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Sect^{t}. II-I.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th November 1872.

No. 121. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1872, No. 2,095 :—

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1872, No. 154 :—

I HAVE to report that the Cash-chest of the Cuddapah Town Sub-Magistrate was stolen from the Police Station-house on the night of the 6th June last. The box was found broken open in the neighbourhood of the Station-house, and its contents, consisting of Rupees 96-14-0 in money and of jewels, connected with a case then pending before the Town Sub-Magistrate, and valued at Rupees 139-9-9 had been abstracted. The property has not been recovered.

2. It was not until lately that I was informed what steps had been taken by the Police in the matter. The theft was demi-officially reported to me by the Assistant Superintendent soon after its occurrence. But until I wrote to the Superintendent and asked for information, I was kept totally in the dark as to what had been the result of the inquiries made by the Police. The result is not satisfactory. One Constable has been dismissed. The Constable alluded to in paragraph 18 of the enclosed copy of a report made by the Superintendent to the Inspector-General of Police, has since been permitted to return to his duty, and has been transferred to another station. I do not understand how the box could have been taken from the Station-house, unless the Constables on guard were parties to the theft, or unless they were asleep. In either case they ought to have been prosecuted.

3. I believe that the object of the thief was not so much plunder as to destroy, if possible, evidence in the case with which the jewels were connected. He was not, however, successful in this, as the parties were convicted.

4. The prosecutor in the case now asks for his jewels. I have the honour to request that the Board will sanction the payment of their value to him, and to allow the money entered in the accounts as fines to be written off to profit and loss.

5. The Board in their Order, No. 3,051, dated May 7th, 1870, directed that the Town Sub-Magistrate's Cash-chest was to be kept in the Police Station-house. Since this theft, and at the request of the Superintendent of Police, I have taken it upon myself to order that the Cash-chest be kept at night in the treasury. The Police in this district are at a strength far below efficiency. This must also be the case when the force is at its full sanctioned strength, as I understand it very nearly is now. The consequence is some duties must be slurred over. The Board will see from the enclosed report from the Superintendent that, from an insufficient number of Head Constables, the Guards at the Station-house cannot be properly relieved under the superintendence of a Head Constable. At the Treasury Guard all the necessary formalities and precautions of relieving guards are observed. Valuable property can only be safe there during the night, and therefore I trust that the Board will approve of the arrangement I have made for the safe custody of the Cash-chest in future.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain F. KILGOUR, Acting Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah, to the Acting Inspector General of Police, Madras, dated 24th July 1872.

I HAVE the honour to submit my report on the theft of the Cash-chest from the Cuddapah Town Police Station, committed either on the night of the 6th or early on the morning of the 7th June last.

2. When this occurred I was on leave. Captain Balmer, the Deputy-Inspector-General, was in the district, he and the Assistant Superintendent at once took up the case. On my return on the 10th of June I continued the inquiry, but I regret to state that no reliable clue has been obtained; nor has any of the property, except a few stamps found in the broken box a short distance from the Police Station, been recovered.

3. For some years the Sub-Magistrate of Cuddapah Town has been in the habit of lodging his Cash-chest in the Town Police Station. Police Order 126 authorizes the reception of such boxes in Police Stations. I request that reference may also be made to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,051, dated 7th May 1870.

4. On the night of the 6th June the Cash-chest of the Sub-Magistrate was as usual in the charge of the Police, and contained property as given below :—

Value of Gold and Silver jewels handed over to the Sub-Magistrate by the Police in a case of house-breaking, pending inquiry before his Court	135	11	0
Cash, being amount of fines levied by the Sub-Magistrate	96	14	0
Unclaimed Property	3	14	9
Service Stamps	20	4	0
Total...	256	11	9

5. At 3 A.M. on the morning of the 7th, when Head Constable No. 898, Ranojee, and Constable 799, Mahomed Cossim, returned to the Station from night patrol duty, Constable 799 noticed that the box was not in its usual place. Search was at once made, but it was not till after day-light that the broken box was found a short distance from the Station; with the exception of the Service Stamps, the property it contained had been taken.

6. It is impossible with any degree of certainty to state when the box was taken.

7. The Town Station-house is a building open in front; in the event of the watchman not being on the alert, the box might easily be removed by one man.

