9385/81

13/7/81 RH.

M.R.O. 1—77,006—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages 6

(2) Date of repair 27. 9. 37

(3) Initials of the Referencer

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 144 Press
~~Mis.~~

52-53

Dated 19-3- 1869.

4/5

52-53

Not to be folded or roughly handled

27-1-37

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19th March 1869.

No. 52. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 16th March 1869, No. 275.

Examiner of Claims' Department.

I regret to be obliged again to ask Government to sanction a temporary allowance for extra establishment, to enable me to strengthen the Pension Report Department of this Office, which has again fallen into arrears.

2. The Department has, since 1st September last, disposed of 377 cases, or at the rate of about three cases a day, but there are at present 315 in hand, of which 262 have been received since 1st January.

3. I am reluctant to apply to the Supreme Government for a permanent increase to my Pension Report Establishment, as I believe the present large number of cases requiring to be reported on to be entirely exceptional, and that, as soon as the existing pressure on the Department, caused by Mr. Pelly's revision of establishments, has passed off, it will be fully equal to the ordinary duties required of it. Under these circumstances, I am induced to solicit the sanction of Government for a temporary establishment, at a monthly cost of Rupees 50, for four months.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1869, No. 144.
Sanctioned.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.
,, Examiner of Claims.

Exd. J. Wright.

Examiner of Claims'
Department.

No. 275.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
16th March 1869.

From The Accountant General,
to the Government of Madras.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

Sir,

I regret to be obliged again to ask Government to sanction a temporary allowance for Extra Establishment to enable me to strengthen the Pension Report Department of this Office which has again fallen into arrears.

2. The Department has since 1st Septembr last disposed of 377 cases or at the rate of about 3 cases a day, but there are at present 315 in hand of which 262 have been received since 1st January.

3. I am reluctant to apply to the Supreme Government for a permanent increase to my Pension Report Establishment, as I believe the present large number of cases requiring to be reported on to be entirely exceptional, and that, as soon as the existing pressure on the Department, caused by Mr Kelly's revision of Establishments, has passed off, it will be fully equal to the ordinary duties required of it. Under these circumstances, I am induced to solicit the sanction of Government for a temporary Establishment at a monthly cost of Rs 50 for four months.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed't Servant
F. Cuthbertson
Accountant General

Copy to J.D.C.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 1869.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 19th March 1869, No. 144.

MARCH,
Nos. 52-53.

Sanctioning a temporary Establishment, at a monthly cost of Rupees 50, for four months, on account of the Pension Report Department of the Accountant General's Office having fallen into arrears.

Treas. 1 Reg department

From
The Accountant General

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated
Rec'd 3 March

No 275.

No 134

Requests that
for the reasons given,
a temporary allowance
for four months may
be sanctioned to
bring them the Pension
Regulations of this
Island. With an Order

Accountant
General

52 48-3.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

Financial

To

The Accountant Genl.

Dated March 19.

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 19 March. 1869, No. 164.

Nos. 52, 53.

Sanctioning a temporary Establishment, at a monthly Cost of Rs. 50, for four months, on account of the Pension Report Dept. of the Accountant Genl's Office having fallen into arrears.

M.R.O. 1—77,000—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages.

(2) Date of repair

(3) Initials of the Referencer

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Finance DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 145 Press Mis.—

54-55

Dated 19-3- 1869.

16/17

54-55

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19th March 1869.

No. 54. Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Salem District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; dated Mallur, 27th February 1869, No. 46.

I have the honor to submit the following case for the orders of the Board :—

2. On the 25th September 1867, a stolen Currency Note, No. $\frac{B}{10}$ 56623 for Rupees 50, was presented by the Court Stamp Vendor Venkatasami Naidu at the District Treasury Salem for encashment. It was seized and sent in the first instance to the Town Sub-Magistrate, who, finding that the note had been stolen in the Bellary District, forwarded it to Mr. Kelsall, the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, within whose jurisdiction the offence had occurred.

