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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd December 1857.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 10th December 1857, No. 5837.

Read the following letters.

From OSB. CHAMBERS, Acting District Engineer Kistnah Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Bezoarah, 25th November 1857, No. 123.

SIR,

In enclosing copies of documents as per margin,* relative to the loss of Government money sustained by Sub Overseer Kockera Soobbaroydoo, I have the honor strongly to bring to your notice the Sub Overseer's very reprehensible conduct in cashing, against his immediate Superior's orders, all the drafts that he (the Sub Overseer) had been supplied with and request that you will favor me with orders regarding the punishment to be allotted to him for this offence, together with directions relative to the manner in which the Rupees 255-14-0 plundered are to be disposed of in our accounts.

* Letter from Lieutenant Farewell No. 71, dated 23rd Novr. 1857.
Do. from the Actg. Sub Collector to Lieutenant Farewell No. 123 dated 21st November 1857.

From Lieutenant W. FAREWELL, Executive Engineer 3rd Class Kistnah Division; to Lieutenant O. CHAMBERS, Acting District Engineer in charge Kistnah Division, dated Camp Bezoarah, 23rd November 1857, No. 71.

SIR.

I have the honor to report for your information, that during the attack of a party of Rohillas on the town of Juggiahpett, and in the Talook of Nundegamah in this District, on the morning of the 7th Instant, the house occupied by Sub Overseer K. Soobbaroydoo was pillaged, and with his property the sum of Co's. Rupees 255-14-0 being the unexpended portion of money in his charge at the time for public purposes, was taken by the robbers.

The Sub Collector with whom I have communicated on the subject in his letter (a copy of which is enclosed) seems in no way to doubt the truth of the probability of the robbery having occurred. I cannot however close my report without bringing to your notice, the very reprehensible conduct of the Sub Overseer in having so larg a balance of money in his hands. As I furnished him with six drafts of 50 Rupees each on the treasury of Juggiahpett to obviate such an occurrence, and have frequently cautioned him, on no account whatever to draw money from the Treasury, except for immediate disbursements.

The Sub Overseer disregarding all orders issued, by his own report, acknowledges having drawn the amount of the 6 drafts Nos. 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, and 198, all at once on the 26th Ultimo, though, from his payments, there appears to have no immediate necessity for him to have done so.

From M. C. CHASE, Esq., Acting Sub Collector of Mauslipatam; to Lieutenant FAREWELL, Executive Engineer, 3rd Class Kistnah Division, dated Masulipatam, 21st November 1857, No. 123.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 68, dated 13th November 1857, I have the honor to state, that after my arrival in Juggiahpettah, I personally enquired into the report made to you by Sub Overseer Soobbaroydoo as to the robbery from his house of Rupees 255-14-0.

Examined as complainant, he stated that on 26th Ultimo, he received Rupees 300 from the Tahsildar of Juggiahpettah, portion of which he disbursed in payment of several Marahmut works, as herein after detailed, and that on 2nd Instant, he went to the Vamoola Merna village leaving in his house Rupees 238-14-0 locked up in two separate boxes instructing the Marahmut Goomastah (1st witness) to write to him (complainant) when he wanted money that he heard the

attack of Rohillas on 7th instant, and on his return to Juggiahpettah, on noon of 8th instant, he ascertained, that his house had been entered by them on 7th instant, the two boxes broken open, and their contents, Rupees 238-14-0 carried off, the balance of Rupees 17 being robbed at the same time from the house of Shroff Venkanah, 3rd witness.

1st witness B. Veeriah Marahmut Goomastah corroborates the statement of complainant.

2nd witness Head of Police that on 8th instant, the day subsequent to the attack of Rohillahs, being requested by complainant to ascertain the truth of a report that had reached him of his (complainants) house having broken into, he went to his house, and saw the two boxes broken open and empty.

3rd witness Venkanah Shroff admits, that the 1st witness kept 17 Rupees in his house, which was robbed from it, together with 800 Rupees of his (3rd witness) money on the 7th instant.

2. I also personally inspected the premises and saw the two broken boxes from which the money was said to have been robbed. There is no doubt as to the attack made by the Rohillas upon the Government Treasury, and the Town of Juggiahpettah on 7th Instant, a full report on which subject, dated 20th Idem, has been submitted by me to the Magistrate, or that Rohillas entered the street in which the complainant lived. I observed that, the door of complainants house was uninjured, and did not appear to have been broken into by violence, complainant as well as the Head of Police state it was open at the time.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance in hand.....	44	14	0
Received from Tahsildar 25th October 1857.....	300	0	0
Total.....	344	14	0
Retained for the Penoogmehepooloo sluice.....	3	0	0
Total.....	347	14	0
Retained with Shroff 3rd witness.....	17	0	0
	364	14	0

Deduct the sum disbursed.

