

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4263

DATED 2nd Nov

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the Board's action
in placing Mr. Threlley on special
duty in connection with a case of
smuggling of opium in Malabar.

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Through the Accountant-General Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 7339

From

The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue,
Madras.

Order

To Secy

Mis. No. 3993.

The Board of Rev proposes to
place Mr. Thurley, (Insp of Salt, Abkari and
Customs on a salary of Rs 350) on deputation to
investigate a case of opium smuggling, which
there is reason to apprehend, is not an
isolated case, and to grant him a deputation
allowance of one-fifth of Salary - Rs 70.

Dated 10th October 1898.

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SUBJECT.

2. The case being urgent, ^{the Board} it has directed
Mr. Thurley
him to proceed to Malabar in anticipation
of sanction.

3. Please see draft below.

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Mr. Thurley
24/10/98

Submitting to Government a further re-
port from the Collector of Malabar in
connection with an important case of
opium smuggling ~~XXXX~~ detected at Shora-
nur; soliciting its sanction for direct-
ing ^{Inspector} Mr. Thurley to proceed to Malabar
for investigating the matter, and re-
questing that he may be granted a depu-
tation allowance of one-fifth of his
salary under Article 98 of the Civil
Service Regulations while engaged in
the investigation.

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Malabar Collector's office.

Calicut, dated 1st October 1898.

From

F.C. Parsons Esquire, I.C.S., Acting Collector of Malabar.

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Board's Proceedings Mis.No.3635, dated the

12th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter

No.1626, dated the 23rd idem since received from the Political

Agent, Malwa, and its enclosures, on the subject of the opium

smuggling from Malhargarh to Shoranur.

2. The sender of the parcel is said to be one Mr. Hendricks,

who was till lately a Permanent way Inspector in the Rajputana-

Malwa Railway and who is now employed in the Oudh and Rohilkund

Railway. As the case is a complicated one, I request that the

Board will be pleased to take steps for a Special Officer being

ordered to investigate it. The complications arise from the fol-

lowing:- The opium was sent from Jaora, a Native State, to Tra-

vancore another Native State. The fraud was detected at Shoranur

in British India. The opium was despatched from a station on a

Railway line to which the Opium Act does not apply. One of the

parties to the fraud is in Oudh and others probably in Jaora and

Travancore. The daring nature of this fraud makes it probable

that a thorough investigation would bring more frauds to light.

I have etc.

(Signed) V. Rajagopalachari,
for Acting Collector.

(True copy)

G. S. S. S.
Acting Collector.

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From

The Political Agent, Malwa.

To

The District Magistrate, Malabar.

Dated Neemuch, 23rd September 1898.

Sir,

In continuation of my endorsement No. 1568, dated the 14th instant regarding the case of opium smuggling from Malhar-garh Railway station, I have the honour to forward for your information a copy of letter No. 257, dated the 19th instant and translations of enclosures from the Minister of the Jaora Durbar.

2. The statements recorded by the Durbar Police tend to establish the fact that a Mr. Hendricks was the consignor of the parcel of opium—Mr. Hendricks is now apparently employed on the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway. As the opium Act has not been extended, so far as I am aware, to the Rajputana Malwa Railway Line, he cannot be charged before me with any offence.

I have etc.

(Signed) W.M. Cubitt,

Captain,

Political Agent, Malwa.

(True copy)

Calicut
3rd September 1898

(Signed) V. Rajagopalachari

for Collector.

(True copy)

G. S. Chatterjee

Acting Secretary.

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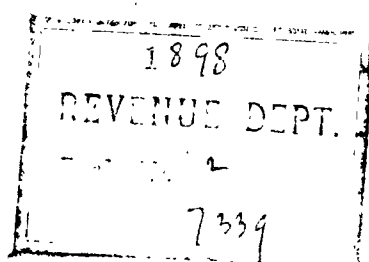
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Copy of letter No. 257, dated 19th September 1898, from the Minister of Jaora to the Political Agent, Malwa.

