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8th March 1875.*

No. 104. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 23rd February 1875, No. 488/24:—

On the night of the 18th January 1875 the petty expense cash-box was stolen from the Office of No. 4, Revenue Survey Party, at Madura. The contents of the box were one 100-Rupae Note, No. B/38-84, 199, seven halves of seven Notes for 100 Rs. each, and Rs. 14-9-5 in cash; of these the half Notes were returned to Colonel Hessey by letter-post bearing.

2. I have the honor to request that sanction may be accorded to redraw Rs. 97-5-9 out of Rs. 114-9-5, the difference Rs. 17-3-8 being the amount left with the Cash-keeper on account of postage, payment of book-post, etc., for officers of the Party absent from head-quarters.

3. From the report received on the subject, it appears that, on the 14th, after the distribution of pay to the Party, the cash-chest was lodged as usual in the treasury, leaving a small sum, as per

	RS.	A.	P.
Undistributed pay	62	5	9
Contingent expense	35	0	0
House-rent	20	0	0
Officers' postage money	17	3	8

margin, in the petty expense cash-box.

On the 15th, Colonel Hessey in charge of the Party left Madura for Periakolam, and, as he intended remaining away for some time, he had taken the precaution to place in the cash-box the seven half Notes above mentioned. On the evening of the 18th* the Cash-keeper made a payment

* Bukreed Feast with Mussalman.

of Rs. 20 to the landlord of the Office and locked up the petty expense cash-box in the usual manner, placing it in another box which he locked and sealed and handed over to one of the night peons, Mutusamy Naidoo, a pensioned sepoy.

4. After the departure of the Office Manager and Cash-keeper, the two Assistants of the latter remained behind on the pretext that they were engaged in completing emergent office-work. They left the place at about 5½ P.M.

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Saminada Pillay.

5. About 7 o'clock, one of the regular pensioned sepoy night guard, Sheik Ahib, who was not on duty that night, came to office, as he said, for the purpose of sleeping there, and asked the next man for sentry, Kistnasamy, who was cooking, if the man on watch had had his food. Sheik Ahib then, by his own account saying that he would relieve him (Mutusamy who had still an hour to watch), went into the office with the lantern for the purpose of seeing that the cash-box was all right. He then called out that the cash-box was open. The padlock was lying on the ground with a false key in it, and the petty expense cash-box was gone.

6. The matter was immediately reported to the Police.

7. Mutusamy, the night guard, to whom the cash-box was handed, stated that he did not go upstairs to see that the upper door leading to an outer staircase was secured, but that he looked to all the doors on the ground-floor, leaving the western door only open as usual. There is no guard-room attached to the office, and the guard have been in the habit of sleeping either in or out of the office, according to weather.

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8. Colonel Hessey, who inquired into the case, reports that he has reason to think that the cause of robbery was not so much the hope of gain as the desire of annoying and bringing discredit on the Cash-keeper. He has placed under suspension the two Assistants to the Cash-keeper, and dismissed the three pensioned sepoys.

9. In reply to a call for information from me, he states, that no clue to the robbery has as yet been found, that the loss of the Note has been notified in the *Madura District Gazette* and in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and that the officer in charge of Paper Currency, Madras Circle and those of other Circles, have been informed of the loss.

No. 105.

ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1875, No. 381.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED, Rs. 97-5-9.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ the Accountant-General.

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No. 488
2423rd February 1875

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

SIR

On the night of the 18th January 1875, the petty expense cash Box was stolen from the office of the Revenue Survey party at Madura. The contents of the Box were, one 100 Rs note No. 388, halves of 7 notes for 100 Rs each & Rs 14-9-5 in cash. Of these, the half notes were returned to Col. Refsey by letter post bearing

2. I have the honour to request that sanction may be accorded to redraw Rupees 97-5-9 out of Rs 114-9-5, the difference Rs 17-3-8 being the amount left with the cashkeeper on account of postage payment of Book post & for officers of the party absent from Head Quarters.

3. From the report received on the subject, it appears, that on the 14th, after the distribution of pay to the party, the cash chest was lodged as usual

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
REVENUE SURVEY.

At, At, At.

Dated March 8th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 8th March 1875, No. 381.

MARCH.

Nos. 104-105.

Robbery of the Cash-chest of No. 4, Survey Party at Madura. — Sanctioning the redrawing of Rs. 97-5-9, being the amount lost in connection with the —.

in the Treasury leaving a small sum as per margin
 in the petty expense cash Box on the 15th Col. Jeffrey in charge of the party left Madurai for Periakolam and as he intended remaining away for sometime, he had taken the precaution to place in the cash box & the 4 half notes which are mentioned.

Undistributed pay	Rs 62-5-9
Contingent expense	35-0-0
House rent	20-0-0
Officers Postage money	17-3-8

On the evening of the 18th the cash keeper made a payment of Rs 20 to the land lord of the office and locked up the petty expense cash Box in the usual manner placing it in another box which he locked & sealed & handed over to one of the night Pons Mutusamy Naidos a pensioned sepoy.

4. After the departure of the office Manager and cash keeper, the two Assistants of the latter remained behind on the pretext that they were engaged in completing urgent office work. They left the place at about 5 3/4 P.M.

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9. In reply to a call for information from me, he states that no clue to the robbery has as yet been found, that the loss of the note has been notified in the Madurai District Gazette &

in the Fort Saint George Gazette & that the officer
in charge of Paper currency Madras circle and
those of other circles have been informed of the
loss.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
P. Bentley Esq
Superintendent Revenue

Copy to
Genl Secy

Recd by P.O. 4 March 1875

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The Secy to the Survey
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