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No. 182. Read the following letter from the Honorable JOHN BRUCE NORTON, Advocate General; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th November 1863.

I have the honor of reporting, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the result of the trial of Thomas Gleeson, charged at the recent Sessions with Criminal breach of trust, in having dishonestly converted to his own use the sum of Rupees one hundred and five, Government property.

2. The prisoner was the Collecting Clerk to the Presidency College. It was his duty as such to collect the fees of the Scholars on the 15th of the month. These he delivered in a bag to the Principal Mr. Thompson, who deposited them in the Cash Chest, (of which he retained the key) in the prisoner's room.

3. According to custom this was done on the 15th of October last. The prisoner not coming to his duties for several days and making unsatisfactory excuses for his absence, Mr. Thompson's suspicions were aroused.

4. That gentleman thereupon searched the prisoner's room, and called upon him to account for the apparent deficiency of Rupees 145-7-7, which sum ought to have been in the Cash Chest.

5. The prisoner himself drew up a statement, which was put in evidence, whereby he charged himself with the receipt of Rupees 433, and discharged himself of only Rupees 287-8-5. He could only produce Rupees 16-8-6, thus reducing the balance against him from Rupees 145-7-7 to Rupees 128-15-1.

6. These Rupees 16-8-6 the prisoner produced from his own desk, not the proper place of custody. Mr. Thompson had them at once replaced in the desk; and as the offence, once complete, could not be purged by any offer to restore the money or any part of it, the indictment properly charged the prisoner with a Criminal breach of trust with respect to the whole balance of Rupees 145-7-7.

7. The case presented no features of any peculiar interest. The prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to nineteen Calendar months rigorous imprisonment.

8. Mr. Thompson appears to have acted very judiciously in the measures which he took for bringing the prisoner to justice.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1863, No. 1809.

Communicated to the Director of Public Instruction.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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