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Last previous Paper.

(Subject.)

Robbery of post. money from Mombasa post.

Forwards report of Inquiry & other papers  
w/qq. Chft of pice amtg. to Rs. 1683-3 $\frac{1}{2}$  qv. but  
only Rs 121-13 $\frac{1}{2}$  can be recovered. Was found by  
Resid, Capt. & factor (temp) - Capt. H. Long. Resid  
expressed surprise of his duty to Mombasa Despatch  
pice have now been removed to the Mombasa  
store.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Elton

The unsatisfactory state of affairs which  
the Funds report discloses in Mombasa  
appears to be due mainly to the inactivity  
of Mr. Halden Resid, acting Dep. Sup<sup>ts</sup> of the  
and by a certain degree to the inactivity  
proper supervision exercised by the  
Comm<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Jones, who is Dep. Sup<sup>ts</sup> of the  
though Mr. Halden Resid considers himself in no  
way responsible for the actual loss of  
cash.

at the same time however it is not clear  
why Mr. Halden Resid was not called upon to  
exercise closer supervision than usual  
in view of the fact (mentioned by the  
Comm<sup>r</sup>) that he was adverse to his  
appoint<sup>ment</sup>.

As regards Mr. Halden Resid, he was app<sup>nt</sup> locally  
in July 05 by the Comm<sup>r</sup> (1905), & warned that  
his app<sup>nt</sup> was temporary, pending a report on  
his qualifications for which we called  
a resp. on 40394, which has not yet been rec<sup>d</sup>.  
Mr. Halden Resid has remained here with effect from  
the date on which his removal was notified to  
him, & has been in app<sup>nt</sup> of Comm<sup>r</sup> until  
the date on which he was removed by the Comm<sup>r</sup>.

Copy (taken in orig<sup>l</sup>) from... 30 May  
Anal. this 19 June 1906

return a similar notice of removal (see para 1 of his previous report in 40394).  
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... proper discipline in the fact,  
... have shown any zeal in the  
... care.  
... writing to the Treasury we should  
... them what we propose to write  
... the Comm<sup>rs</sup>.

... to regard to ... & Mr.  
... Reid, I think that the  
... plan would be to get  
... in Wardens from the Prison Service  
... to country, if possible.

H. J. R.

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At. May 11/5  
at ...

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Commissioner's Office,

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Nairobi,

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

February 1st 1906.

No. 51

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(Incl. 4)

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that the room in the Jail at Mombasa which for some years has been used owing to the absence of a strong room, and in which a quantity of rice, the property of His Majesty's Government, was stored, has been broken into and one thousand and eighty three rupees, three and half annas stolen. Of this sum one hundred and twenty one rupees, thirteen and half annas has been since recovered, leaving a balance of nine hundred and sixty one rupees and six annas to be accounted for.

2. On receipt of the news I ordered a board consisting of the Inspector General of Police, the Crown Advocate and the Chief of Customs ( who was formerly Superintendent

M. Principal Secretary of State  
for the Colonies,

Down Street,

LONDON.

already overcrowded jail, and I reluctantly venture to request Your Lordship's sanction to write off the loss.

4. I regret to state that owing to insufficient evidence the case against the men charged with the theft has been dismissed, and I do not think it likely that any more of the money will be recovered.

5. The new Treasury is now complete, and the copper money, which, as I stated above, has been stored for some years in the jail, has been removed to the strong room.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

*J. A. Campbell*

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unsafe and extra rooms were taken near the

were the only ones available.

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It was thought that both rooms were condemned and it was found after the pice had been removed that only one room was condemned.

356 boxes of pice were placed in the small lunatic cell on 11th February 1905.

Six weeks before the Board of Survey

I left for Home (19th April 1905).

I saw the rooms after the pice had been removed.

The windows at that time were open.

I never saw the rooms after they had been boarded.

Quarterly survey was held on 1st April 1905 consisting of

(Mr. E. Bromley	Ag. Local Auditor
(Mr. J. Patterson	Treasury Assistant
(Mr. C. Wise	Asst. Collector

No application was made to the Jail authorities for special precautions to be taken after the custody of the pice was given to the Jail.

When the pice were first handed over to the Jail, they were placed in the rooms opposite the main guard.

I was informed there was always a sentry night and day opposite the lunatic cells:

20th December 1905 Mr. F. Raddon Reid Deputy Supdt. of Jail wrote a demi-official letter to Mr. F. P. Espie, the Deputy Treasurer, saying he had discovered a loss of pice from one of the rooms.

