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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th May 1867.

No. 70. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th April 1867, No. 2,642.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Omalur, 3rd April 1867, No. 81:—

1. I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Board, a case of theft of Rupees 20-1-9 from one of the Office boxes of the Head Assistant Collector.

2. On the 20th ultimo, as the Head Assistant was holding Jummahbundy at Natteampally, in the Tripattur talook, about 6-15 P. M., he went outside the Cutcherry tent, and was engaged in distributing Puttahs, his Head Clerk assisting him in the work.

3. During the time they were thus engaged, the Police Constables Nos. 1,059 and 1,173 were in the tent, supposed to be taking care of the Office things, amongst which was a box in which two bags containing money were secured. This box had merely the cover down and was not locked.

4. After the distribution of the Puttahs, the Head Clerk came back to the tent, took out the bags of money for which he was held responsible, put them into his pocket hurriedly, as it was then rather late and went home. On his arrival there, it struck him on his taking the bags out of his pocket, they were lighter than they ought to be. On counting, the amount in one bag was right, but there were only Rupees 3-8-4 in the other, leaving a deficiency of Rupees 20-1-9 as mentioned in paragraph 1. The neck of the bag was tied by a string, but in a different knot to that he (Clerk) had himself previously made, before going outside the tent with the Head Assistant. The Clerk immediately returned to the tent, and on the way met Constable No. 1,059 coming hurriedly along. He bid the Constable turn back with him, and noticed as he was following, that he (Constable) lagged behind, and every now and then appeared engaged in stooping down on the roadside, as if he were transacting some little business, which he did not wish to be observed.

5. The Head Assistant examined almost all the Cutcherry people, but nothing was made out; but so strong is the Head Assistant's conviction of the guilt of the Constable No. 1,059, not only in consequence of his curious conduct, unexplained as mentioned above, but also because he was in the tent during the time he (Head Assistant) was engaged outside with the ryots, that he has expressed his opinion to the Superintendent of Police that the man is not one who should be trusted for the future.

6. Most of the money lost belongs to the Permanent Advance Fund, and the Head Assistant requests that sanction may be obtained that the amount may be written off the accounts. He tells me in his letter that he has done his utmost to bring home the charge to the culprit, but without success.

7. Under the circumstances, I would recommend that permission may be given to accede to the request of the Head Assistant.

Submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that, under the circumstances stated by the Collector, sanction may be granted for writing off the accounts the sum of Rupees 20-1-9, stolen from the Office of the Head Assistant Collector at the time of Jummahbundy.

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No. 71.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1867, No. 1015.

The Government desire to know what character the Head Clerk and the Police Constable No. 1,059 have hitherto held.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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