In continuation of my letter No. 238, dated the 19th instant regarding ~~the~~ smuggling of opium from Malhargarh Railway station to Shoranur, I have the honour to inform you that the Jaora State Police have succeeded in tracing the offender who appears to be one Mr. F. N. Hendricks who was till lately in the service of Rajputana Malwa Railway being a Permanent way Inspector stationed at Malhargarh and who is said to have left the services and to be now at ~~Shoranur~~ Shohjehanpur where he has been employed and given some post by the Oudh and Rahilkund Railway.

2. It appears that on the 10th July¹⁸⁹⁸, Mr Hendricks brought two parcels to the Railway station at Malhargarh before the arrival of the evening train from Neemuch side and wished to have one of them despatched to Bhosawal and the other to Shoranur. Both parcels were booked by the Assistant Station Master to their destinations. As regards the latter parcel it was booked to the address of ^{Mr} Mr. Lonachee and the name of the sender inserted ~~in~~ in the Railway Receipt according to the instructions of Mr. Hendricks was Mahomed Ali. Both the names seem to be fictitious and to have been invented by Mr. Hendricks who left Malhargarh for good the day after the despatch of the parcels.

3. I beg to enclose herewith copies of the statements of the Station Master at Malhargarh and others recorded by the Superintendent of Jaora State Police and to say that they will be considered to contain sufficient evidence to make a prima facie



case against Mr. Hendricks and to afford sufficient ground to take action with regard to his arrest.

4. In conclusion I would point out that as the offence was committed within the limits of the Railway Station the case ought to be taken cognizance of by the Rajputana Malwa Railway Police though the Jaora State Police will have orders to co-operate with them and give them every assistance in the work of the investigation.

(True copy)

(Signed) W.M. Cubitt,
Captain,
Political Agent.

(True copy)

(Signed) V. Rajagopalachari,

for Collector.

(True copy)

C. J. Alkumbh
Acting Secretary.

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Translation.

Statement of Vishnoo-Narain, Railway Station Master at Malhargarh: Age 42 years.

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Two parcels were despatched from Malhargarh Railway Station on 10th July 1898, I dare say these parcels were sent by Hendricks Sahib who was Permanent way Sub-Inspector. One of these parcels was despatched to Ehosawal to the address of one A.M. Pears, Head School Master and it is entered in our pass book under No. 77359. The weight of this parcel for Ehosawal was $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers and it was despatched paid. Hendricks Sahib paid the Railway freight here. This freight was eight annas.

He sent the other parcel to Shoranur which was despatched via Khandwa and Raichur. I give this information on the strength of the entries in the Parcel Pass-Book the number of which 77360. The sender of this parcel was as Mahomed Ali from Malhargarh and the recipient a Mr. Lonachee at Shoranur. The weight of this parcel was 1 maund 20 seers and this parcel was despatched bearing, the freight of which was 13 Rs. 8 annas. Hendrick Sahib had brought both these parcels on 10th July 1898 at 8 P.M. Some 15 or 10 minutes were remaining at this time for the train from Neemuch to come. Mr. Hendricks had brought both these parcels by two of his people who accompanied him-Phulkhan and Nabibux. When he came he stood in the office verandah and began to say "master, have them despatched". I then told my Assistant Kishen Nandram to book these parcels. My Assistant in compliance with