3. The note was traced to one Aroonachella Moodelly of Wallajapett in the North Arcot District, and he after some time appeared before Mr. Kelsall, and produced a letter from Dr. Scudder of Vellore, stating that he had paid the note to Aroonachella Moodelly. The note bearing Dr. Scudder's endorsement, Mr. Kelsall considered it unnecessary to hold any further enquiry, and told Aroonachella Moodelly that he was at liberty to return to his house. Mr. Kelsall sent for him next morning apparently to return the note, but he could not be found, and that gentleman, after a short delay, wrote to Mr. Wilkinson, the Head Assistant Magistrate of North Arcot, enclosing the note, and requesting him to take steps to restore it to Aroonachella Moodelly. This letter, which is alleged to have been posted on the 24th January 1868, is stated by Mr. Wilkinson not to have been received. It appears that no trace of it can be obtained.

4. From the enclosed copies of a letter from the Magistrate of Bellary, and of a letter from Mr. Kelsall to that Officer, the Board will observe that the Tappal Book of the Head Assistant Magistrate's office has disappeared, and that there is no proof that the missing letter passed through any Post Office ; and looking to the fact that a large number of letters despatched from, and addressed to, the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate of Bellary's office have disappeared, I have but little doubt that the theft must have been perpetrated by one of his own clerks, and that in all probability the letter addressed to Mr. Wilkinson was never posted, but stolen in the office.

5. With all deference to Mr. Sullivan it appears to me that the responsibility as regards this particular letter might be more satisfactorily determined than it has been. The Pay Abstracts would show who were the Magisterial and Despatching Clerks on the 24th January 1868, and that question once settled, I think that some further information might be obtained.

6. Mr. Kelsall offers to pay the value of the missing note ; but I think, as he is not responsible for the despatch of letters, that it is hardly just that he should, and that thus quietly settling the matter will only encourage his dishonest subordinates to commit further thefts.

7. Venkatasami Naidu now claims the equivalent for the impounded note, and I shall feel favored by instructions as to whether the Rupees 50 is to be paid from this Treasury and debited to Government ; whether I am to call upon Mr. Kelsall for the amount, or whether the parties who were, on the 24th January 1868, the Magisterial and Despatching Clerks of the Bellary Head Assistant Magistrate's office, are to be held responsible.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Magistrate of Bellary, to the Magistrate of Salem ; dated Bellary, 19th February 1869, No. 67.

Adverting to your letter, No. 35, dated 27th ultimo, and its enclosures, I have the honor to forward, for your information, copy of a report* on the subject of the missing Currency Note received from Mr. Kelsall, the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate of this District. Mr. Kelsall offers to make good the loss himself ; but I do not think he can be fairly called on to do this. For some time previous to his transfer from the Western to the Eastern Division of the District, numbers of letters addressed to and despatched from, his office disappeared in a mysterious manner, and all efforts to, trace them proved ineffectual. I have no doubt that the loss of the letter containing the Currency Note was due to the same agency by which many others were abstracted.

* No. 12, dated 11th February 1869.

Govt. of {1869} Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE MAGISTRATE OF BELLARY.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 19th.

Recd. *End.*

G. O., 19th March 1869, No. 145.

MARCH.

Nos. 54-55.

Directing the Magistrate of Bellary to institute a searching inquiry regarding the disappearance of the Currency Note for Rupees 50, the property of one Arconachella Moodelly, and to report who should be called upon to make good the amount.

