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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 27th April 1858.

No. 30. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle in charge of Central office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st April 1858, No. 8720.

SIR,

Referring to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 17, dated the 7th January last, I do myself the honor to submit copies of Correspondence* from Mr. Ricketts, and from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, offering further explanation respecting the robbery of public money from the former; and to solicit that, under the circumstances set forth, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to direct the amount (Rupees 21) to be written off to Profit and Loss in the Books of the Chief Engineer.

* Nos. 255 and 1578, dated 3rd February and 25th March 1858.

Letter from Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer Trichinopoly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Upper Annicut, 25th March 1858, No. 1578.

SIR,

With reference to your resolution No. 6891, dated 26th January 1858, conveying Extract Minutes Consultation No. 17 of 7th January 1858, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a letter* from Mr. Ricketts Officiating Executive Engineer, affording further explanation as therein called for.

* No. 255.

From E. G. RICKETTS, Esq., Officiating Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly; to the District Engineer Trichinopoly, dated Camp Audothoray, 3rd February 1858, No. 255.

SIR,

I have this day the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1336, of the 29th Ultimo, giving cover to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, in the Public Works Department, No. 17 of the 7th January 1858, commenting upon a case of the Robbery of Public Money in my charge, whilst at Trichinopoly, on the evening of the 12th June 1857, and calling for further information on the subject.

2. This, however, I am unable to furnish beyond the fact that a bag (tied with Twine and sealed) containing the sum of Company's Rupees (500) five hundred, was found opened and on examination there was a deficiency of Company's Rupees (21) twenty-one; this was my evidence and no doubt went greatly against the Prisoner, both in his defence and finding.

3. In para. 2 of my letter (No. 40, of the 27th June 1857) reporting the circumstances I now find I made use of the word "attempt" incorrectly, but which was employed to convey the idea that the Robbery was in itself partly a failure, the Prisoner having been detected before he could extract the whole sum.

4. I further explained my regret that I did not examine him before committal, when, perhaps, I might have recovered the money though I doubt whether such a step would have been legal on my part not being possessed with powers of a Magistrate though I do not for an instant pretend to say that I should have hesitated had the thought occurred to be at the moment.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 758; dated 23rd April 1858.

In Extract Minutes of Consultation 7th January 1858, No. 17, passing orders on the correspondence submitted by the Chief Engineer, relative to the alleged robbery of public Money in charge of Mr. Ricketts, Assistant Engineer, the Government observed that there was no proof that the money was stolen, both from the fact of the Principal Sudr Ameen's conviction being for attempt at theft and not for theft, and also from Lieutenant Ryves' statement that the prisoner was detected in the act of opening the box, and they remarked that, without further explanation Mr. Ricketts could not be absolved from responsibility.

2. With the letter above recorded, the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central Office, submits a communication from Mr. Ricketts, in which he affirms that he erroneously made use of the word "attempt" in reporting a robbery of money made from him in June 1857, but the Government did not in their former order lay stress on Mr. Ricketts' letter, but on the Calendar of the Criminal Court which tried and convicted the Prisoner of "an attempt at robbery."

3. Further the Government remark that, although the attempt was made in June, no deficiency in his cash was found by Mr. Ricketts until November, and the Government are of opinion that he has erroneously attributed to theft, a loss which has really arisen from some accidental carelessness. From the result of such carelessness the Government decline to relieve Mr. Ricketts, and can make no change in the order already passed.

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

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No. 1578.

From

Lieutenant J. G. Reyues
District Engineer
Srichinopoly

To
The Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir,

With reference to your resolution
No. 6891, dated 26th January 1855, conveying
Extract Minutes Consultation No. 170 of 7th
January 1858, I have the honor to enclose
herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Ricketts
officiating Executive Engineer, Vizagapatam
explanation as called for.

No. 255.

District Engineer's Office,
Camp Pepper Ammoor &
25th March 1858.

I have &c
(Signed) J. G. Reyues.
District Engineer.

No. 255.

From
C. G. Ricketts Esquire,
Officiating Executive Engineer,
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To
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I have &c
Signed/ E.G. Ricketts
Officiating Executive Engineer

Officiating Executive Engineer's Office — Camp Ambathoor — 3rd February 1858.

/True Copy/
Signed/ H.G. Reynes.
District Engineer.

/True Copies/
Sdh
Sub: Engineer &c.
in charge of Central Office
Public Works.

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Central Office of I.R.
Dr
Cork St. George's April/58.

No 8720

From The Superintending Surveyor Dr. C.
pro. tem. of Central Office I.R.
To
The Secretary to Government I.W.D.

Public.

Sir,

Referring to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No 7 dated the 7th January last, I do engage to submit Copies of Correspondence from Mr Ricketts and from the District Engineer of the Shannon Navigation further explanation respecting the Robbery of Public Money from the Former and to solicit that under the Circumstances set forth, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to direct the amount / Rupees 21-/ to be written off to profit and Loss in the Books of the Chief Engineer.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt Servt
Alan Ford Major
Supg Superintending Surveyor pro. tem.
Central Office I.R.

Enclosures

No 2551/1578 of 23rd Feb 58
No 6825 dated 4th Mar 58.

Received and entered
from the Superintending Surveyor
Central Office
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Read 5th April 1858.
Recorded
Secretary to Government

Entered in the Public Money Book
Cash Office —

Public Works Dept.

No. 758

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 23d April 1858

Read the following

Letter from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle in charge of the Central Office

Here enter 15 April 1858 No. 8720

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No 788

Extract from Min: of Coun.
of 23d April 58.

from the Chief Engineer dated
8 June 1858 C.B. 1242 in Cons
15 July

Declining, for reasons
stated, to relieve Mr. Ricketts,
Assistant Engineer from the
loss of public Money entrusted
to his charge whilst at Trichinopoly.

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