2nd Witness.

Mr. C. R. W. Lane, Sub-Commissioner of Mombasa and Superintendent of the Jail.

On 28th May 1904, I came to Mombasa as Acting Sub-Commissioner and Governor of the Jail.

I protested against having to provide additional accommodation for the pice and not against their custody in the Jail, and gave the two lunatic cells because they were those I could

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most easily spare.

There is always one sentry near the lunatic cells.

I gave orders that every askari coming into the Jail should be examined.

Prisoners and askaries going out are not examined.

No information was given to me about the theft before the 21st December 1905.

I first heard from Mr. Espie (The Deputy Treasurer) of the theft.

Mr. Reid (The Deputy Superintendent of the Jail) should have reported the theft at once to me.

The boarding of the windows was not done with my orders.

I have no recollection of any members of the Board of Survey drawing my attention to the boarding of the windows.

3rd Witness.

Mr. J. Patterson, Assistant Treasurer.

There was always a shutter in front of the bars of the small lunatic cell which was not boarded.

My first survey was on 1st April 1905.

At my second survey I noticed the window was nailed with a piece of wood across. I complained first of all to Mr. C.W. Nelligan, the Acting Collector who said he knew nothing about it.

I then mentioned it to Mr. Lane, the Sub-Commissioner, in his office, and he said it was done by Captain Fook, the former Jailer with his (Mr. Lane's) permission. I then reported it to Mr. Espie, the Acting Treasurer, who said he would have a look at it on his next visit to the Jail as a Visiting Justice.

On my third survey (October 3rd 1905) I found the window in the same condition boarded up and complained to Mr. E.P.

Espie.



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a satisfactory explanation regarding the boarding of the window.

3rd October 1905, Mr. Patterson again complained of the seals and the boarded window.

6th Witness.

Mr. F. Bromley, Acting Local Auditor.

On 1st April 1905, when I attended the Board of Survey, the window was not boarded up but complaints were made about seals.

The survey of 1st July 1905 was attended by Mr. H. A. M. Van de Velde, the Assistant Local Auditor.

On the 1st October 1905, I do not remember any objections being raised to the boarding of the window.

The locks were supplied by the Transport Department and the keys kept in the custody of the Treasury.

We had confidence on account of the rooms being in the Fort and were consequently not unduly suspicious.

7th Witness.

Mr. E. Radon Reid (Deputy Superintendent of the Jail and Jailer appointed 17th July 1905).

At the end of September, I first received information that Simba Lali was in possession of a large quantity of pice. I am not certain if I informed Mr. Lane, but I informed Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Patterson came round a few days after the 3rd October when the Board of Survey was held.

Simba Lali (Mr. J. R. Watcham, the Inspector of Police thought) was taking pice out of the Jail in an overcoat. I searched the armoury and examined the three cells where the copper was stored.

These were apparently all intact.

Lane.

Prisoners and ...  
Mr. Lane gave ... 3rd of November and  
I instructed that all the ... and askaris coming in  
or out were to be searched.

I am supposed to remain in ... at night and cannot  
stay out without Mr. Lane's ...

I have not always obtained ... permission.

I stayed out the night of the ... Birthday without  
permission.

The Jemadar is responsible when ... absent.

I heard no talk in the Jail of ... suspicion that rice were  
being removed.

I did not shake the window ... attention was drawn by  
Mr. Watcham to Simba Lali.

The Jemadar is responsible for ... of the guard.

Note:- At the conclusion of the evidence ...  
with the witness to ...  
that when he went ... right before ... robbery  
was reported, he found ... were on ... there.

8th Witness.

... Nuta, Jemadar of the ...  
... 3th November ... one ...  
... inner court yard ... robbery, ...  
... (the cells) and Hospital ...  
... the guards at night.

There are now four guards in the Hospital yard where there  
was formerly one.

I heard no reports previous to the 20th December 1905 that  
rice were being taken away.

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Previous to this date Mr. Reid told me that Simba Lali had taken Rs. 50/- worth of pice out of the Jail.

Mr. Reid and I went and inspected the cells when every thing appeared in order and we did not consider it necessary to take any further steps.

We shook the window and it appeared quite firm.

For outside work we have reduced the number of guards so as to have more guards for duty at night in the inner court yard.

When Mr. Reid goes out in the evening, he says he will be back between 12 and 2 p.m. He did not return one night about two months ago.

9th Witness.

Mr. J. R. Watcham, Inspector of Police.

About the beginning of Ramazan I first suspected pice were going out of the Jail.

