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THEFT OF Rs7782.65

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from travelling cash safe on the Railway. Sends report of Committee of Inquiry. Recommends that the amount of the loss be written off. Has confirmed the dismissal of Guard Cameron and Asst Station Master Lee.

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- a) The dismissal of these men was, I consider, justified.
- b) There is, presumably, no hope now of recovering the lost cash.

The sum in question is large & I think we ought to have Treasury approval at once.

? copy to Treas<sup>r</sup> for comment & ask for approval for the writing off of the Rs 7782.65. D.C.A. to see.

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- a) Yes
- b) The number of some of the notes are known & they may be a red line. I don't know why all the members are not

not known

- Movable earnings not in future to be banked, as  
the cash will be paid in arrears.

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The numbers of small notes are seldom  
taken down by banks.

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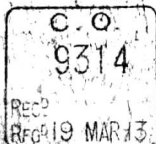
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

February 14th, 1913.

No. 102.



Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your consideration certain papers dealing with the theft of a sum of Rs. 7732.85 from a travelling cash safe on the Uganda Railway.

2. The matter was fully discussed by me with my Executive Council and I have the honour to recommend that the amount of the loss be written off.

3. The exhaustive nature of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry enclosed renders a recapitulation of the attendant circumstances unnecessary in this despatch, but I desire to state that I have confirmed the decision of the General Manager with regard to the dismissal of Guard Cameron and Assistant Station Master Lee.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your humble, obedient servant,

*J. H. Murray*  
in the name of the  
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, B.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

IN DEPARTMENT OF  
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General Manager's Office,  
23rd January 1913.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that a sum of Rs.7782.65 of Government money was stolen out of travelling cash safe No.1 on the 4th instant under the following circumstances:-

2. The cash receipts of Kilindini Pier and Mombasa Station of the 3rd instant, which represented the above sum, were checked by Mr.Lee, the Assistant Station Master, Mombasa, on the morning of the 4th instant and put into cash bags Nos.272, 415, 184 and 345 and sealed. At 11.40 these bags were taken from the Coaching office to the brake van of the Up Mixed train and delivered to Guard Cameron who deposited them into travelling safe No.1 in the presence of the train clerk Wofi Lal.

On the arrival of the Up Mixed train at Nairobi at 11.15 a.m. on the 5th instant the Chubb's locks with which the safe had been secured, were found to have

Hon. Chief Secretary  
to the Government,  
Nairobi.

have been removed and replaced by two ordinary galvanised locks and cash bags Nos. 272, 415, 184 and 345 with their contents extracted from the safe.

The matter was immediately reported to the Police Department but up to the present no trace has been found either of the money or the culprits.

3. A Joint Enquiry was held by the Traffic Manager and the Acting Chief Accountant and their report shows careless working at Mombasa Station but before taking any action I have had to call for further evidence on receipt of which and of the result of the Police enquiry a full report will be forwarded.

4. A list giving the details of the money in the missing cash bags is enclosed.

I have etc.

sd. H. E. TAYLOR

General Manager,  
Uganda Railway.

Enclosure to Joint Enquiry by Traffic Manager and  
Acting Chief Accountant.

Montana Receipts - January 3rd 1918.

Coaching	5469.59
Goods	5210.18
Telegraph	1.00
Catering	50.00
	<u>8711.07</u>



Government Currency Notes	Rs.	6775.00	
Rupees		984.00	
Half Rupees		7.50	
Quarter Rupees		3.00	1007.65
Ten Cents		1.10	
One Cent		12.05	
Government Warrants & other Vouchers		928.42	
		<u>8711.07</u>	

The Govt. Currency Notes there were	50 rupee Notes	=	900.00
"	"	"	= 1400.00
"	"	"	= 2000.00
			<u>4300.00</u>

no numbers of these have been circulated

The Balance of Notes	=	2175.00
Cash	=	1007.65
		<u>3182.65</u>

Notes	6775.00
Cash	1007.65
	<u>7782.65</u>

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NO 52  
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5/4 February 1913

THEFT OF MOMBASA STATION EARNINGS  
OF THE 3RD JANUARY 1913.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter NO. 34/48/1 of the 23rd January 1913, I have the honor to enclose my Finding in the case of the Theft of Mombasa Station Cash bags.