Adagally and Farpan fully Bork
offices. As the letter was posted at
Farpan fully it should have passed
through both offices. He has
informed me that he cannot
discover any thing about a
letter to Bork Bash. I also
applied for the Jappal Bank
of my late office which was
handed over with other records,
but the Deputy Collector informs
me he cannot find it I am
therefore unable to send you
the Bank answer dated January 64

4th My Clerk has been changed so
frequently through the year
(only one of three who was in
the Office January 1868 being
now with me) that I am unable
to say who is to blame, or who should
make good the money. I am
by no means satisfied that a
strict Enquiry in Farpan fully
and Adagally might not be successful

2/. but as the case stands at present
I am unable to state positively
that the letter was posted. The
Jappal Bank has mysteriously
disappeared in changing offices
and this time appears conclusive
of some underhand dealings-
should the Jappal Bank be at
any time discovered, I shall
forward it for your inspection
In the mean time I would wish
to debit the maker in your
hands, and should your be of
opinion that the money should
be made good by this office
I shall forward you the sum
of Rupees 50.

Dharwar 7th
Signed J Kelsall
Ag 1st Asst Collr

(True Copy) Signed H E Sullivan
Collr

True Copy.

Hedmeh Khan
Ag Sub Collector
in charge Salem
District

For Sub

Bellary Dist. Office
19th February 1869.

No 67.

118

From W. E. Sullivan Esq
Magistrate of
Bellary

To C. R. Pechin Esq
Magistrate of
Salem

Sir,

Adverting to your letter
No 35 dated 27th Ultimo and
its Enclosures, I have to
request to forward for your
information copy of a Report
on the subject of the missing
Currency Note, issued from
this Kacherie the Acting Head
Assistant Magistate of this
District. This Kacherie cannot
make good the loss himself,
but I do not think he can
be fairly called on to do this.
For some time previous to his

No 12 dated 11th
February 1869.

In a letter from the Asst
Sub Collector in charge
of Salem Dt dated 27th
February 1869 No 746

Enc II

Collr's No 242/69.

Copy of Bellary Dt
Head Asst Magistrate's
report on the subject of
the Missing Currency Note.

Read 15th March 1869
Dis'd 18th do

Passages from the Western
& the Eastern division of the
District numbers of Letters
addressed to and despatched
from his office disappeared
in a mysterious manner,
and all efforts to have them
traced ineffectual. I have
no doubt but the loss of the
Letter containing the Currency
Note was due to the same
agency by which many others
were abstracted.

I have &c
Signed H E Sullivan
Magistrate

True Copy.

Redmond Hicks
Ag Sub Collector
in charge

Comp'd by

Salem Collectors Office
Salem Taluq 27th Feb. 1869
Camp Madras

No. 46.

158

From

J. F. Price Esquire
Asst Collector in
Charge of Salem District

To

A. Macgregor Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following case for the orders of Board.

2 On the 25th September 1867 a stolen currency note No. $\frac{B}{10}$ 56023 for Rs 50 was presented by the Court Sheristadar Venkatasawmy Naidu at the District Treasury Salem for encashment. It was seized and sent in the first instance to the Town Sub Magistrate who finding that

Collector's No. 24 of 69.

Asst Collr Salem 27th Feb 1869

In a letter from the Asst Sub Collector in charge of Salem No. 46 dated 25th February 1869

Enc: 1

Copy of Military Sheristadar's Draft Proprietary report on the subject of the enclosed Currency Note No. B/10 56023 for Rs 50 received from Mr. Metcalfe the Asst Sub Magistrate.

the note had been stolen in the Bellary District, forwarded it to Mr Kelsall the acting Head Assistant Magistrate, within whose Jurisdiction the offence had occurred.

3. The note was traced to one Aroonachella Moodly of Wallajapett in the North Arcot District, and he, after some time, appeared before Mr Kelsall [illegible] produced a letter from Mr Leader of Bellary stating that he had paid the note to Aroonachella Moodly. The note bearing Mr Leadlow's Endorsement, Mr Kelsall considered it unnecessary to hold any further enquiry and told Aroonachella Moodly that he was at liberty to return to his home. Mr Kelsall sent for him next morning, apparently

2. to return the note had be could not be found, and that on the 17th January Gen Norman, after a short delay spoke to Mr Wilkinson, the Head Assistant Magistrate of North Arcot explaining the note and requesting him to take steps to restore it to Aroonachella Moodly. This letter which is dated 24th January 1866, is stated by Mr Wilkinson not to have been received. It appears that no trace of it can be obtained.