Particulars.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Coolies of the Vamool Mernah Village.....	40	0	0	
Do. of Bheemaverna Village.....	30	0	0	
Marahmut Peon's Salary.....	8	0	0	
do. Goomastah 3 months do.....	30	0	0	
Saderwar.....	1	0	0	
				109 0 0
			Balance	255 14 0

Resolved, that the foregoing letter from the District Engineer in charge of the Kistnah Division, No. 123 of the 25th November, with its enclosures from Lieutenant Farewell, and the Joint Magistrate of Masulipatam, reporting the robbery of Rupees (255-14-0) two hundred and fifty-five, and annas fourteen, of public money from Sub Overseer K. Soobbaroydoo, by a party of Rohillas during their attack on the Town of Juggiahpett in the Masulipatam District, be submitted to Government, with a request that sanction may be given for writing off the amount stolen to Profit and Loss, and that the Chief Engineer may be favored with the instructions of Government regarding the punishment of the Sub Overseer for his disobedience of orders.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 2329; dated 16th December 1857.

Before orders can be passed on this matter the Collector of Masulipatam, will be requested to report whether payment of the several drafts stated to have been cashed by the Overseer, amounting to Rupees 300, is duly entered in the Chittah received from the Tahsildar of Juggiahpett.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 35837

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort St George

Under date the 16th December 1837

Read the following

From [illegible]

[illegible]

To [illegible]

Sir

In enclosing copies of documents as per Margin, relative to the loss of Government Money sustained by Sub Overseer Mr Thomas Scobbie, I have the honor strongly to bring to your notice the Fact of Overseers being responsible for the Conduct of their Subordinates, all the charges that the Sub Overseer) had been supplied with and to request that you will favor me with the Orders regarding the punishment to be awarded to the said Mr Scobbie for this offence, together with the Orders relative to the recovery of which the Sum of 355-14-9 Pagodas is to be debited & if recovered to be credited to Government

I have &c

Bezwada 5th/8 Bth Chambers

25th November 1837 Offg 3d Engr Western Dn

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Letter from Lt Farmer Dept of Public Works dated 23d Nov 1837 with Copy of Letter from the Offg Sub Collector dated 20th November 1837 with Copy &c

From
Lieutenant M. Parnell
Executive Engineer 3d Class
Kurrachee Division

To
Lieutenant C. Chambers
Dy Assistant Engineer
in charge Kurrachee

Sir I have the honor to be to give information, that during the absence of Captain Crawford on the 20th of September at Shundeeanee in Lees District, on the morning of the 21st Instant, the house occupied by Sub Overseer Mr Cockburn was feloniously entered and robbed of Property the amount of Rupees 255-14 as per list forwarded herewith amongst which there were found certain Government Stamps belonging to the Sub Collectorate of Kurrachee

The Sub Collector with whom I have communicated on the subject in his letter (a copy of which is enclosed) seems in no way to doubt the truth of the foregoing statement, and I have no reason to suppose that either Cockburn or the Sub Collector are in any way implicated in the robbery

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
M. Parnell Lieut
Executive Engrs office
Kurrachee 23d December 1837

account for whatever Stamps may from the Treasury, or to for immediate disbursements.

The Sub Overseer during gambling at Cockburn's, by his own confession, having taken the amount of the Stamps from the Treasury Chest, for the purpose of replacing them, before the loss was discovered by Lieut Chambers.

Camp Kurrachee 24th December 1837
Executive Engrs office
238 December 1837

From Lieut M. Parnell Executive Engr
To Lieut C. Chambers
Dy Asst Engr
Kurrachee

Sir I have the honor to report for your information, that on the 21st Instant I proceeded to Shundeeanee, for the purpose of making an investigation into the robbery committed on the Treasury Chest there on the night of the 20th Instant, and I have now the honor to forward a list of the property stolen, amounting to Rupees 255-14 which I have recovered from the thieves, with the exception of Rupees 5 which I have not been able to trace

The Sub Collector with whom I have communicated on the subject in his letter (a copy of which is enclosed) seems in no way to doubt the truth of the foregoing statement, and I have no reason to suppose that either Cockburn or the Sub Collector are in any way implicated in the robbery

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
M. Parnell Lieut
Executive Engrs office
Kurrachee 24th December 1837