I mentioned it to Mr. Patterson and the following day to Mr. Reid.

I told him my suspicions fell on Simba Lali and prisoner Fingalli (Hospital Orderly).

Fingalli was removed from the position of Hospital Orderly, two days before the theft was discovered, for some small breach of the Jail discipline.

Mr. Reid wrote a few hours after I reported to him, that the theft was impossible.

Mr. Reid stayed out to my knowledge one night some days after the King's Birthday.

10th Witness.

Mr. W. J. Riley, Inspector of Police.

I told Mr. Patterson I suspected pice were being taken away out of the Jail but did not speak to Mr. Reid.

Inspector Watcham informed Mr. Reid in my presence.

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Previous to this date Mr. Reid told me that Simba Lali had taken Rs. 60/- worth of pice out of the Jail.

Mr. Reid and I went and inspected the cells when every thing appeared in order and we did not consider it necessary to take any further steps.

We shook the window and it appeared quite firm.

For outside work we have reduced the number of guards so as to have more guards for duty at night in the inner court yard. When Mr. Reid goes out in the evening, he says he will be back between 12 and 2 p.m. He did not return one night about two months ago.

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Note: The importance has been  
 given to the boarding up of  
 windows is because it transpired  
 before the magistrate that one  
 of the windows and the boarded window had  
 been used, and the thief is apparently  
 using it as means of access.

Mombasa,

February 1906.

Mombasa 6th January 1906.

Findings of the Board of Inquiry into theft  
from the Jail of copper coins belonging to  
the Treasury.

Q. Have the Treasury Officers been negligent in fulfilling  
their duties in responsibility of cash?

A. Agreed that in the absence of proper strong rooms  
they selected the best available substitute.

Q. Did they take sufficient precaution to satisfy  
themselves that their treasure was being properly  
guarded?

A. Agreed that the Treasury had good reason to expect  
that the money would be equally secure in the new  
rooms (lunatic cells) as it had been for the past  
three years in the rooms opposite the main guard in  
the fort.

Q. Was Mr. Espie negligent in permitting the boarding to  
remain after receiving a complaint from Mr. Patterson?

A. As the boarding was done by the Jail authorities as  
an extra precaution, Mr. Espie

... also accept the on... of the  
...  
...

... first instance when the treasure was  
handed over to the Jail and also as admitted by the  
Superintendent of Jail when the treasure was removed  
to the new cells.

- Q. Were proper precautions taken by the Jail authorities  
for guarding the treasure?
- A. No, as only one sentry was on duty for the whole yard  
shown on the plan attached.

We consider that the... of the Jail,  
having accepted the...  
should have...  
was placed...  
...

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## Recommendation.

We consider that the sealing of the doors of the rooms containing the pice is capable of being improved upon and that tropical sealing wax should be used and the tape be supplemented by wire which cannot be removed without showing traces so readily as tape alone. This however will not be necessary if the pice can be removed at once into the new Treasury strong rooms which have been constructed for their reception.

(Sd) R. Donald.

(Sd) R. M. Cobbe.

(Sd) A. Karadeniz.



No. 4

Sir,

It is evident from the report of Mr. [redacted] which was convened to investigate the recovery of Government money in the Jail at Mombasa that a series of thefts of pice had been going on over a lengthened period, that these thefts were committed by employees in the Jail whose identity has not yet been determined, and that these thefts were rendered possible, mainly, by the want of proper discipline maintained within the Jail.

2. It has been shown in evidence that the Jailer, Mr. Raddon-Reid, received information as early as September last that one Swahili was in possession of a large quantity of pice, and later on he was warned by the Inspector of Police that there was reason to suspect this man of stealing the pice, yet no steps, such as should have been taken, were taken either to investigate the case, or indeed to ascertain whether the cash was intact or not. The Jailer admits that he did not report the matter to you, and it has been shown that in other ways he has not maintained discipline in the Jail.

3. Mr. Raddon-Reid can no longer be retained in a position which, for the second time, he has shown himself unfit to hold. He is dismissed from the position of Jailer with effect from the date on which I make this communication to him, which you will

Commissioner,

MOMBASA.

...satisfy  
...and stated  
you ... if you are responsible  
for the discipline of the new building, and that the  
fact that matters came to discipline you and reported  
to you does not relieve you of this responsibility.

5. Mr. Long-Innes is appointed, temporarily, as Jailer  
and will hold the position until arrangements are made to  
permanently fill the vacancy.

6. I shall be glad to know what steps you are taking  
to place the jail establishment on a properly efficient  
footing and to prevent the recurrence of such an incident.