2. I find that it was through the carelessness of Mr. P. S. Leo, Assistant Station Master, Mombasa, and Guard J. E. Cameron, that the Government sustained the loss of this money. I should like to summarily dismiss them but Clause 5 of their agreements does not provide for dismissal in such a case as this and I cannot do so. I have therefore granted them a month's pay in lieu of notice in accordance with Clause 5 of their Agreements and dispensed with their services. I have also withheld the Bonus in their Compulsory Provident Fund Deposits.

3. To prevent a recurrence I have altered the procedure of bringing up to Head Quarters in

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY  
TO THE GOVERNMENT.  
NAIROBI.

the travelling cash safe the earnings of Mombasa and Kilindini Stations and ordered the money to be placed daily into the local Bank at Mombasa.

4. To meet such cases in future and give the Administration a lien on any sums that we may have to the credit of employees, I am revising the Agreement Forms and inserting a new Clause which will read as follows:-

"That if through my negligence the Railway Administration sustain any loss I agree to the amount of such loss being deducted from my salary or any other monies which otherwise would be payable to me by the Railway Administration, and in such case I agree that the Manager be the sole and final Judge and I agree to abide by his decision."

I am also considering a scheme for the mutual insurance of Railway Employees and hope before long, to be able to submit it for His Excellency's approval.

I have the honor to forward my Papers in the case and shall be glad to receive His Excellency's confirmation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/- H. E. Taylor  
General Manager.  
UGANDA RAILWAY.



GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

NO. 691/45/1

29th January 1913.

LOSS OF MOMBASA STATION CASH BAGSFINDING.

I have received the Committee's Joint Report of 11/15th instant as also of their further Report of 22nd instant and I find great carelessness has been shown in the dealings with the Cash at Mombasa.

The safe custody of the Earnings is a most important duty of the Station Staff and this does not appear to have been appreciated by Assistant Station Master P.E. Lee and Guard J.E. Cameron showed equal carelessness and want of responsibility.

Assistant Station Master Mr. Lee failed in his duty in not personally depositing his Cash Bags in the Travelling Chest whilst Guard Cameron failed to examine the safe locks and again failed in his duty in not seeing that the doors of the Brake Van were kept locked during the journey.

As to how the Cash bags were stolen is not known but the careless working at Mombasa Station was no doubt well known to all and the thieves made their arrangements accordingly.

We have no room on this Railway for such who have not a better idea of their responsibility to Government than Assistant Station Master Mr. Lee and Guard Cameron and their services should be dispensed with under

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para (6) of their Agreements by payment of one month's pay in lieu of notice.

Sd/- H.B. Taylor.

General Manager.

UGANDA RAILWAY.

No. C & P/215

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15th January 1913.

The Hon. General Manager,  
Uganda Railway,  
Nairobi.



Loss of Mombasa Cash Bags Nos. 272, 184, 535 & 415.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions we held a joint enquiry into this matter at Mombasa and Nairobi.

2. The evidence of all concerned is herewith attached
3. You will see therefrom that there is a very reasonable assumption that the bags were put in the Cash Safe at Mombasa, but as to how and where they were abstracted is entirely a matter of conjecture, although the fact of all other Cash Bags being found in the safe, including Kilindini Flier would lead one to believe that the bags were taken either at Mombasa or between that station and departure from Kilindini. However this is a matter that the Police are investigating.
4. It is greatly to be regretted that certain Members of our Staff did not act up to instructions and we presume that you will decide what punishment will be inflicted upon them.
5. Assistant Station Master Mr. Lee signed the Cash Way Bill as having deposited the Bags in the Safe but admits that he did not see them placed therein. The instructions in Weekly Traffic Notice

No. 75 para. 272 are very definite, and had they been acted up to, there would have been complete evidence that the Bags had been placed in the Safe.

- B. Guard Cameron admits that he did not lock his Brake Van as should have been done, see Clause 9 para. 272 Weekly Traffic Notice.
5. With regard to suggestions for further safeguarding Monies in transit we are in communication with the Loco Department re: the introduction of a new pattern of locks on the Travelling Cash Safe, which if introduced should give greater security. The result of our communication we will submit in separate letter in a few days.
6. Attached is Statement showing full details of the loss.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Sd/ G.A. Stanley  
Traffic Manager.

Sd/ H.E. Goodship

Ag. Chief Accountant,  
Uganda Railway.

Mr. Bagat Singh (Trains Clerk) Mombasa.

About 10.30 A.M. on instant, I sent empty Cash Safe No. 1 to Brake Van. It was carried by four porters. I saw it placed in the Brake Van, and can swear that Chucks Locks were on them. I always make a point of examining the Locks.