To
Lieut C. Chambers
Dy Asst Engr
Kurrachee

Sir I have the honor to report for your information, that agreeably to your instructions I proceeded to Shundeeanee on the 21st Instant, and after having carefully examined into the robbery committed on the Treasury Chest there on the night of the 20th Instant, I have the honor to forward a list of the property stolen, amounting to Rupees 255-14 which I have recovered from the thieves, with the exception of Rupees 5 which I have not been able to trace

Examined as Complainant, he states that on the 20th Instant he received Rs 300 from

From the Sabeildar of Fuggia & Sotto & Giuliano of which he obtained an Agreement & Receipt Bearing Date the 20th Instant, he went to the Honse & Premises Belonging to the house Register 238 — No — & Demanded the Rent due to his Employer, but was told by the Servants that the Landlord was not at home & could not be seen, that the Rent was ready for him, but that he must call on the morrow & Accordingly he did call on the morrow & Received the Rent, & Gave a Receipt for the same, that the house had been entered by Thieves on the 18th Instant & Robbed of Linen & Clothes, Register 238 — No — & Carried off to the Balance of Robberies by being as he Supposed Let down from the House by a Rope Ladder & Escaped with the Property & Effects of Complainant &

2d Witness Saith & Doth Say that on the 21st Instant the day subsequent to the Robbery of Mr Bella's House complained of by Complainant & Accordingly Deponent Visited the House & Premises & found that the Complainant & Servants had been Robbed & Plundered of their Linen & Clothes & Property & that the Door of the House had been Broken open & Forced & that the Thieves had Escaped by the Window & Let themselves down by a Rope Ladder &

3d Witness Saith & Doth Say that on the 21st Instant he Visited the House of Mr Bella & found that the Complainant & Servants had been Robbed & Plundered of their Linen & Clothes & Property & that the Door of the House had been Broken open & Forced & that the Thieves had Escaped by the Window & Let themselves down by a Rope Ladder &

I also

I also personally inspected the premises and saw the two Rope Ladders from which the money was said to have been lowered. These were the Ladders of the Contractors employed by the Police upon the Government Treasury and the Name of Fuggia & Sotto & Giuliano Instant, a fresh report on which subject, that I should have been submitted by me to the Magistrate, as that Gentleman had entered therein as to which the Complainant lived. I observed that the door of Complainants house was mutilated, and did not appear to have been broken recently by violence. Complainant as well as the Head of Police stated it was open at the time.

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Balance on Hand	14	11	0
Received from Sabeildar 25th Inst	300	0	0
Total	314	11	0
Returned to the Treasury the Balance Unexpended	3	0	0
Total	311	11	0
Reclaimed with Charges 3 Witnesses	17	0	0
Total Reclaimed	328	11	0

Particulars

Costs of the Magistrates Summons & Oath
Charge — 10 0
Fee of Policeman Attending — 5 0
Warrant & Oath — 1 0
Mr Commissioners Summons — 2 — 3 0
Endorsement
17 0

Expenses of Witnesses

1st Witness
Use of Carriage 3 0 0
Fee 1 1 0
2d Witness
Fee 1 1 0
3d Witness
Fee 1 1 0

Resolved. That the foregoing letter from the District Engineer in charge of the Kistnah Division, No. 133 of the 25th December, with its enclosures from Lieutenant Farewell, and the Joint Magistrates of Masulipatam, reporting the robbery of Rupees 1/255-11-0 (Two hundred and fifty five and annas fourteen) of public money from Sub Overseer K. Scobbarayudu by a party of Rohillas during their attack on the town of Injeeluppett in the Masulipatam District, be submitted to Government with a request that sanction may be given for writing off the amount as a Loss and Loss, and that the Chief Engineer may be favored with the instructions of Government regarding the punishment of the Sub Overseer for his disobedience of Orders

A.W. Staber Colonel
Chief Engineer

A.W.S.

To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

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No 2438.

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
Pub. Wks Department

Dated 10th December 1857
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From Collr of Masulipatam 7th
Jany 58 No 75 in C. 2 March

No 5837

Forwards Copy of a letter from
Distt Engr No. 2 with its
Enclosures reporting the robbery
of Rupees 255-14-0 of Pubc
money from Sub-Overseer No.
Soobaroyloo by a party of Rohillas
and requests that the Sanction of
Government may be obtained for
writing off to "Profit and loss" the
amount stolen.—

William Taylor
No. 2329. 16th Decr

No 2329.

Before orders can be
passed on this matter, the Col-
lector of Masulipatam will be
requested to report whether pay-
ment of the several drafts stated
to have been cashed by the Overseer,
amounting to Rupees 300, is duly
entered in the Chittah received
from the Subordinates of Suggiampoll

Fort St George
16th Decr 1857

3 Copies to the Chief Engr Cudp 17
1 — Collr of Masulipatam