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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

18th February 1878, No. 257.

Read the following paper:—

No. 206. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1878, No. 206.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pulivendla, 9th January 1878, Extra No. 43:—

In reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 4,980, dated 12th November last, and the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 3,248, dated 14th idem, I have the honor to transmit a copy of the judgment in Calendar No. 26 of 1877 on the file of the Head Assistant Magistrate and a statement showing the denominations and value of the stamps abstracted, recovered, and still missing.

2. The value of the stamps stolen is Rupees 3,180-12-6, of those recovered Rupees 3,152-14-6, of those totally lost Rupees 24-8-0, and of those so mutilated as to be unfit for use Rupees 3-6-0.

3. I regret that we have been entirely unable to ascertain how the stamps were stolen. The story told by the first prisoner Surappa is undoubtedly false. He had nothing to do with the place where the tents were stowed and no earthly reason for looking underneath them. I have no doubt, from a careful examination of the box and stamps remaining after the theft was discovered, that the first prisoner when on sentry prised the lid up, inserted his hand and a hook, and thus drew the stamps out.

4. It was certainly wrong of the Deputy Collector to move the box out of the inner room, but that leaked so much that nothing that could be damaged could be safely left there; the room is full of boxes as it is, and all the good ones were in use.

5. The stamp almirahs have been for a long while kept in the outer treasury, there being no place for them in the inner room.

6. I would submit, with regard to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue quoted above, that the monthly examination of the treasury made by me or my Assistants refers only to the cash balances and not to the stamps, and that I have been ever since I joined the district constantly on the move whilst my Assistant, Mr. Johnston, has had his hands more than full with office work. Neither of us knew or thought that the Deputy Collector had the stamps, which were under his seal, in an insecure box, or had brought them into the outer treasury.

7. I knew that the almirahs were outside, for this I saw when I took charge of the district, but it was explained to me why they were there, and as they were locked and sealed and there were two sentries, one on the inner and one on the outer gate, I considered them quite secure. There was nothing to direct my attention to the fact that the Treasury Deputy Collector had moved his stamps from the place where they were when I took charge.

8. Since the theft was discovered the door of the outer treasury room has been kept locked and arrangements to protect the sentry from the weather have been made.

9. I think that the prisoners who have not appealed were dealt with by the Head Assistant Magistrate more lightly than they should have been. Had I taken the case up I would have committed them to the Sessions. I was however on tour in a distant part of the district, and the Superintendent of Police having represented to me the great inconvenience which would be caused by the attendance of some of the witnesses in my Court, I was induced to transfer the trial to Mr. Benson, who was at the time in Cuddapah.

10. The actual loss to Government amounts to Rupees 24-8-0, which, as no fine was inflicted by the Head Assistant Magistrate, cannot be recovered.

11. Strictly speaking, the Treasury Deputy Collector is responsible for this amount, but looking to the extra, harrassing and constant work which this officer has had to perform during more than a year, the vile condition of the roof of the treasury buildings and the extreme improbability that a theft of stamps would be committed by a Police sentry in a treasury more difficult of access than any that I have yet seen, I trust that the Board will be pleased to allow the writing off of the amount.

12. I request permission to write of the sum of Rupees 3-6-0, being the value of the stamps mutilated so as to be unfit for use.

13. In conclusion, I would beg to bring to notice the conduct of Subbadu, the man who gave the information which led to the detection of the case, and of 2nd-Class Inspector of Police, Murugesam Mudaliar, by whose prompt and able action the clue given was worked out and the property recovered.

14. I think that they both deserve a reward, and would recommend therefore that Subbadu, who is a poor man, should receive Rupees 25, and that Murugesam Mudaliar should receive Rupees 50.

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement of the Number and Value of Postage Labels found less in Deputy Collector's Stock on the 6th November 1877, since recovered and not recovered.

Description.	Loss.						Since recovered.											
	Ordinary Labels.			Service Labels.		Value of Ordinary Labels.	Useful.											
	Reams.	Packets.	Sheets.	Labels.	Sheets.	Labels.	Reams.	Packets.	Sheets.	Labels.	Sheets.	Labels.	Value of Ordinary Labels.		Value of Service Labels.		Total Value.	
1	2	3	4		5		8	9	10		11		12		13			
						Rs. A. P.							Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
Half Anna Envelopes ...	...	1	...	...	...	0 8 0	...	1	...	...	...	...	0 8 0		...		0 8 0	
Do. do. Labels ...	99	281	...	...	...	998 12 6	...	269	...	...	...	...	998 6 6		...		998 6 6	
Three-quarter Anna Labels ...	2	...	...	...	...	30 0 0	2	...	...	...	...	...	30 0 0		...		30 0 0	
One Anna Labels ...	13	...	...	...	...	260 0 0	13	...	...	...	...	...	260 0 0		...		260 0 0	
Four Annas do. ...	12	...	...	...	...	960 0 0	12	...	...	...	...	...	960 0 0		...		960 0 0	
Six do. do. ...	2	...	...	...	...	240 0 0	2	...	...	...	...	...	240 0 0		...		240 0 0	
Eight do. do. ...	1	...	1	...	...	160 0 0	1	...	...	301	...	...	160 0 0		150 8 0		310 8 0	
Twelve do. do. ...	...	242	...	...	...	181 8 0	...	238	...	...	...	...	178 8 0		...		178 8 0	
One Rupee do. ...	...	190	...	...	...	190 0 0	...	175	...	...	...	...	175 0 0		...		175 0 0	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,020 12 6	...	...	...	301	...	...	3,002 6 6		150 8 0		3,152 14 6	

Statement of the Number and Value of Postage Labels received from the Stamp Office and less in Deputy Collector's Stock, &c.—*(Continued)*.