8. Watchmen in the Town Police Station have their watches told off every evening; they relieve each other every two hours; the watchman on duty, when his period of watch expires, awakes the man who is told off to relieve him. It is only on Jails and Treasuries that reliefs are regularly made by Head Constables. I point this out, as this has been the cause of our not being able to fix the responsibility on any single man.

9. The reliefs on the night the theft took place are as follows :—

From 6 to 8 P.M., Constable No. 227 Narasiah.
,, 8 to 10 ,, ,, ,, 502 Cossim Khan.
,, 10 to 12 ,, ,, ,, 799 Mahomed Cossim.
,, 12 to 2 A.M. ,, ,, 227 Narasiah.
,, 2 to 4 ,, ,, ,, 502 Cossim Khan.

Second Grade Head Constable No. 898, Ranojee, and 4th Grade Head Constable, No. 535, Hataly Khan were on the night duty.

10. It is ascertained that at 10 P.M. Constable 799, Mahomed Cossim, took over charge from 582, Cossim Khan, and then the Cash-chest was in the Station.

Constable 799 states that at 12 P.M. he handed over to Constable 227 Narasiah. Constable 227 Narasiah denies that he relieved 799 Mahomed Cossim; whether this relief did, or did not, take place cannot be ascertained.

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11. At 1 A.M. Head Constable No. 898 Ranojee, was roused by some Constables coming to the Station stating they had been assaulted in the town. The Head Constable got up, found the Station, lantern was out, and there was no watchman. On making inquiry, 799, Mahomed Cossim, stated he had been relieved. Constable 227, Narasiah, denied having taken charge. The lamp was lighted, and Narasiah No. 227 was ordered on watch. Head Constable Ranojee then taking with him Constable 799, and the two beatmen who reported they had been assaulted, left the Station.

12. Some time after this Constable 1,018, Narasiah, came to the station; he found no watchman, he woke 227, Narasiah, who was asleep on his post, and then went on his beat. Again at 3 A.M. this man returned and found no watchman; he again roused Constable 227, Narasiah, and Constable 582, Cossim Khan, and Head Constable Ranojee, and Constable 799, Mahomed Cossim, returned to the station when the loss of the Cash box was ascertained by Constable 799, Mahomed Cossim.

13. At about 1 A.M. Head Constable, Hataly Khan came to the Station-house, but found no watchman; by his own admission he did not even take the trouble to post one, but went home without taking any notice of the irregularity.

14. It is with extreme regret that I have thus to expose this most indifferent working of the Cuddapah Town Police Station, and though I do not in the least wish to shirk the responsibility which attaches to the Police for this loss of Government property, I at the same time request to be allowed to point out what appears to me to be a faulty system with regard to small Cash boxes being left in Police Stations.

15. If valuable property is left in charge of the Police, an adequate and properly apportioned guard should be furnished. In Police Stations there is no such guard. Head Constables cannot be spared to carry out relief, and if this is not done, and watchmen frequently visited, some laxity of duty on the part of the watchmen is certain to occur. The system in force answers for ordinary work, but there must be a risk if Cash boxes easily removed are left in these Stations.

16. I have removed Head Constable Hatali Khan, who neglected to take any notice of the watchman sleeping when he visited the station, to a distant ghaut station.

17. I have dismissed Constable No. 227, Narasiah, for sleeping on his post the night the theft took place.

18. Constable No. 799 is still to be dealt with. The Deputy Inspector-General was most dissatisfied with his replies and demeanour when he examined him. This Constable is now under suspension.

19. I have also directed other changes which will, I believe, effect improvement in the town working.

20. During the four years I have been in the Cuddapah District, the greatest difficulty has been experienced with regard to Inspectors. This town is so unhealthy and unpopular that good men cannot be got to serve in it. I have had no less than seven Inspectors in the town. At the time this theft took place a native had charge. Experience has fully shown that strict discipline cannot be maintained in the Police of large towns under Native Inspectors. I much doubt whether any changes I effect will do permanent good without I can obtain an Inspector of better stamp than the men I have hitherto had to depend on.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. W. BLAIR, Captain,
Acting Superintendent of Police.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
Collector.

