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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

18th September 1877, No. 2,783.

Read the following paper:—

No. 360. From Major A. DEC. SCOTT, R.E., Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 8th September 1877, No. 2,698-125.

I HAVE the honor to report that on the night of the 7th—8th August last the petty cash chest of No. 3 Revenue Survey Party at Palmanair containing Rupees 278-5-9 was carried away from the office, and that the inquiries made by the Police have hitherto failed to discover the person guilty of the robbery.

2. It appears from the report of the Deputy Superintendent that two cash chests are in use in this party, one containing the bulk of the Government money, and valuable documents is kept at the Treasury and sent for when required, being, however, always returned before the office closes; the other (a tin box) holds petty cash required for daily contingencies, and this is placed inside a heavy teak-wood box which stands in the room of the Deputy Superintendent, and which is securely fastened with an ordinary lock and a padlock. It is this box which has been carried away.

3. On the afternoon of the 7th August the principal cash chest and the pay for the establishment was received from the Treasury. Pay was distributed in the presence of the Deputy Superintendent, and the balance on account of sick and absentees was placed in the petty cash box and secured as usual while the other chest was returned by the Cash-keeper to the Treasury. The office was closed at 5-30 P.M., and handed over to the guard consisting of a Pensioned Havildar and three Peons who report that they secured all the doors with bolts and padlocks and took up their appointed posts.

They admit that the box was in the room at 10 P.M., and discovered that it was carried off at day-light.

4. From the arrangement of the rooms and entrances which are shown on the accompanying plan the box which was so heavy as to be lifted only with difficulty by two men must have been carried past the sentry at B, and if not lifted over the verandah carried through the office past sentries at C and D and out through door E. Major Clay states that this could not have been done without the connivance of the guard, and he accordingly dismissed the whole of them and placed them in the custody of the Police. He blames the Cash-keeper for negligence and indiscretion in retaining in office instead of sending back to the Treasury sums amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 208-1-7 which as being due to subordinates absent on leave, &c., he knew he could not distribute that evening.

5. It is especially a point against the Cash-keeper that when Major Clay before leaving office noticed the considerable sum left and drew his attention to it he replied that he was going to distribute it that evening, whereas he was well aware that this was impracticable.

6. In some degree, therefore, the Cash-keeper is responsible for the loss, and I am of opinion that he should be fined to the extent of Rupees 50 as a punishment for his negligence. He has deposited security amounting to Rupees 500.

7. With regard to the custody of the petty cash box all proper precautions seem to have been observed by the Deputy Superintendent.

No. 361. ORDER THEREON, *18th September 1877, No. 2,783.*

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THE *Government do not think that* personal responsibility attaches to the Cash-keeper. The money was such as should be in the box, the box was in its place, and the guard complete.

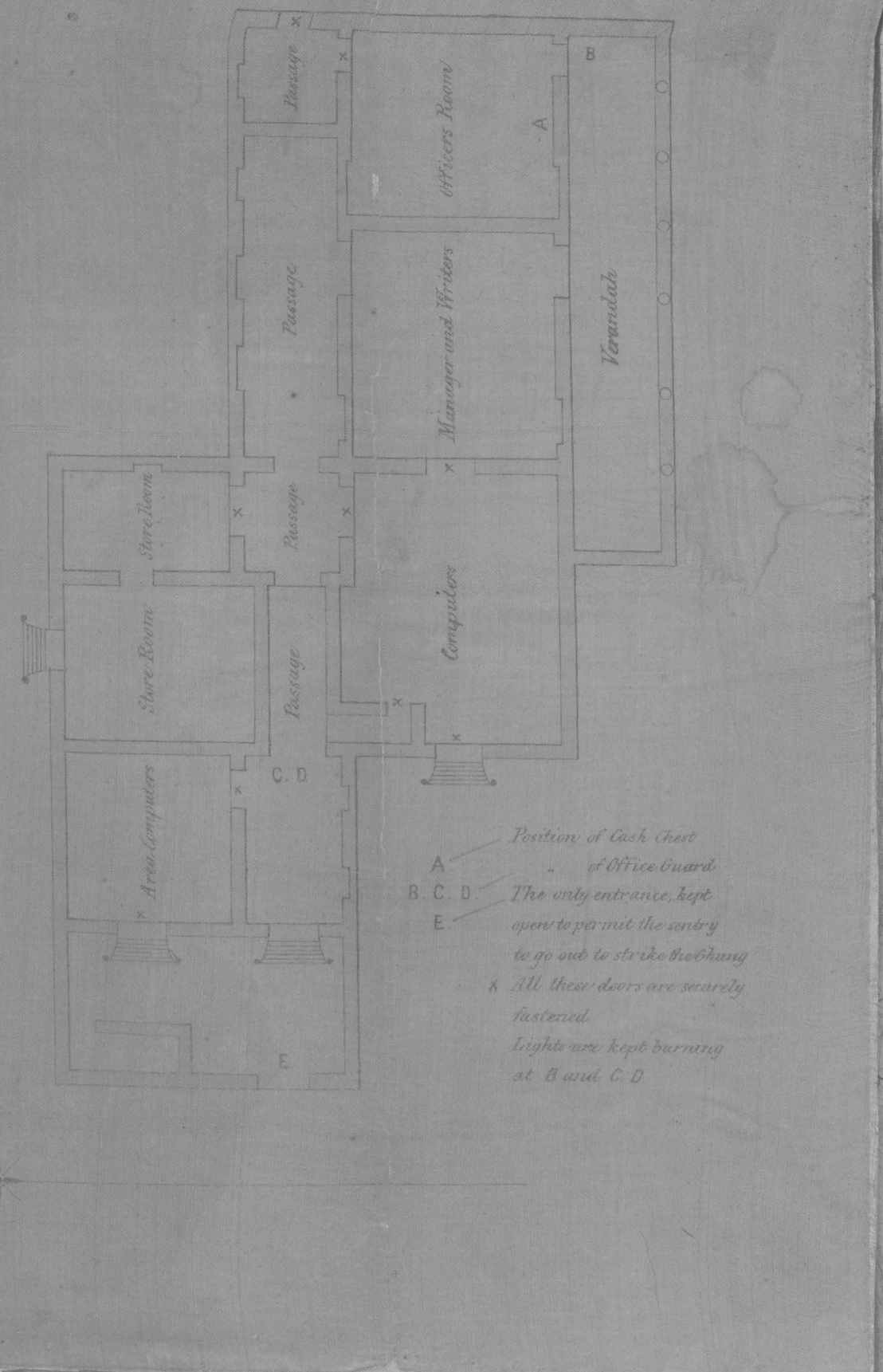
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To the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