Bu. Mohan Singh (Acting Principal Booking Clerk)

Mombasa, Rs. 90/- P.M.

I received all Goods Cash on January 4th 1913,  
and made up C.R. Note. After this I put into  
Bags and sealed them. I handed the bags to  
Trains Clerk about 11.40.

The receipt for these was returned to me about  
11.55.

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Bu. Moti Lal (Trains Clerk) Mombasa Rs. 50/- P.M.

I received Cash Bags No. 272, 415, 161 & 245 on  
4th instant from Booking Clerk, and they were  
carried by a Porter to Brake Van accompanied by  
me. I handed them over to the Guard, who signed  
for them and he put them in the safe and turned  
the handle.

The safe was put in the Brake Van about 10.30 A.M.

Porter Karatali Montaga, states:-

I carried four bags to Babi Van accompanied  
by a Babu. I handed them one by one to the Guard  
and saw them put into the Safe.



Mr. Lee (Assistant Station Master) Mombasa states:-

I saw a Porter carrying some bags towards the Brake Van, but did not actually see them put into Safe. I signed the Cash Vay Bill on the assurance of the Assistant Train Clerk and Guard that they had been deposited. I cannot say what locks were on the Safe when it left Mombasa.

Guard J. E. Cameron, Mombasa, states:-

About 11:55 on the instant four Cash boxes were handed to me by a Babu (unknown). I slipped for them and put them in Safe. With the exception of an Indian (Carpenter) and his boy, who (Carpenter) I saw sitting on the footboard of Brake Van nearing Changanwe, and he must have entered Brake Van at Kilindini, the doors were not locked. I observed nothing of a suspicious nature. I am unable to say what locks were on the Safe when it left Mombasa.

Guard A. Mendonca, Makindu, states:-

I took over the Mixed on January 4th at Voi.  
The locks on the safe were tested by me and found  
to be in order, but I cannot say whether they  
were Brass or C.T. From Voi to Makindu the Brake  
Van was locked on both sides. I did not notice  
anything unusual on the journey. The only stop  
of any length was at Mtito Andie where we halted  
some 50 minutes.

Guard J. Lewis, Nairobi, states:-

I took over the mixed at Mombasa about 4.30 on morning of 5th instant. There were two locks on the Cash Safe but I cannot say whether they were of Brass or Iron. The offside of Brake Van was locked with Carriage key. I observed nothing special coming up and no one travelled in Brake Van. We arrived at Nairobi about 12, and handed Cash Way Bill to Cashier, who said new locks were on the safe and enquired for keys. I told him I knew nothing about this, and left the Safe with Cashier and Station Staff.

Babu Tander Singh, District Pay Clerk, Nairobi, states:-

On Sunday 8th I went to Station at about 11.30 A.M. to receive the Cash ex. Mixed. The train arrived about 12 noon. Shortly afterwards I saw the Cash Safe on platform, and I noticed that new locks were on the Safe. I at once called the attention of Mr. Considine, Assistant Station Master to this fact and asked him if he had the new keys. He could give me no information in the matter. After enquiry no keys were available so it was decided to seal the Safe, and leave it in Telegraph Office pending instructions. I then despatched the following telegram about 1 1/2 hours to Acting Chief Accountant:-

"Cash Safe came by Up Mixed today, had new locks without keys, hence safe kept in Telegraph Office sealed".

Mr. Considine, Assistant Station Master, Nairobi.

I was informed by Babu Inder Singh that there were new locks on the Cash Safe, and I verified this. Being unable to obtain the new keys either from Trains Clerks or Guards I telephoned District Station Master for instructions. He told me to wire to Mombasa which I did "copy enclosed" and in the meantime to have the Safe sealed and put in Telegraph office. These instructions were carried out.

Copy of a telegram No.C/32 dated 5.1.1915, from the District Station Master, Nairobi, to the District Station Master, Mombasa.

"Safe No.1 arrived by 1 Up date with new lock  
"but no keys have been sent. Please forward  
"first train.

Sd/ Considine.

Babu, Bawaria Pass (Trains Clerk) Nairobi.

The Assistant Station Master Mr. Considine after arrival of Mixed asked me if I had a cover containing keys. After due search through all papers and Guards guidance I informed Mr. Considine there was no trace of any such cover.