Description.	Not recovered.	Ordinary Labels.	Service Labels.	Value of Ordinary Labels.	Value of Service Labels.	Total.
		17	18	19	20	21
		Sheets. Labels.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Half Anna Envelopes	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do. Labels	...	...	...	...	...	...
Three-quarter Anna Labels	...	...	...	...	...	...
One Anna Labels	...	...	...	...	...	...
Four Annas do.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Six do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eight do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Twelve do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	...
One Rupee do.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	15 0 0	9 8 0	24 8 0

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Collector.

Description.	Since recovered—*(Continued)*.			Total recovered.
	Mutilated.			
	Ordinary Labels.		Value.	
	14		15	16
	Sheets.	Labels.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Half Anna Envelopes	...	...	...	0
Do. do. Labels	...	12	0 6 0	998 1
Three-quarter Anna Labels	...	...	...	30
One Anna Labels	...	...	...	260
Four Annas do.	...	...	...	960
Six do. do.	...	...	...	240
Eight do. do.	...	...	...	310
Twelve do. do.	...	4	3 0 0	181
One Rupee do.	...	...	...	175
Total ...	...	...	3 6 0	3,156

Note.—Not recovered Rs. 24 8 0
Mutilated .. 3 6 0
Total .. 27 14 0 to be

VEMULA,
9th January 1878.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Magisterial Calendar.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 14th November 1877, No. 3,248.

2. The detection of the crime and the recovery of the property are very satisfactory and reflect credit on the informer and on the Police. The Magistrate recommends a reward of 25 Rupees to the former and 50 to the latter; but, considering that the recovery of the property, valued at upwards of 3,000 Rupees, was due to the information given by Subbadu, the Board recommend that a reward of 100 Rupees be given to him and the same to the Police Inspector.

3. The Deputy Collector is responsible for the value of the stamps unrecovered, but the Board fully support the Collector's recommendation that he should not be called on to pay. He ought not to have kept the stamps in an insecure box, but he is in no way answerable for the state of the treasury which rendered the removal of the box necessary, and the very arduous nature of his duties for the past year have left but little time for attending to details. The Board recommend that the amount be written off the accounts as proposed by the Collector.

4. The Board desire to take this opportunity of reminding the Government of the state of the buildings forming the Collector's Cutcherry at Cuddapah. They have long been condemned as quite unsafe and unfit for occupation, and now that the Government have determined not to move the head-quarters of the district from Cuddapah, the Board trust that no delay may be allowed to occur in supplying suitable offices, for which estimates have been called for (G.O., dated 10th October 1876, No. 2,094).

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1878, No. 257.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are pleased to sanction the rewards recommended by the Board of Revenue in the latter part of paragraph 2 of the foregoing Proceedings.

2. Sanction is also granted for writing off the two sums mentioned in paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Collector's letter, viz., Rs. 24-8-0 and Rs. 3-6-0.

3. The attention of the Public Works Department will be drawn to the Judicial G.O., 10th October 1876, No. 2,094, quoted in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Judicial Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Eight do. do.	...	...	...	310 8 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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(True Copies and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Copy to the Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. A. Grubert.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 555

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From Pres: Board of Revenue

Dated 24: January 1878.

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 24TH JANUARY 1878, No. 206.

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JANUARY.

No. 206.

Theft of Stamps from the Cuddapah Huzoor Treasury. — Submitting to Government Collector's further report regarding —, recommending that Subbadu, the informer, and Murugesa Mudaliar, 2nd-Class Police Inspector, be rewarded, a reward of Rupees 100 each, and that the value of the stamps unrecovered be written off in the accounts, and reminding Government of the state of the Collector's Cutchery buildings.

For orders

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Jud. Dep. dated the 18 February 1878

Read Proc. of Govt of
Rev. 24 January 1878
No 206 submitting further
report from Collr of Cuddapah
regarding theft of stamps
from the Wynaur treasury.

The Govt are pleased
to sanction the rewards
recommended by the
Board of Revenue in the
latter part of para 2
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Sanction is also
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FOR ORDERS.

Regarding theft of stamps
from the Cuddapah &
Wynaur Treasury -

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Collector's letter, viz
Rs 24.8-4 and Rs 3.6-4

The attention of
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No 2094 quoted in para
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14 To the Board of Revenue dated 22nd Feb
21 the Public Works Dept
5 the Judicial Dept
6 the Accountant Genl

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Respecting the Stamps
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Hugin Treasury