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SUBMITTED for the information and orders of Government.

2. The Board recommend that the Collector be authorized to write off the Government money stolen (Rupees 96-14-0) to profit and loss. As regards the private property stolen, the Board consider that although the Government are not legally responsible for the consequences of the carelessness of their servants, it is only equitable that its value should be paid to the owner.

3. The Board have no objection to the Cash-chest of the Town Sub-Magistrate being in future kept in the Collector's Treasury room, but they observe that the Chest was lost not because the guard was insufficient but because the watchman slept on his post. The Board consider the Constable No. 227 should have been prosecuted for gross neglect as it is clear that he was found actually sleeping on his post more than once on the same night on which the theft was committed.

4. Under Board's Proceedings, dated 7th May 1872, No. 3,051, all Sub-Magistrates, for whose Cutcherries no Police guards are provided, are required to deposit their Cash-chests in Police Station-houses, and it is therefore a matter of importance to see that watch-duties in such Station-houses are carefully attended to. Without a Head Constable to supervise and carry out reliefs, property deposited in Police Stations cannot be safe and all attempts to fix the responsibility on the guards must fail, as they have done in the present instance. The Board hope that the Inspector-General of Police will adopt the necessary measures for remedying the defects in the present system.

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1872, No. 1,582.

Miscellaneous.

THE adjustment of the amount lost and payment to the owner of the value of the private property stolen are sanctioned.

2. The Inspector-General will report on the conduct of the Police in this matter, and the notice taken by him of their gross neglect if not active criminality.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Inspector-General of Police.

Further Cs 70/73.

Govt. of {1872} Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 19th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 19th November 1872, No. 1,582.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 121-122.

Robbery of Cuddapah Sub-Magistrate's Cash Chest.—The adjustment of the amount lost and payment of the value of the private property stolen sanctioned, and the Inspector-General of Police requested to report on the conduct of the Police in this case.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collector of Cuddapah.
" the Inspector-General of Police.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

No. 3614.

PROCEEDINGS, 30TH OCTOBER 1872, No. 2,095.

Encl.

Received

OCTOBER.

No. 2,095.

Cash-chest of the Town Sub-Magistrate of Cuddapah—which contained Government and private property of the value of Rs. 256-11-9.—Collector's report of the theft of—from the Police Station-house in which it was deposited, submitted to Government with recommendation that sanction be granted for writing off the Government money stolen to profit and loss, and for paying to the owner the value of the private property stolen. Cash-chest to be kept in future in the Huzur Treasury as proposed by the Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras [illegible] *Revenue Department,*
20th [illegible] *1872.*

No. 120. Read the following [illegible] of the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of [illegible], Revenue, and Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture,) [illegible]:—

Read the following letter from th[illegible] to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Re[illegible] Commerce, (Agriculture and Horticulture,) to the Acting Chi[illegible] to the Government of Bombay, dated Simla, 12th September [illegible]1-387.

In reply to your letter N[illegible] G., dated the 20th ultimo, inquiring whether the preparation of a G[illegible] Agriculture and Horticulture of India is contemplated by the Gove[illegible]; I am directe to ay that the subject has been under consideratio[illegible] are great difficulties in the way of putting forth any authorita[illegible] the kind. Amongst these difficulties may be mentioned an absenc[illegible] to the points at, and the manner in which, indigenous systems [illegible] an be amended with an assurance of improved net financial result[illegible].

2. I am, at the same ti[illegible] hat the Government of India will be very glad if the several local [illegible] encourage those of their employés, whose tastes and talents so [illegible] put on record their experience and views on these subjects, any [illegible] treatise or work on which might always, if approved by Gove[illegible] ted and published at Government expense.

Copy forwarded to the othe[illegible] nts and Administrations noted on the margin for information.

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Resident at Hy[illegible]

(d) A. O. HUME,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 121. ORDER THERE[illegible] ember 1872, No. 1,337.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of [illegible]ue.

(True[illegible]

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

A. O.

[Agriculture and Horticulture.]

The Government of Bombay.

No. 11 / 387

Dated 12th September 1872.

Recd. 19th

SUBJECT.

PREPARATION of a Guide to the Agriculture and Horticulture in India.

No. 1337.

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