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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th August 1858.

No. 15. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 26th July 1858, No. 2236.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, copy of a letter from the Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore, dated 9th June 1858, No. 64, reporting the misappropriation of a sum of Rupees 98-12-2, of public money entrusted to his charge by Sub-Overseer A. C. Rehling.

2. Copy of Mr. Rehling's letter* on the subject is also submitted, soliciting as an act of mercy permission to resign the service instead of being ignominiously dismissed.

* Dated 12th July 1858.

3. Considering the young man's contrition, and the fact of the money having been fully restored, and also bearing in mind the low salary Mr. Rehling received, I would add my support to his petition if the Government consider the circumstances such as to warrant their treating this case with lenity.

4. Mr. Rehling's salary was 35 Rupees, and he drew horse allowance of 15 Rupees and it is scarcely possible for a young man of European descent and respectable connections to live on 50 Rupees without incurring debt which probably led to his lapse from integrity.

Letter from WILLIAM FRASER, Esq., Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 9th June 1858, No. 64.

SIR,

It has become my disagreeable duty to report to you that Mr. A. C. Rehling, Sub-Overseer at Matopolliem, in range No. 4, has been found to have withdrawn Public money from the cash chest for his own private uses. The cash chest was examined on the 4th Instant by Mr. Leggatt and was found to be deficient by the sum of Rupees 98-12-2.

2. Mr. Rehling has since confessed that he did take this sum for his own use, but with the intention of immediately restoring it. I believe this statement to be true, as he shewed me an order in his favor for 100 Rupees dated the 2nd of June which he stated he had obtained for this purpose; and I have the evidence from other parties to shew that it was for this purpose he got the order.

3. On discovering the deficiency in the cash, Mr. Leggatt suspended Mr. Rehling, and reported to me. Mr. Rehling's desire is that he may be allowed to resign as he says that if he is dismissed, his prospects in life will be utterly blasted.

4. I have the honor to request your instructions on this subject, as it is desirable that Mr. Rehling should be made aware, without delay, whether he shall be summarily dismissed, or allowed to resign.

5. I do not wish to make any comment on this case more than to say that Mr. Rehling is a very young man, that at Matopolliem, he had no European Society, and that I think the system is a bad one which places money in the hands of such persons so situated; and I therefore consider that the most merciful view should be taken of his case.

Letter from WILLIAM FRASER, Esq., Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 17th July 1858, No. 73.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 1155 dated 15th June 1858, I have the honor to forward for your information, a copy of a letter received from Mr. Rehling on the 14th Instant.

2. The money taken by Mr. Rehling was restored soon after the transaction took place.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17*th August* 1858.

Letter from Mr. A. C. REHLING, Sub-Overseer at Matopolliem; to W. FRASER, Esq., Acting District Engineer, Coimbatore, dated Paulghaut, 12th July 1858.

SIR,

In reply to your letter dated 10th July, I have no defence to make, but to acknowledge that I did vilely abuse the confidence of my Superiors, and next to the mercy of the Lord, I leave it to the mercy of the Chief Engineer whether he will dismiss me, or permit me to resign.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 1595; dated 11th August 1858.

The Officiating Chief Engineer submits a letter from the Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore, reporting the misappropriation by Sub-Overseer A. C. Rehling of public money, amounting to Rupees 98-12-2.

2. Mr. Rehling acknowledges that he took the money for his own use, but states that he fully intended to restore it. The Acting District Engineer expresses his belief in the truth of this statement, as Mr. Rehling showed him an order for 100 Rupees, dated two days previous to the discovery of the defalcation, which order he said, he had obtained for the purpose of replacing the sum withdrawn, and which, on enquiry, the Acting District Engineer found had been obtained for the purpose stated.

3. Mr. Rehling has restored the money, and earnestly prays that, instead of being dismissed, he may be permitted to resign the service. The Acting District Engineer recommends the prayer, which is also supported by the Officiating Chief Engineer; and as it appears that Mr. Rehling is a very young man, and that he did not intend to retain the money, the Governor in Council is pleased to take a lenient view of his case, and to permit him to resign his appointment in the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 64.

From

William Fraser Esquire

Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore

To

The Chief Engineer

Department Public Works

Fort Saint George

Sir,

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2 Mr. Rehling has since confessed that he did take this sum for his own use but with the intention of immediately restoring it. I believe this statement to be true, for he showed me an order in his favor for 100 Rupees dated the 2d of June which he stated he had obtained for this purpose; and I have the evidence from other parties to shew that it was for this purpose he got the order.