I am, Sir, Sir,

Sd/- J. H. S. S.

No. 61 of February 1st, 1908.

In Col. J. H. Sadler's deposition.

Enclosure No. 1

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Not to scale

Main yard

Lunatic Cells

Inner Court Yard

Bastion

SUNKEN ROOF

Hospital

Gravel Yard

Female Quarters

Female Prison

Lunatic

Cell

Cell

Male Quarters

Prisoners Cell

Prisoners Cell

Prisoners Cell

Ice Cell

Ice Cell

Cell Cell

Cul de Sac

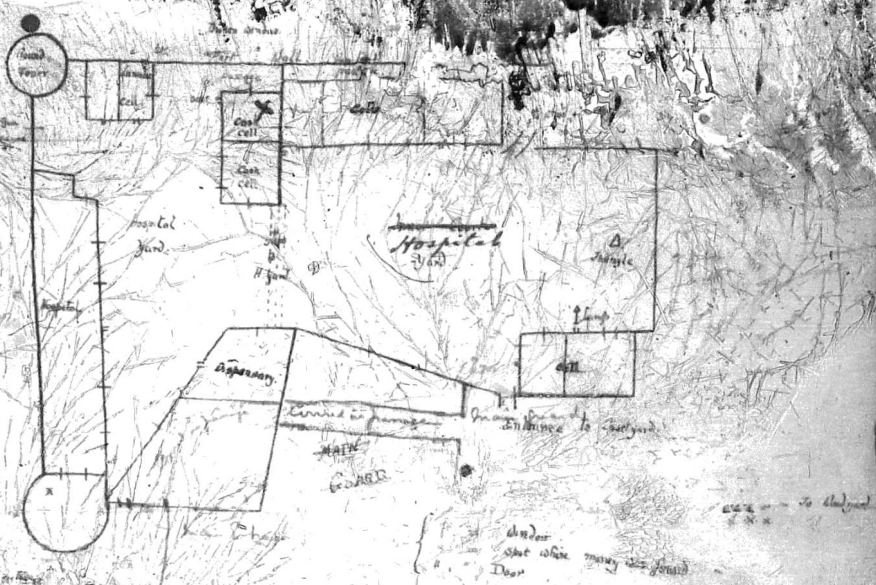
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Copy of the original plan

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30<sup>th</sup> May 1906

~~SECRET~~  
Secretary  
Treasurer

MINUTE

- Mr. Lobb <sup>25</sup>/<sub>5</sub>
- Mr. Peas <sup>28</sup>
- Mr. Anstruther <sup>27</sup>
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir H. Gurnea
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

Sir,

I am directed by the E. of E. to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a report which has been received from the Comptroller of the Exchequer, enclosing the report of a Board of Enquiry into the management of the staff of one of the departments of the Government.

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*True*

*20/2/06*

Good at ~~that place~~  
that place.

2. The officer to  
whom negligence  
this loss would  
appear to be primarily  
and mainly due was  
Mr. Gordon-Reid, Deputy  
Superintendent of the Gaol,  
~~and~~ who was  
provisionally appointed  
to that post in July  
1905 and summarily  
dismissed by the Council  
when his responsibility  
for this loss of Government  
money had been  
determined.

Under these circumstances  
~~the Council~~ it is  
unpracticable to  
call upon Mr  
Gordon-Reid to  
make good the  
deficiency, either  
wholly or in part.

~~and~~ 401

and I am accordingly  
to request that  
Your Lordships might be  
wished to sanction  
the sum of Rs. 961,  
the 6 being written  
off as irrecoverable,  
~~the balance of~~  
the original loss  
having been returned  
to that amount by  
the subsequent receipt  
of Rs. 100 on 13/5.

3. The appearance of the  
quarterly Treasury Board  
at Bangalore to  
ascertain the ~~loss~~  
~~of the~~ reason for  
boarding the ~~money~~  
at the ~~place~~ for ~~which~~  
through which the  
money was collected  
from the cell.



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 to which had Elgin  
 intended to have  
 been drawn the  
 attention of the Comptroller

~~The Comptroller  
 has however at  
 Montreal ~~expressed~~  
~~his opinion~~ in  
 his Lordship's opinion,  
 deserving of serious  
 consideration of the  
 Court~~

MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Osmannay.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elin.

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 Leave, his Comptroller at  
 Montreal, to exercise  
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 as Superintendent of  
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 have examined, and  
 an expense of £25  
 appeared at the  
 Court