Babu Mathra Das, District Pay Clerk, Nairobi  
Chief Accountant's office, states:-

I went to the Station at 9 a.m Monday 6th, and acting on instructions had the Safe broken open by Carriage Examiner Fitter, in the presence of Mr. Phillips, Assistant Station Master, Mr. Sanchez, Cash Counter Nikka.

All the Bags as shown on Cash Way Bill were found to be correct, with the exception of the Kombasa ones, which were not in the Safe.

The Acting Chief Accountant was advised on the Telephone at once.



Mr. F. Sanchez (District Station Master's Clerk)

Nairobi, states:-

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I was present on Monday morning at the Station when the Safe was open, and I tallied the bags with the Cashier "Babu Mathra Dass". We found that the four Mombasa bags were missing, and immediately called the attention of Mr. Phillips to the fact. Mr. Phillips checked all the bags and found that the Mombasa ones were missing.

Mr. W. B. Phillips, Assistant Station Master, Nairobi, states-

On Monday morning 2nd instant about 9.30 a.m. in company with Babu Mathra Dass I saw the Safe in Telegraph Office with seal intact. The seal was then broken, and the Carriage Examiner's Fitter instructed to break the locks which was done, and the Safe opened. The bags were tallied by Babu Mathra Dass and Mr. Sanches in my presence. They both called my attention to the fact that all the four Montara bags shown on the Cash Way Bill were missing. I then checked all the bags and found this was so. I at once telephoned to Acting Chief Accountant who shortly afterwards arrived at the Station.

No. 436/45/1

18th January 1913.

The Traffic Manager,  
Uganda Railway,  
Nairobi.

Loss of Mombasa Station Cash Safe  
on 4th or 5th January 1913.

Sir,

I have received the report dated 11th January of the Joint Enquiry held by yourself and the Chief Accountant and I regret to have to point out to you how very incomplete it is, and before I can deal with the matter I desire to be further informed.

2. I may firstly point out to you that your report contains no "finding" and it does not state on what date the loss occurred or when the Committee of Enquiry sat.
3. I would desire a complete history of Travelling Cash Safe No. 1 - I may here note that only in one instance is the number of this Cash Safe mentioned.
  - (a) When did it leave Nairobi?
  - (b) When was it last used for cash from the Coast?
  - (c) Was there more than one safe at Mombasa?
  - (d) Who selected No. 1 for that trip?
  - (e) Where was it lying before being loaded into the Brake Van at 10.30 on 4th instant?
  - (f) Was it in its accustomed place?
  - (g) Are the Chests distributed as per Traffic working book Sec. 71(3) & (4) (5) ?
  - (h) Does the Assistant Station Master on duty always sign at Mombasa or does the Station

Master over sign?

- (j) Did the Assistant Station Master see the Safe placed in the Van/Van's Weekly Traffic Notice No. para. 872 (2)?
- (k) Is this the sole occasion that the Asst. Station Master has not personally placed the cash in the Chest or does he invariably certify without personal knowledge?
- (l) Whenever the Station Master signed for the Cash did he personally place the Cash Bag in the Chest or did he adopt the same procedure as the Asst. Station Master?
- (m) Was the Station Master aware of the action of his Assistant Station Master?
- (n) Is this procedure local to Mombasa or is it done at any other Stations?
- (o) How was it Guard Cameron personally handled the Cash bags in contravention to para 872(7)?
- (p) Why did he not send for the Ass. Station Master?
- (q) How is it Asst. Station Master, Nairobi did not examine the locks before unloading vide Traffic Working Book Sec. 71 (7) ?
- (r) Is this never done at Nairobi?

4. There are many other points which no doubt the above questions will bring to your mind which will help us to arrive at a finding and to apportion blame. I must ask you to deal with the matter in a much more thorough manner than was done at the Joint Enquiry.

5. Though I have learnt privately it is not stated in the report the reason why such large sums be sent up from the Coast daily whilst there be a bank handy nor it is mentioned that the Earnings are now being daily paid into the Bank.

6. I require a complete history of services, rates of pay, increments etc of all servants of the Railway

who are in any way connected with the loss of these Cash Books.

7. I should not have to point out to you that the Safe Custody of our Earnings is a most important duty and it is difficult to understand how a man in any position of authority can certify to personally placing in the Safe such a large sum as £500/- without even verifying that some one else did it. The working at Mombasa Station must be extremely lax for such procedure to have been adopted.

8. I await your further suggestions for the better safeguarding of our Earnings.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Sd/ H.B. Taylor

General Manager,  
Uganda Railway.

