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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th July 1858.

No. 83. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle in charge of the Central Office of P. W. ; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 8th June 1858, No. 932.

SIR,

* No. 141 dated 21st May 1858 from the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.
No. 40 dated 27th June 1857, from Mr. Ricketts.
No. 179 dated 13th Novr. 1857, from do.
No. 1 dated 3rd May 1858, from do.

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 758 dated 23rd April 1858, I have the honor to submit copies of correspondence,* relating to the circumstances under which a loss of 21 Rupees from the Cash Chest under charge of Mr. Ricketts took place.

2. There can be little doubt that the money was actually stolen and it is certain that the amount was missed and reported in June, and not as Government appear to suppose in November only, although the wording of Mr. Ricketts letter of the 27th of that Month would certainly lead to that belief.

3. Under these circumstances and considering that no proper means of guarding public money was at Mr. Ricketts disposal, I trust that Government will be pleased to exonerate him from the responsibility of the loss in question.

Letter from Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer Trichinopoly ; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 21st May 1858, No. 141.

SIR,

With reference to your resolution dated 27th April, I have the honor at the request of the Acting Executive Engineer, to forward for your consideration the enclosed original letters.

Letter from E. G. RICKETTS, Esq., Officiating Executive Engineer Trichinopoly District ; to Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer of Trichinopoly, dated 27th June 1857, No. 40.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice, for the information of the Chief Engineer and the Government, the following instance of the great risk we run of being robbed as Executive Officers in charge of Government money from the fact of not being allowed Peons (hitherto attached to Cash Chests) to protect and guard the same.

2. On the evening of 12th June 1857, between the hours of 7 and 8 P. M., an attempt was made to rob my Cash Chest by the aid of a false key, but fortunately the prisoner was apprehended before he could make away with any great amount.

3. The loss on examination I ascertained to be Company's Rupees (21) twenty-one, and I am only sorry I did not examine him before committed, for when the Police undertook their scrutiny a few pice only were found upon him.

4. Enclosed is a copy of the indictment and sentence.

Letter from E. G. RICKETTS, Esq., Officiating Executive Engineer Trichinopoly District ; to Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer, Trichinopoly, dated Mathana Coorchee 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 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.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th July 1858.

Letter from E. G. RICKETTS, Esq., Officiating Executive Engineer in charge 4th Circle ; to
Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer, Trichinopoly, dated 3rd May 1858, No. 1.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of copy of Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 758, of the 23rd April 1858, and from para. 3 it would appear that Government are under the impression that the deficiency of cash in connection with the robbery under remark was not reported by me till November of the same year though the attempt was made in June 1857, and attribute the loss to accidental carelessness on my part.

2. Under these circumstances I lose no time in forwarding a copy of my letter reporting the circumstances to you for the information of the Chief Engineer and the Government, dated the 27th of the same month, with a copy of the indictment and sentence in which distinct mention is made of the loss in figures.

3. In November 1857, whilst making up my books for the Official half year ending 31st October 1857, I begged for definite instructions as to how the deficiency was to be made good, as up to that date I had received none.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, No. 1340 ; dated 12th July 1858.

The Government declined to relieve Mr. Ricketts, Officiating Executive Engineer in Trichinopoly from responsibility in the case of an alleged robbery of Public cash on the grounds that there was no proof of the robbery, the person who is stated to have committed it having been tried and convicted by the Principal Sudder Ameen for "attempt at theft" and that although the attempt was made in June 1857, no deficiency in his cash was found by Mr. Ricketts until November.

2. The Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works submits with his present letter certain correspondence on the subject, among which is a letter from Mr. Ricketts to the District Engineer dated 27th June 1857, reporting the deficiency at the time the robbery occurred. Mr. Ricketts in his letter to the District Engineer, dated 3rd May 1858 states, that in a copy of the Indictment and sentence furnished by him to the District Engineer "distinct mention is made of the loss in figures." The Government do not find any such figures in the copy of the Principal Sudder Ameen's report (the only Judicial paper in the case before then) received with Colonel Faber's letter of the 8th December 1857, No. 5787. The proof of actual robbery is what the Government chiefly require to exonerate Mr. Ricketts from responsibility and in the absence of that they must adhere to the order already given.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No 141.

From Lieutenant J. G. Ryves,
District Engineer,
Trichinopoly.

To,
The Chief Engineer,
in the Department P. W.

Sir,
With reference to your resolution dated 27th April, I have the honor, at the request of the Acting Executive Engineer, to forward for your consideration the enclosed original letters.

I have &c &c
Signed J. G. Ryves,
District Engineer.
District Engineer's office,
Upper Annamalai
21st May 1858.

From

N^o 40 of 1857-58.

From
E. G. Ricketts Esquire
Officiating Executive
Engineers
Trichinopoly Dist.

