & the land

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1863-1864
With an Order

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Dec 1863

There is nothing
known before the
that I have found interesting
any person in the
of the money. He
and if money was
is necessary for
money to the
every-thing
therefore be held
even last

John W. Rogers
21414 July 1863

My friend of the 1863-1864

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