4. From the enclosed copies of a letter from the Magistrate of Bellary and of a letter from Mr Kelsall to that officer the Board will observe that the Tappal Book of the Head Assistant Magistrate of Wallajapett has disappeared and that there is no proof that the

missing letter passed through any Post Office, and looking to the fact that a large number of letters despatched from, and addressed to the acting Head Assistant Paymaster's office have disappeared, I have had little doubt that the theft must have been perpetrated by one of his own clerks, and that in all probability the letter, addressed to Mr Wilkinson was never posted, but stolen in the Office.

5th With all reference to Mr Sullivan it appears true that the responsibility as regards this particular letter might be more satisfactorily determined than it has been. The Pay abstracts would show who were the Paymaster and Despatching Clerks on the 24th January 1868 and that question once settled I think that same further

3/.

information might be obtained.

6th Mr Kelsall open'd my letter in error

I think, as he is not responsible for the despatch of letters, that it is hardly just that he should, and that this question of letting the matter will only encourage his dishonest subordinates to commit further thefts.

7th Mr Sullivan does not claim the Equivalent for the imprinted note, and I shall feel favored by instructions as to whether the Rs 50. is to be paid from the Treasury and debited to Government; whether I am to call upon Mr Kelsall for the Amount or whether the parties who were on the 24th January 1868, the Paymaster and Despatching Clerks of the

Bellary Head Assistant Master's
Office are the best responsible

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

Fredmch Rice
Asst Sub Collector in charge

Ep H.P

2389

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Ag Sub Collector in charge of the
Salem District.

Rec'd entd 27th Feby 1869 No 46.

Order thereon No 145. 19th March 1869

The Magistrate of Bellary is directed to institute a searching inquiry regarding the disappearance of the currency note for Rs 50 the property of Arvo-nachella Moodelly, and to report who in his opinion should be called upon to make good the amount, which, meanwhile

mile

will be advanced to Venkatasum Naidu
Avonachella Moodelly
by the Collector of Salem

The forgoing above indicated is all the more necessary from the fact that for a considerable period there has been great irregularity regarding the receipt and despatch of letters in the Office of the Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate of Bellary.

To the Magte of Bellary
— do — Salem.
— Accomt Genl.

Memorandum for the information of the Chief Secretary

Re receipt & despatch of letters in the Office of the Head Assistant Collector & Bellary Magistrate

I am not aware that any state of facts existed at any time, which I remember, to justify inconvenience or detriment to the public service from the occasional delay in the receipt & transmission of communications from the Office

and it had been
seen once under
my protection. But
neither Mrs. St. Clair
nor I could succeed
in detecting the
cause of the
irregularity. I inclined
to suspect the
Carpets Tacks
Portal Partitions
formantals, but
since then the
Office has been
removed to Fort
and it is perhaps
improbable that
the letter does in
both of those places

should be equally
careless a criminal
the delinquent is
most probably
one or the
Head Assistants
Office and Patrick
Mrs. Robinson ought
to be told to make
a searching enquiry
on the result of
which it might be
determined who is
by the R.S.O. Inspector
it might be advanced
by Government

J. M

5-5-44

Regarding a Summary [illegible]

It may be well to inform Mr Sullivan by a Demi Official note that Mr Kelly conducted the Roebelt Postal business while he was temporarily removed from duty. If there may be the public party he has a further opening for his energy at Roebelt NSW

13.3.bq.

3
~~bq~~ 29/3
6

Demi Official sent with the order

with a D/O

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

Financial

To

The Magistrate of Bellary.

Dated March 19. 1869, No. 145.
Recd.

Nos. 54. 55.

Directing the Magte. of Bellary to institute a searching inquiry regarding the disappearance of the Currency Note for Rs. 50, the property of one Arroonachella Moodelly & report who should be called upon to make good the amount.

C.D. Mook
R 16.