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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
2nd June 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 5. From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 7th April 1869, No. 512.

I regret to have to trouble the Government with a reference regarding a deficiency of sixty-seven Rupees found in a remittance of nine lacs made by the Deputy Commissioner at Trichinopoly to this office in January last.

2. The remittance was contained in 129 boxes, the seals on which were unbroken on arrival at the Mint treasury. The boxes were opened six at a time, and the contents of each shroffed, and then counted, in the presence of the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer; the examination being performed by the usual treasury servants in the presence, as is customary, of the Gollahs or Watching Peons.

The deficiency was as follows :—

	Rs.
In one box.....	15
Do.	30
Do.	20
Do.	1
Do.	1
Total...	67

3. I have no hesitation in saying that a mistake could not possibly occur in the Mint treasury, and there is not the least reason to apprehend any dishonesty on the part of the Treasury servants.

4. On the other hand the Treasury Officers at Trichinopoly express equal confidence in the integrity of their servants, and maintain that the coin was correctly packed and despatched to Madras, and they repudiate all responsibility for the loss.

5. I cannot, however, acquiesce in the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner and the Deputy Collector at Trichinopoly that they have good grounds for believing that each bag packed in the treasury there must have contained its full quantity, as the Deputy Collector in the second paragraph of his letter of 27th February admits that the final shroffing and packing of each bag was not actually performed in his *presence* though he was, I understand, in the same room all the time.

6. The Deputy Commissioner proposes that the amount should, on this occasion, be written off to Profit and Loss, and that in future all remittances should be accompanied by a shroff from his treasury, or that a man should be sent from here to receive charge of the coin at Trichinopoly. I do not, however, consider either course would be advisable. I will effectually prevent any room for doubt as to whom the responsibility for loss attaches on future occasions by having the gross weight of the contents of each bag or box taken in my presence before the shroffing commences, and I now beg to be furnished with the orders of Government regarding the deficiency on the present occasion of 67 Rupees.

7. I enclose the correspondence with the Deputy Commissioner at Trichinopoly.

No. 6. From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 10th April 1869, No. 525.

Since addressing you in No. 512 of the 7th instant, relative to sixty-seven Rupees found deficient in a remittance from the Paper-Currency Office at Trichinopoly, I have received an anonymous communication from there, stating that while the remittance was being shroffed a Gollah in the Collector's treasury was known to have appropriated a few rupees.

2. I have referred the petition to the Deputy Commissioner of Paper Currency at Trichinopoly for inquiry, and beg that the Government will defer passing orders on my former communication until the result of the present reference is known.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 2nd June 1869.

No. 7. From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 3rd May 1869, No. 663.

With reference to my No. 525, dated 10th ultimo, I have the honour to report that the Deputy Commissioner of Paper Currency at Trichinopoly informs me that there is no truth whatever in the anonymous statement that a few rupees were known to have been abstracted by one of the departmental Gollahs while the nine lacs were being packed for remittance to Madras. The Deputy Commissioner's letter, together with the anonymous petition and a translation of it, accompany.

No. 8. From Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 12th May 1869, No. 689.

In reply to your Official Memorandum, No. 203, of 11th May 1869, I have the honour to inform you that remittances of coin from Paper-Currency treasuries in the provinces to Madras are very rare, not more than once from each in the year, and that only on one occasion before the present was any deficiency found, namely, one rupee in a remittance from Trichinopoly which was made good by the Deputy Commissioner of that place.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1869, No. 249.

From a perusal of the correspondence above recorded it is impossible with any certainty to determine how the deficiency of 67 Rupees in the remittance of nine lacs from the Deputy Commissioner at Trichinopoly to the Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, Madras, occurred, or whether the Treasury officials at Trichinopoly, or those of the Currency Department, should be held responsible for the missing coins. His Excellency in Council resolves, therefore, to authorize the amount being written off to Profit and Loss.

2. As it appears from the Commissioner's letter, No. 689, dated 12th May 1869, that such cases of deficiency are very rare, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that it is not at present necessary to adopt the suggestion of the Deputy Commissioner that a Shroff, either from the remitting or receiving treasuries, should be deputed to accompany remittances made. He approves of the additional precaution which Colonel Carpendale, in paragraph 6 of his letter of the 7th April, proposes to adopt in future.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, with enclosures returned.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of India, 1869. Madras.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF ISSUE OF PAPER CURRENCY, &c., &c., &c.,

Dated June, 2nd.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 2nd June 1869, No. 249.

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Nos. 5—9.

Directing that a deficiency of 67 Rupees in a remittance from the Deputy Commissioner at Trichinopoly to the Commissioner of Paper Currency at Madras, be written off to Profit and Loss.

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Paper Currency Office.

No. 512. Madras Mint, 7th April 1869.

From

Colonel J. Carpendale, R.E.
Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir.

1. I regret to have to trouble the Government with a reference regarding a deficiency of 67 Rupees found in a remittance of nine lacs made by the Deputy Commissioner at Trichinopoly to this Office in January last.

2. The remittance was contained in 129 boxes the seals on which were unbroken on arrival at the Mint Treasury. The boxes were opened six at a time, and the contents of each shroffed, and then counted, in the presence of the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer, the examination being performed by the usual Treasury servants in the presence, as is customary, of the Collahs or Watching Peons.