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my orders weighed and numbered them and issued passes for them and then handed over the passes to the ^{Shib}. These receipts were issued by the Assistant Master under his signature. These parcels were then found lying outside and the Assistant Kishen Nandram said that these parcels were to go. I then examined these parcels and the same two persons Phulkhan and Nabibux took them to the brake and I entrusted them to the guard. The name of the guard was A.C. Kel. I had taken the signature of the guard to the above number in the Guard-Signature-book, guards change at Rutlam and Mhow and the parcels are transhipped at Khandwa, then at Manmad and then at Dhond etc before parcels reach their destination. The record of this will be found at the various stations in guards' books etc. My Assistant asked the Sahib what the parcels contained and the Sahib replied that they contained books and cloth. We had never before despatched parcels from "Mahomed Ali" and Mr. Hendricks used to send many parcels. He had never before sent any parcel as "from Mahomed Ali". One Mahomed Ali Saltanji has a shop at Malhargarh. His goods are despatched but parcels were never received from him. The Sahib had at that time the above two men with him and there was no one else. The Sahib told us to put down Mahomed Ali's name in the Pass-book. I dare say there were others then present such as porters of the station etc at that time. I will ascertain and will give their names. Phulkhan and Nabibux were fully aware of the affairs of the Sahib as they were employed under him, when they brought the parcels, Mr. Hendricks had been transferred here from Chitore-Udaipur line in March 1898. He remained here only for 5 or 6 months. Mr. Hendricks left ^{this} service the day after he sent the parcels

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parcels. As regards this I can say that he had received a telegram from the Chief Engineer desiring him to see the latter on the 13th July at Lucknow. When he went away from here he obtained a pass No. 16002 from the Engineer's office and he started via Ajmere by the night train on 11th July 1898. Mr. Hendricks had also sent other parcels since April last and I will submit a list of all places where he sent the parcels. All will then be evident. Nabibux who brought the parcels in company of Mr. Hendricks had come from Chitore with him, and the Sahib went away on the 11th July from here and Nabibux went after him. Phulkhan had brought the two parcels which Mr. Hendricks sent-viz one to Bhosawal and the other to Shoranur. Phulkhan is now present and I know him. We despatched the parcels trusting Mr. Hendricks as a bonafide sender, he being a servant of the Railway. Dated 18th September 1898.

(Signed in English)

Station Master.

(True copy)

(Signed) Yar Mahomed Khan

Minister of Jaora

True translation

(Signed) W.M. Cubitt
Captain

Political Agent, Malwa

(True copy)

(Signed) V. Rajagopalachari
for Acting Collector.

(True copy)

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Acting Secretary.

Statement of Amrat Rao son of Bahwant Rao of Mandsaur at present at Malhargarh. Age 28 years.

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I had come on the evening of 10th July last at the Malhargarh station to go to Mandsaur. I remember the exact date because I had my father's Saradh (Obsequies) on the 11th July 1898; and on 10th July I went there to invite Brahmans. The permanent way Inspector who lived at the station had been here for the last 5 or 6 months. I recognized him but I don't know his name. After I got a ticket for Mandsaur and as there were some 8 or 10 minutes yet wanting for the train from Neemuch to come in, I saw the Inspector whom I recognized coming with two men and two parcels to the station. When he came he said something to the Station Master in English and the latter might have said something to his Assistant which I do not recollect. Then the Sahib went inside the station and then Kishen Babu, Assistant Station Master and the Inspector came out together, and took the parcels to the weighing machine. The Inspector's man took these parcels to the weighing machine and the Inspector and the Assistant Station Master also went to that direction I don't know how they weighed it and what became of it afterwards. Two men might have come with the Sahib and brought the parcels. But I know Phulkhan as he has lived for a long time at the station, and always visits the godown and he was with the Sahib when he brought the parcels. I can say that

he was the same man Phulkhan who is now present here. I went away

then and I don't know anything further.

Date 18th September 1898.

(Signed) Amrat Rao
in Hindi.

(True copy)

(Signed) Yar Mahomed Khan
Minister of Jaora

(True translation)

(Signed) W.M. Cubitt,
Captain,
Political Agent, Malwa.

(True copy)

(Signed) V. Rajagopalachari,
for Collector.

(True copy)

G. J. Kumbhar
Acting Secretary.

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"Translation"

Statement of Kishen son of Nandram, Assistant Station
Master, Malhargarh; Age 25 years.

