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10th September 1864.*

No. 161. Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 25th August 1864, No. 46:—

SIR,

I regret to have to report that as the Cutcherry of the Head Assistant Collector was proceeding to Kurnool, it was attacked by a gang of robbers about 11 miles from Cumbum, and the Government Cash-chest, containing Rupees 306-6-6, as per enclosed list, was robbed, with all the property belonging to the Cutcherry servants.

2. Mr. Arbuthnot availed himself of the leave granted in the Gazette of the 22nd ultimo, and left Cumbum on the evening of the 14th instant, directing his Cutcherry to proceed to Kurnool, as requested by me; they started on the night of the 15th, and were attacked at dawn by a gang who had laid in wait for them at a Date jungle near Penchakalapad. The gang was evidently well apprized of their movements, as one of the robbers at once demanded to know where the Government chest was placed.

3. The Dresser attached to the Cutcherry was armed with a double barreled fowlingpiece, and the Head Clerk with a single barreled gun, but unfortunately neither were loaded. The Dresser showed fight and was rather severely beaten, as were also two Dhalayets who accompanied the party.

4. The Head Clerk was wrong to have started at night, without applying for a Police guard; but so daring an outrage was evidently unexpected.

5. There is good reason to believe that the robbers belong to a gang, in the Sitarampoor village, in the Nellore District, which has, within the last few months, committed several robberies within our limits. The Police, under the Talook Inspector, followed on the traces of the robbers, and came up with them on the evening of the 16th after dark. They pelted his party and he fired some rounds at them, but being thick jungle and in the dark, they easily effected their escape, throwing down two jamboos taken from the Cutcherry servants in the previous robbery.

6. There seems little doubt that some parties in Cumbum must have supplied information to, and are in complicity with, the gang.

7. The Assistant Superintendent of Police was out in the District, but returned to Cumbum on hearing the intelligence, and is prosecuting the enquiry.

8. There was unfortunately a much larger sum of money than usual in the Cash-chest, owing to a collection of Rupees 150 made in Cumbum for the erection of a school-house, having been made over by the subscribers to the Head Assistant, for transmission to my Treasury.

9. I beg that the Government will be good enough to sanction the disbursement of Rupees 306-6-6 to replace the various items lost in the Cash-chest. The amount can be met from the item for "Extra or Temporary Establishment" in the Budget of charges for the District.

List of Money Stolen.

RS.	A.	P.	
87	9	2	Permanent advance Fund.
41	12	0	Sanctioned for office furnitures.
1	15	0	Batta due to a Dhalayet who is on leave.
0	9	0	Do. do. who resigned his appointment.
150	0	0	Received from the Reverend Higgins on account of subscription for school to be established at Cumbum.
20	0	0	Kept in deposit, as this amount was unlawfully collected from the basket makers for the bamboos they brought on donkeys.
5	9	4	Left with Magistrate Moonshee to meet the demands of prisoners' batta.
306	6	6	

KURNOOL COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
25th August 1864.

(Signed) A. CASAVOOLLOO,
Head Clerk.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Collector.

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No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1864, No. 1,661.

Miscellaneous.

Sanction is accordingly granted for Rupees (306-6-6) three hundred and six, Annas six, and Pice six.

2. The Collector will report the result of the enquiry into the robbery.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Kurnool.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Accountant General.
" Board of Revenue, } for information.
" Judicial Department,

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Some parties in Cumbham must have supplied information to, and are in complicity with, the gang.

7. The Assistant Superintendent of Police was out in the District but returned to Cumbham on hearing the intelligence, and is prosecuting the enquiry.

8. There was unfortunately a much larger sum of money than usual in the cash chest, owing to a collection of Rs. 150 made in Cumbham for the erection of a school house, having been made over by the subscription to the Head Assistant, for transmission to my Treasury.

9. I beg that the Government will be good enough to sanction the disbursement of Rs. 306-6-6 to replace the various items lost in the cash chest. The amount can be met from the item for Extra or Temporary Establishment in the Budget of charges for the District.

I have the honor to be,

Sr,

Your most obedient servant;

James Bruce Munro
Collector.

J. D. SIM
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