The deficiency was as follows:

In one Box — Rupees. 15 " "
" " — 30 " "
" " — 20 " "
" " — 1 " "
" " — 1 " "
Total 67 " "

3. I have no hesitation in saying that a mistake could not possibly occur in the Mint Treasury and there is not the least reason to apprehend any dishonesty on the part of the Treasury Servants.

4. On the other hand the Treasury Officers at Trichinopoly express equal confidence in the integrity of their servants, and maintain that the coin was correctly packed and despatched to Madras and they repudiate all responsibility for the loss.

5. I cannot however acquiesce in the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner and the Deputy Collector at Trichinopoly that they have good grounds for believing that each bag packed in the Treasury there must have contained its full quantity as the Deputy Collector in the 2d para: of his letter of 27th February admits that the final shroffing and packing of each bag was not actually performed in his presence though he was I understand in the same room all the time.

6. The Deputy Commissioner proposes that the amount should on this occasion be written off to profit and loss and that in future all remittances should be accompanied by a Shroff from his Treasury or that a man should be sent from here to receive charge of the coin at Trichinopoly. I do not however consider either course would be advisable. I will effectually prevent any room for doubt as to whom the responsibility for loss attaches on future occasions by having the gross weight of the contents of each bag or box taken in my presence before the shroffing commences, and I now beg to be furnished with the orders of Government regarding the deficiency on the present occasion of 67 Rupees.

7. I enclose the correspondence with the Deputy Commissioner at Trichinopoly.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J Cumming
Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency.

C.D.

No 526. Madras Mint, 10th April 1869.

From Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Commissioner of Issue
& Paper Currency.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. Since addressing you in No. 572 of the 7th instant relative to sixty seven rupees found deficient in a remittance from the Paper Currency Office at Trichinopoly I have received an anonymous communication from there stating that while the remittance was being shroffed a Pollah in the Collector's Treasury was known to have appropriated a few rupees.

2. I have referred the Petition to the Deputy Commissioner of Paper Currency at Trichinopoly for enquiry, and beg that the Government will defer passing orders on my former communication until the result of the present reference is known.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. Carpendale
Commissioner of Issue
& Paper Currency.

C.J.

Rec'd 3rd March 1869
Fort St. Geo. Dispatches

From

The Commissioner of Issue
& Paper Currency
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

Dated 2nd March 1869.
Rec'd 3rd April 1869.

No 572.

Enclosures One.

Requesting correspondence with the Dy. Commissioner of Paper Currency at Trichinopoly regarding a deficiency of 67 rupees in a remittance from that office.

Dated 7th April 1869.

No 526.

Enclosures One.

Submitting correspondence with the Dy. Commissioner of Paper Currency at Trichinopoly regarding a deficiency of 67 rupees in a remittance from that office.

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From
Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency
Madras

To
The Ship Secretary to Govt
Fort Saint George

Sir,

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Rupees 56 Annas 10 Pies 12 }

Sir,

I have the honor to
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency

Paper Currency Office
Madras Mint, 12th May 1869.

No. 689

From

Colonel J. Carpendale, R.E.
Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency.

To

The Actg Under Secretary to Government
Financial Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In reply to your Official memorandum No. 203 of 11th May 1869, I have the honor to inform you that remittances of coin from Paper Currency Treasuries in the Provinces to Madras are very rare not more than once from each in the year, and that only on one occasion before the present was any deficiency found, namely, one Rupee in a remittance from Trichinopoly which was made good by the Deputy Commissioner of that place.

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

J. Carpendale
Commissioner of Issue.
of Paper Currency.

C.S.

Paper Currency Office
Madras Mint, 2nd May 1869.

No. 663-

From

Colonel J. Carpendale, R.E.
Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to my No. 626 dated 10th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the Deputy Commissioner of Paper Currency at Trichinopoly informs me that there is no truth whatever in the anonymous statement that a few rupees were known to have been abstracted by one of the departmental Collahs while the nine Lacs were being packed for remittance to Madras. The Deputy Commissioner's letter together with the anonymous petition and a translation of it accompany-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. Carpendale

Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency.

C.S.

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From
Commissioner of Issue
of Paper Currency

No.
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

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Dated 12 May 1869
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Submitting that only one occasion has before the present arisen for any deficiency found on annual, or Quinquennial inspection of the nine Lacs of Rupees made up by the Deputy Commissioners of Trichinopoly

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Commr. of Issue of Paper Currency dated 7th & 10th April & 3rd & 12th May 1869 Nos. 512, 525, 663 & 689 respectively.

Order thereon 2 June /69 No 249

From a perusal of the correspondence above recorded it is impossible with any certainty to determine how the deficiency of 67 Rs in the remittance of nine lakhs from the Deputy Commissioner at Trichinopoly to the Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency Madras occurred, or ~~whether~~ whether the treasury officials at Trichinopoly or those of the Currency Department should be held responsible for the missing

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From
The Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St. George.

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To The Comm[r] of Issue of Paper Currency
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The Commr of Issue of Paper Currency.

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Dated June 2d } 1869, No. 249
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Nos. 5-9

Directing that a deficiency of 6½ Rs. in a remittance from the Dt Commr at Trichinopoly to the Commr of Paper Currency at Madras, be written off to profit and loss.

C 20 May 1869