The two parcels were despatched from Malhargarh Station on 10th July 1898 at 8 P.M. These two parcels were sent by Mr Hendricks Permanent way Sub-Inspector to Engineer, who lived at Malhargarh Railway station. These parcels came to us for despatch from him on the said date. These parcels first came to Vishnu Narain the Station Master as it is his duty to work from 12 A.M. to 12 P.M. The Sub-Inspector's two trolly men, viz Phulkhan and Nabibux brought these parcels and the said Sub-Inspector himself was with them; and when Mr. Hendricks brought these parcels, the train had already left Harakiakkal station. I had already issued tickets to passengers. The train was due in 15 or 20 minutes. At this time Vishnu Narain ordered me to weigh and despatch the two parcels belonging to Mr. Hendricks. In compliance with his orders I immediately weighed the two parcels. I weighed them separately as the destination of each was different. One parcel was for Bhosawal and the other for Shoranur. The sender was Mr. Hendricks Sub-Inspector from Malhargarh and the recipient at Bhosawal was a Mr. A.M. Pears, Head School Master. The weight of this parcel was $4\frac{1}{2}$ keers which I noted in the Register under No. 77359. I did not get 8 annas for its freight. The Sahib did not pay himself. The other parcel which I weighed was 1 maund 20 seers in weight. I

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registered it in my parcel book under ~~xxxxx~~ No. 77350 on the same date that is 10th July 1898. This parcel was given for despatch to Shoranur via Khandwa and Raichur. The sender of the parcel from here was stated to be Muhammad Ali and the recipient at Shoranur was one Lonachee and the freight of this parcel viz Rs. 13-8-0 was not paid here. I entered both these parcels as Mr. Hendricks described them. He gave his own name as the sender of the parcel for Bhosawal and for the parcel for Shoranur he gave the name of Muhammad Ali as the sender. He gave these instructions verbally himself. I handed the pass of ^{both} these parcels to Mr. Hendricks himself, one copy of which is now with me in my office. I did not see who Muhammad Ali was as no such person had come at that time. The Sahib had also no third person with him. He had his two trolley men with him only whom I recognize. I have named them above. When I prepared the passes the Sahib himself came ^{into} the station office and spoke about them, and I prepared the passes in his presence. Nabibux and Phulkhan trolley men were outside at that time. The Sahib spoke with ~~me~~ me all about freight etc in the office of the station and when I weighed the parcels I showed Sahib their weights. The Sahib was present at the weighing machine. Afterwards I prepared the passes and handed them over to the Sahib, I myself numbered the parcels and gave the two receipts to the Station Master and showed him the parcels which were to go. The two first receipts I gave to the owner of the parcels and the second two to the Station Master so that he may hand them over to the guard. The Station Master personally saw the parcels and had them put into the train. The above Railway parcels, ~~the~~

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Mr. Hendricks said contained books and cloth. The receipts for both these parcels bear my signature. This Mr. Hendricks was transferred to Malhargarh from Chitore in February or March last: and I show from the Railway luggage book that Mr. Hendricks went away the day after he sent the parcels. It was 11th July 1898. Because he had his luggage booked by me vide Luggage Book No. 25585. This luggage was booked from Malhargarh to Cawnpore by the night train at 9 P.M. This train goes via Ajmere and Mr. Hendricks went by it leaving his service having got another in the Rohilkhand Railway line. So he said. He obtained a third class pass from the Engineering Department; ^{no} 16002 for Cawnpore. He took with him all his goods, and his wife went away to Nagdha on 10th i.e. one day prior to his leaving for Cawnpore. I had not the least suspicion when I despatched the parcels as to what they contained. I thought it contained books and cloth which he described. I did not suspect it because I ~~know~~ knew he was a Railway Employee and knows the rules and regulations full well. I submit the correct name of Mr. Hendricks in English.

Dated 17th September 1898

(Signed) Krishna Nandram

Assistant Station Master

(True copy)

(Signed) Yar Mahomed Khan,

Minister of Jaora

(True translation)

(Signed) W.M. Cubitt

Captain,

Political Agent, Malwa.

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(Signed) V. Rajagopalachari

for Collector.