Receipts have been

and all the other necessary documents are all in order.

(1) The Cash Book for the month of August has been prepared and is ready for use.

(2) The Cash Book for the month of September has been prepared and is ready for use.

(3) The Cash Book for the month of October has been prepared and is ready for use.

(4) The Cash Book for the month of November has been prepared and is ready for use.

(5) The Cash Book for the month of December has been prepared and is ready for use.

(6) The Cash Book for the month of January has been prepared and is ready for use.

(7) The Cash Book for the month of February has been prepared and is ready for use.

(8) The Cash Book for the month of March has been prepared and is ready for use.

(9) The Cash Book for the month of April has been prepared and is ready for use.

(10) The Cash Book for the month of May has been prepared and is ready for use.

(11) The Cash Book for the month of June has been prepared and is ready for use.

(12) The Cash Book for the month of July has been prepared and is ready for use.

No. G-1489

January 22nd 1912

The Hon. the General Manager,  
Uganda Railway,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 476/45/1 of the 16th instant, we have the honor to inform you that the Committee took evidence at Nairobi on the 10th instant.

The cash lost was the Mombasa receipts of the 3rd instant which receipts were said to have been sent to Nairobi in Cash Safe No. 1 by Up Mixed of the 4th January.

- a and b) <sup>3</sup> Cash Safe No. 1 arrived at Nairobi full from Mombasa on December 31st 1912 and was sent to Mombasa empty on the 1st instant.
- (c) Yes, No. 3.
- (d) There is no selection. The Train Clerk sends any of the Safes of train.
- (e) Cannot say. Sometimes the empty safes are put in the luggage office, sometimes they are stood just outside the door on the platform.
- (f) Yes.
- (g) The Asst. Station Master. The District Station Master only signs in the absence of the Asst. Station Master which is very rare.
- (h) No.
- (i) This is not the only occasion. The Asst. Station Master states he is often very busy attending to passengers and he lets the Bahi put the cash into the Safe.
- (j) The District Station Master is in charge.

of Mombasa, Kilindini and Kilindini Pier with office at Kilindini Pier and he has had nothing to do with the routine work of Mombasa for the last year practically.

- (l) No.
- (m) At other Stations than Mombasa the Station Master signs and is supposed to carry out instructions.
- (n) It was a breach of regulation.
- (b) He can not say, he had probably done the same thing before.
- (p) The Asst. Station Master states there were a lot of boxes of Specie in front of the Safe which he unloaded first and was busy with this but the Safe was taken directly over the platform provided for it, where the Chief Accountant's Clerk was in attendance.
- (q) This is not always done, but I have issued definite instructions for the future.

5. The Acting Chief Accountant and myself will speak to you on this matter.

6. I enclose Staff Cards of all.

7. We quite realize the importance of the Safe Custody of the Railway earnings and as pointed out in our previous report Messrs. Lee and Cameron are very much to blame.

8. We have already arranged with the Loco Supt: for the locks of the cash-safes to be enclosed in a receptacle which will be sealed by an Accounts and Traffic representative before the empty safe leaves Nairobi and these people will break the seals again on its return.

At present all Mombasa and Kilindini Pier and Station cash is being paid into the Bank at Mombasa; a Police escort accompanies the cash to the Bank.

We also bank locally at Kisumu, Nakuru, Jinja, Entebbe and Kampala.

The remainder of our stations will continue to remit here in Travelling Cash Safe.

With regard to the Lake Ports a letter has been written to the Marine Superintendent asking whether any further Police Guard that he at present has is required for escorting cash and if so to put himself in communication with the Local Authorities.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servants,

Sd/ G.A. Stanley  
Traffic Manager.

Sd/ H.E. Goodship  
Ag. Chief Accountant.

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26 March 1913

Sir,

I am directed by Mr  
Secy. Harcourt to transmit  
to you, for the consideration of  
the Lords Committee of the  
Treasury, the accompanying  
which encloses,  
copy of a despatch from the  
Govt. of the East, relating to  
the loss of the sum of  
Rs 7782.65 by theft from  
a travelling cash safe on  
the Mysore Railway.  
Mr. Harcourt will be  
glad if the Lords Committee will  
approve the amount

Amount 12576

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The Secretary  
to the  
Treasury

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Mr. Harcourt 25 March.

Mr. Bottomley 25/3

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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to remain here in the following cases:  
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in communication with the local...

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

W. A. S. S. S.

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