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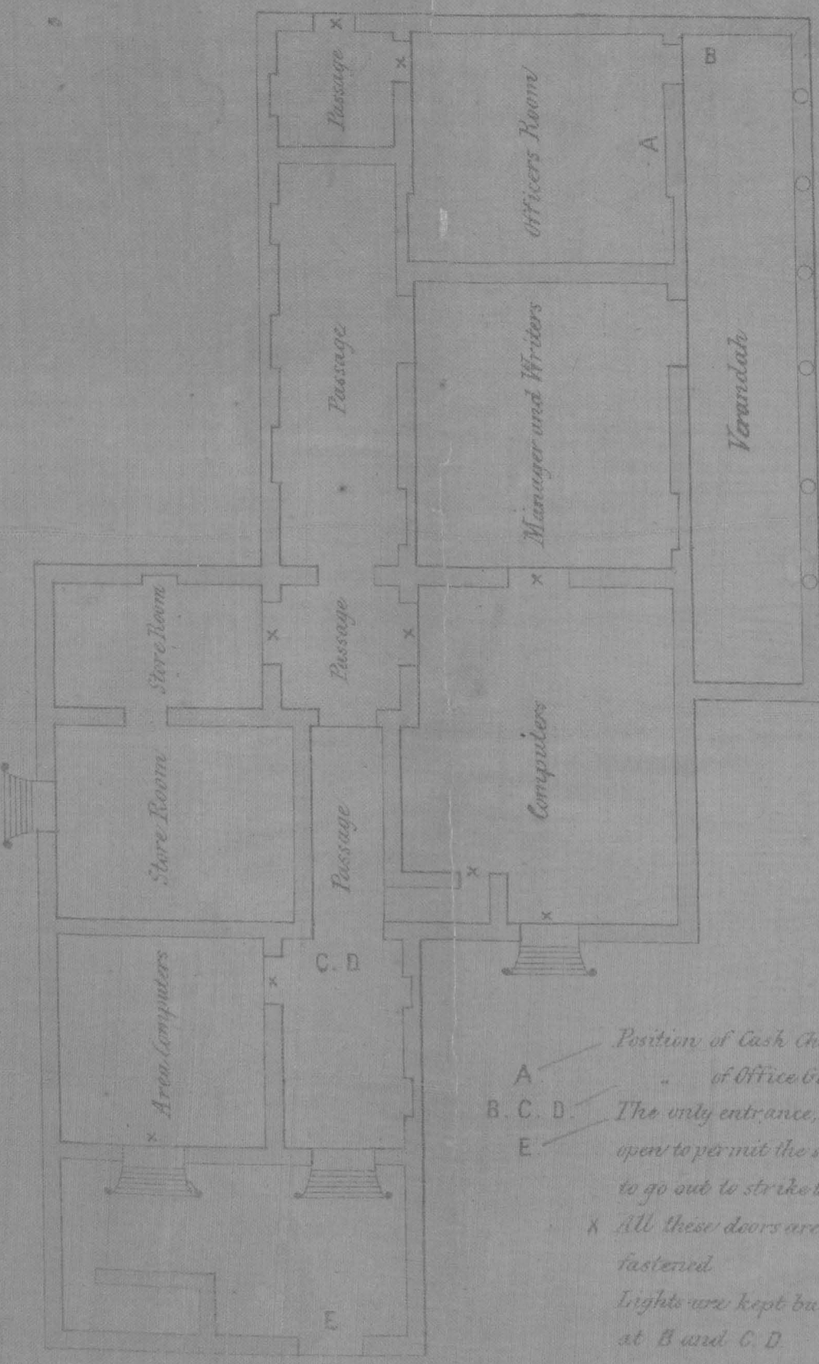
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To The ACTING SUPERINTENDENT of REVENUE SURVEY.

