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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th January 1858.

No. 33. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 8th December 1857, No. 5787.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to solicit the instructions of Government in the following case of robbery of the Public money in the Trichinopoly District.

2. Mr. Ricketts, Assistant Engineer, of the 4th Division, being sick proceeded to Trichinopoly, and having no means of protecting his Cash Chest during his absence took the contents with him. While at Trichinopoly his box was opened with a false key and 21 Rupees stolen, of which theft one of his own servants was convicted.

3. The District Engineer now applies for orders as to the settlement of Mr. Ricketts's accounts with reference to this sum, and whether it is to be placed under the head of Profit and Loss.

There does not appear to have been any carelessness on the part of Mr. Ricketts and I am disposed to recommend that he should not suffer the loss of the money, though the case like others to be anticipated, is not without its difficult specialties.

5. The original correspondence is forwarded for the information of Government.

Letter from Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer of Trichinopoly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Trichinopoly, 19th November 1857, No. 959.

SIR,

I have the honor to solicit orders on the point adverted to by Mr. Ricketts Officiating Executive Engineer in his letter No. 179 of the 13th Instant copy* of which is annexed.

2. The robbery was reported by me in my letter No. 354, dated 13th July 1857.

Report of Person's apprehended in the Zillah of Trichinopoly and delivered over to the Principal Sudder Ameen in the month of June 1857.

No. of the case.	Names of the Parties.	Crime charged against the Prisoners.	Mode in which the Prisoners were disposed of and when discharged the grounds thereof.
40 Principal Sudder Ameen's Court, Goondoo salary.	Government prosecuted versus Sinnian Prisoner.	Attempt at theft. The Prisoner, a servant of E. G. Ricketts Esq., Assistant Civil Engineer of Trichinopoly, is charged, with having at about 8 o'clock on the night of the 12th June 1857, opened a box in the house of the said Mr. Ricketts in the cantonment of Trichinopoly with a false key and attempted to steal a portion of Government money, which it contained.	Sentenced to eight months imprisonment with hard labor in irons under Clause fourth section III of Regulation VI of 1822 22nd June 1857.

Trichinopoly Principal
Sudder Ameen's Court,
22nd June 1857.

(Signed) J. GARDON,

Principal Sudder Ameen.

Letter from E. G. RICKETTS, Esquire Officiating Executive Engineer Trichinopoly District; to Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer Trichinopoly, dated Camp Mathana-coorchy 13th November 1857, No. 179.

SIR,

On closing my accounts for the past (6) six months, I find a deficiency of Company's Rupees twenty-one (21) being the amount of a robbery committed in the month of June 1857,

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and reported to you for the information of the Chief Engineer, under these circumstances, I request to be allowed to place such amount under the head of Profit and Loss.

Letter from Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer of Trichinopoly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Thothempettah, 13th July 1857, No. 354.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that on the 12th Ultimo, an attempt was made to rob the Cash chest of the Assistant Executive Engineer, in charge of the 4th Circle, Mr. Ricketts, by one of that Officer's servants.

2. The man was seized in the act of opening the box with a false key, was handed over to the Police and on the 22nd Ultimo, was convicted and sentenced to 8 months imprisonment with hard labor.

• 1 Enclosure.

3. I do myself the honor to forward for your information a copy of an Extract* from the Principal Sudder Ameen's record of the case,

4. Mr. Ricketts in reporting the occurrence to me informs me that a sum of Rupees 21 was missed from the Cash Chest: and made good from his private purse: that Officer also points out the risk to which he, in common with other Executive Officers, is liable from not having a regularly appointed guard of Peons whose duty it would be to watch over the Cash Chest.

No. 34.

ORDER THEREON, No. 17; dated 7th January 1858.

With the letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer submits correspondence relative to a robbery of public money to the amount of Rupees 21 in the charge of Mr. Ricketts, Assistant Engineer of the 4th Division, while at Trichinopoly, and recommends that he should not be made to suffer the loss of the sum in question.

2. The Government observe that there is no proof whatever that the money was stolen, it is expressly said in Lieutenant Ryves' first letter that the man was detected in the act of opening the box, and the Principal Sudder Ameen's conviction is not for theft, but for attempt at theft, the money therefore was not lost as the Chief Engineer now represents, and without further explanation the Government cannot absolve Mr. Ricketts from responsibility.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George
8th December 1857.

No. 5787.
From
The Chief Engineer
To
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8th Decr 1857

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant

Ld.
S. C. S. Circle

Wm. Foster Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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Memorandum.

The Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, has the honor to request that the original correspondence forwarded with the Chief Engineer's letter No. 5787 dated 8th December 1857 may be returned to the Central office P.W. the same being required for reference.

Returned
23-1-57.

Sup: Engineer's Office S.C. }
Fort St. George }
11th January 1858 }
Sup: Engineer's S.C. }

To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department.

At 11.20 AM 1857
The Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Government

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 7th Decr 1888

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Robert Morris or Cons
dated 7th Jan'y 1758.

From the 1st to the 28th of August we in-
creased the size of the party to 11, and
left in the afternoon.

Observing that Government cannot abolish the Ricketts, Assistant Engineer at Birmingham, without further explanation, he to the attempt at that of public storage.

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15 Dec 1924