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Dist. Engr. Office
Coimbatore .....
9th June 1858

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) William Fraser
Act. Dist. Engineer

(True Copy)

Off. Chief Engineer

No 123

Return
William Fraser Esquire
Acting District Engineer & Commissariat
Chief Engineer
Sir
I have the honor to transmit herewith
for your information, a Copy of my letter, No 1855 of
yesterday's date, with its enclosure.
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineer

Dated 15th June 1858. Transmitting for information, a Copy of my letter, No 1855 of yesterday's date, with its enclosure.
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Chief Engineer
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Dated 26th July 1858.
Received

O.M. 1855/58 No 2236.

Copy of a letter from the Acting District Engineer Cumberland informing that on examining the Cash Sheet of Lieut Oneras Rehling the sum of £2-18-12-2 was found deficient and that Lieut Rehling

Solicits permission to be allowed to resign instead of being summarily dismissed.

July, I have no defence to make, but to acknowledge that I did wilfully abuse the confidence of my Superiors and next to the mercy of the Lord, I throw it to the mercy of the Chief Engineer whether he will dismiss me, or permit me to resign.—

I remain &c.

(Sgd) A. C. Perkins

(Witness) Henry

(Signed) W. Fraser

Acting Assistant Engineer

(Witness) Geo. Gibbs

(Sgd) Chief Engineer

Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George 26th July 1858.

No. 2236

From
The Offg. Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Public

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, copy of a letter from the Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore, dated 9th June 1858, with its enclosures, reporting the misappropriation of a sum of Rupees 98-12-2 of public money entrusted to his charge by Sub Overseer A. L. Oehlinger.

2 Copy of Mr. Oehlinger's letter on the subject is also submitted, soliciting as an act of mercy permission to resign the service instead of being ignominiously dismissed.

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3 Considering the young man's confession and the fact of the money having been fully restored, and also bearing in mind the low salary Mr. Oehlinger receives, I would add my support to his petition if the Government consider the circumstances such as to warrant their treating this case with lenity.

Mr.

Transcribe Letter
Public
Dated 26th July 1858
Received

Copy of the letter from the Acting District Engineer of Coimbatore, forwarding, for submission to Government, the petition of Sub Overseer A. L. Oehlinger, praying, as an act of mercy, permission to resign the service instead of being ignominiously dismissed, for the misappropriation of a sum of money entrusted to his charge, which has been restored since the discovery of the defalcation.

Transcribed
Compared

4 Mr. Perkins's salary was 35 Rupees, and he drew horse allowance of 15 Rupees, and it is scarcely possible for a young man of European descent and respectable connections to live on 50 Rupees without incurring debt which probably leds to his dismissal from insignificancy.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant,

Fort Saint George
26th July 1858

Offg. Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D

No 1595. Dublin Castle

Extract from the Minutes of Executive Council

Under date the 24th August 1858

Read the following Letter from the Office of Public Works

Engineer.

Dated the 26th July 1858 No 2236

Recommending Sanction to be given to the Engineer-in-Chief's proposal to employ Mr. Redding to make the Survey and Estimate for the Arterial Drainage of the Counties of Meath and Louth

Submitting for the sanction of the Board the Engineer-in-Chief's proposal to employ Mr. Redding to make the Survey and Estimate for the Arterial Drainage of the Counties of Meath and Louth

Mr Redding accepts

Resolved that the proposal be sanctioned but that the Board do not undertake to pay Mr Redding's travelling expenses

Write to the Secretary to Commissioners of Public Works

Dated 28th July 1858.

Received 27th July 1858.

No 2236

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No 1595. 11th August 1858.

Submits copies of correspondence respecting the misappropriation of £98-12-2 of public money by Mr. Redding, and recommends, for reasons stated, that the case may be treated with Lenity.

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to take a lenient view of his case, and to permit him to resign his appointment in the Department of Public Works.

To Colvin to the Offg Chief Engr Dated 22nd

Public Works 1858 Department

Dy. to Comrs. 17th Augt.

No 15 & 16.

1858.

Secretary Board of Works.

Dy 11th Augt. 1858.

Under the circumstances stated are pleased to take a lenient view of the case of Sub. Overseer Keating who had been charged with misappropriation of Public money, and to permit him to resign his appointment in the Department of Public Works.