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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1116	Press Mis.—
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 13th to 19th August 1859.

No. 41. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th August 1859, No. 399.

In June last, a Peon of the tannah of Bonunghy, within the Agency tracts, was entrusted with Rupees 12 for delivery to the Head of Police of Vizianagrum, the money being the salaries due to three other Peons of the former place, but who were then performing duty at the latter.

2. The Peon charged with the money never delivered it, but went back to his duty, and it was only 6 weeks afterwards that the fraud was discovered, when the delinquent was made a prisoner, and he has since been sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment with hard labour and as well to fine, in default of paying which, he will have to undergo a further term of imprisonment.

3. The question now arises are the Peons who have thus been defrauded through their comrade's act, to be the losers, it seems to me the loss should not be their's but ought properly to fall on Government, and it is for sanction to pay the amount due to those men that I have the honor to apply. The sum is only Rupees 12, and as there will be pay due to the prisoner Peon, and he will further have to pay a fine, this money will in all probability be eventually recovered, meanwhile, to men enjoying but a pittance of 4 Rupees a month, it would seem of consequence to them that they should be at once re-imbursed.

4. Awaiting the orders of Government.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1859, No. 1116.

Government will bear the loss of the amount defrauded, and direct the re-issue of twelve (12) Rupees as pay to the 3 Peons in question.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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The Govt. Agent. Vizagapatam
" Civil Auditor
" Asst. Genl.

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