Dated September 1877.

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G. O., 19th September 1877, No. 2,783.

Copy of a petty embezzlement No. 3 Revenue Survey Parties. Observing that no personal responsibility attaches to the Cashkeeper in connection with the—that the money was stolen as stated in the letter, that the box was in its place, and that the guard was complete.

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Revenue Survey Office

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3990

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From Sg: Septo: Revenue Survey

Dated 8: September 1877

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Regarding loss of a petty Cash chest containing Rs 278-5-9 on No 3 Rs Survey Party.

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Revenue Survey Office
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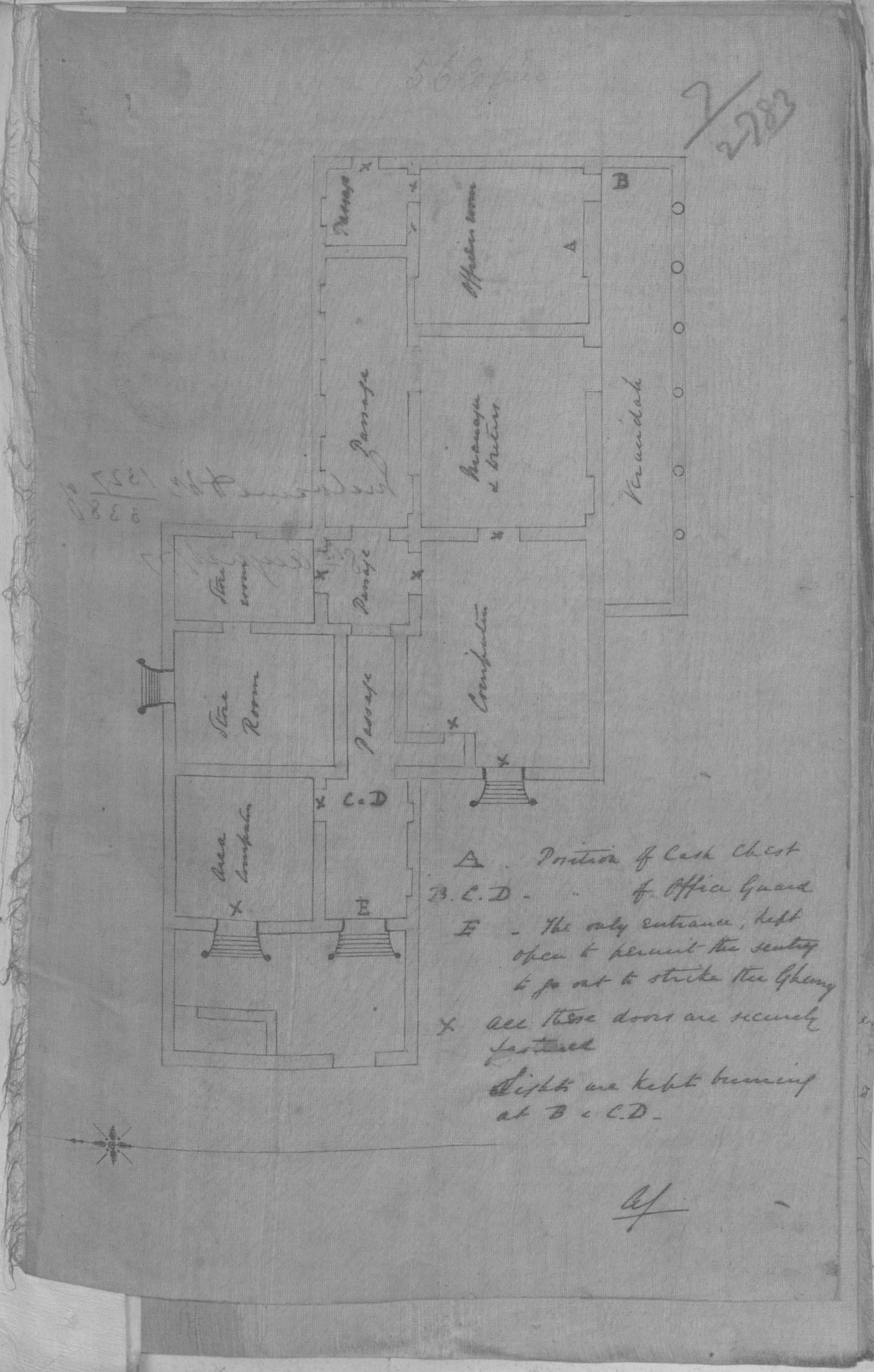
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Arch Scott Major R.E.
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From

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Revenue Survey

To The Secretary to Govt.

Revenue Department

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Dated 8 September 1877

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Subject

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RD 18-9-77 No. 2783.

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