(True copy)

G. S. Ghalambur
Acting Secretary.

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"Translation"

Statement of Sadanand son of Ram. pershad Brahman of district
Cawnpore now at Malhargarh station Age 35 years, Pointsman.

I knew Mr. Hendricks, Permanent way Inspector. It is three
months since he went away from here. The day prior to his going
away he brought two parcels for despatch to the station at
8.P.M. The parcels were brought by two men, Nabibux and Phulkhan
who were his trolly men. Then the Assistant Station Master
weighed them and the Station Master had them put into the brake
by Nabibux and Phulkhan. The parcels were then despatched. I don't
know anything further. P.S. Nabibux had come with Mr. Hendricks
from Chitore. Mr. Hendricks had come here after Holi in March
last from Chitore. Both Nabibux and Phulkhan knew all about
Mr. Hendricks, they were in fact his private agents. About a fort-
night after the Sahib's departure, Nabibux also went away.

Dated 18th September 1898

Sign of Sadanand

(True copy)

(Signed) Yar Mahomed Khan

Minister of Jaora

(True translation)

(Signed) W.M. Cubitt
Captain
Political Agent, Malwa.

(True copy)

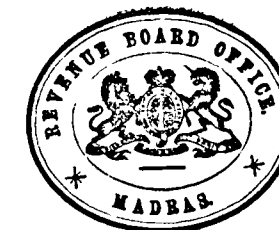
(Signed) V. Rajagopalachari

for Collector

(True copy)

G. S. Ghalambur
13.10.98 - Acting Secretary.

J. S.
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 10th October 1898.

Mis. No. 3993.

Read letter from F.C. Parsons Esquire, I.C.S., Acting Collect-

or of Malabar, No.F.Ref: on C Nos.1410 & 1411/R.98, dated 1st October 1898, requesting that a special officer may be ordered to investigate the opium smuggling case at Shoranur as it is a complicated one.

Resolution.

Referring to Board's Proceedings No.

Under G.O. 3635, dated 12th September 1898, in which it submitted to Govern-
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23-9-98 ment a preliminary report in connection with an important case of opium smuggling detected at Shoranur, the Board begs to submit a further report from the Collector of Malabar in which he requests the deputation of a special officer to enquire into the matter. It appears from his report and its enclosures (copies submitted) that the opium was despatched by a railway employe' in the Native State of Jaora to an address in Travancore under circumstances which give rise to the suspicion that it was not an isolated case, but that a regular trade in such smuggled opium

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was going on. The Board concurs with the Collector that it is necessary in these circumstances that the matter should be thoroughly investigated and this can only be done by a special officer empowered to travel where necessary. It accordingly proposes with Government's approval to depute Inspector Mr. Thurley, who is in a long charge of the Madras Town Circle has had considerable experience of the working of the Opium Department, to the work. As the matter is urgent it is directing him to proceed to Malabar at once in anticipation of the sanction now asked for.

2. The Board would further request that Mr. Thurley may be granted a deputation allowance of one-fifth of his salary under article 98 of the Civil Service Regulations while engaged in the investigation.

(True extract)

G. J. G. G.
Acting Secretary.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
through the Accountant-General.

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Fort St. George

Accountant-General's Office.

25th October 1898.

Forwarded with the remark that the deputation allowance recommended under article 98 of the Civil Service Regulations may be granted, if Government considers it necessary.

The period of deputation is not stated. If it should exceed six months or twelve months, sanction of the Government of India or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, would be necessary under article 95 (b) and 96 (b) of the Civil Service Regulations.

W. Dawson
for Accountant-General.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

W. Dawson
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Rev. Dept.

Read B.P. (S.D.) Mis.
No. 3993 of 10.10.98 and the
A.G.'s Endt. Memo No. 4793 of
25.10.98 (C. no. 7339).

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The Board's
action is approved.
2. It is recommended
that the period of deputation
will not exceed six months.

[Signature]

To
The Board of Revenue (S.D.)
A.G.

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