To
The District Engineer of
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice, for the information of the Chief Engineer and the Government, the following instance of the great risk of being robbed as Executive Officers in charge of Government money from the fact of not being allowed Peons (kithers attached to Cash chests) to protect and guard the same.

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4. Enclosed is a copy of a copy of the indictment and sentence.

I have &c &c &c

(Signed) E. G. Ricketts.

Officiating Executive
Engineer's Office —
Camp Trichinopoly.
27th June 1857.

Officiating Executive
Engineer Trichinopoly District.

/ True copy /

Edward G. Ricketts.

Officiating Executive Engineer
in charge 4th Circle.

From

From
E. G. Ricketts Esquire
Officiating Executive Engineer
Trichinopoly &c.

N^o 179 of 1857-58.

To,
The District Engineer
Trichinopoly.

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for the past (6) six months, I find a
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place such amount under the head of
Profit and Loss.

I have &c. &c. &c.
Offs: Ex: Engineers Office, (Signed) E. G. Ricketts.
Camp Mathana Comhee } Officiating Executive
13th November 1857. } Engineer Trichinopoly.
District.

1 True copy /
(Signed) Edward G. Ricketts
Officiating Ex: Engineer
Incharge 4th Circle -

From

To,
The District Engineer
Trichinopoly.

N^o 1 of 1858/59.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of copy of Extract from
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of the 23rd April 1858, and from Para
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in June 1857 and attribute the loss to
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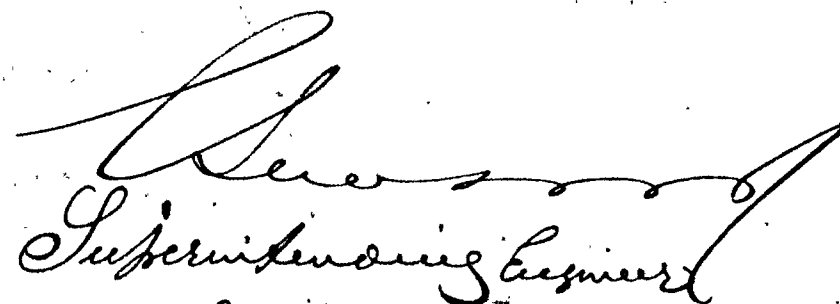
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I have &c &c &c.

(Signed) Edward G. Ricketts

Officiating Executive, Officiating Ex. Engineer
Engineer's Office } In charge 4th Circle.
Camp Trichinopoly. }
3rd May 1858.

1 True copies!


Superintending Engineer
Southern Circle
In charge Central Office
P.M.

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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
8 June 1858.

N^o 32
From
The Superintending Engineer & Civil
in ch. of the Central Office of P.W.
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,
With reference to Cabinet Minutes
Consultation N^o 58, dated 23rd April 1858,
I have the honor to submit copies of correspondence,
relating to the circumstances under which a loss of
21 Rupees from the Cash Chest under charge of
Mr. Picketts took place.

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There can be little doubt that the
money was actually stolen and it is certain that
the amount was misfed and reported in June and
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of the 29th of that month would certainly lead to that belief.

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1857 from do
No 1 of 3rd May 1858
from do

Enclosure 1

of enclosure in a letter
from
The Chief Engineer
Buckingham
in charge of Central
Office P.W.
To the Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 8 June 1858
Remains

N^o 32
M^{rs} Picketts

Copies of Correspondence
regarding the loss of
of Public money
from Mr. Picketts.

considering that no proper means of guarding public
money was at Mr. Pickett's disposal, I trust that
Government will be pleased to exonerate him from the
responsibility of the loss in question. -

Fort Saint George }
8 June 1858 }

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.,
Chas. Smith
Supt. Engineer & Civil Engr.
of the Central Office of P.W.

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Camp II

at

P.W.D

No. 1340

Extract from the minutes of Consultation
Under date the 12th July 1858

Read the following letter
from the Superintendent Eng^r
Southern Circle in charge of the
Central Office of Public Works.

(Here enter 8th June 1858 at 9 32.)

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The Government
declined to relieve Mr. Dickette,
officiating Executive Engineer
in Trichinopoly from responsi-
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robbery of Public cash on the
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who is stated to have committed
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Sudder Ameen for attempt
at

Ex: Min: Comm: of 23rd April 1858 at 7 58.

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deficiency at the time the
robbery occurred. Mr Ricketts
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Engineer dated 3rd May 1858
states that in a copy of the
indictment and sentence
furnished by him to the
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Government chiefly require
to exonerate Mr Ricketts
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already given.

24. Mr Ricketts: 23 April 1858 No 758.

10 Copies to the Offr Chief Regt (L) 1000 13th

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Public Works 1838 Dts
22nd to 6th and 18th July

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Expenses of Mr
D/18th July 1838

According to memo
Mr Rickthoff's Certificate
Engineer in Charge of the
responsibility in the case
of an alleged robbery of
public cash until proof
of actual robbery is furnished

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26th July