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No. 36. Read the following letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th July 1861, No. 16:—

SIR,

1. In the accompanying letter* and enclosures, the Agent reports the robbery of a sum of Rupees 800 from the cash chest of Mr. H. C. Cotton at Nellore, on the night of 18th August last, 1860.

* No. 299 of 4th June 1861.

2. The particulars are given in Mr. H. C. Cotton's letter, in which he shows that proper precautions were taken by him for the custody of the money; that he himself was sleeping across the doors of the principal entrance to the room, and that the lascar who had charge of the chest lay across the only door of egress, which was so narrow that no one could have passed into the room without his being aware of the fact.

3. The cash chest was one made for the purpose, solidly constructed, and requiring two men to carry it. Mr. Cotton feels sure that the chest, which was subsequently found at about a mile distant from the house, could only have been conveyed away with the connivance of the man in charge.

4. Mr. Cotton reported the circumstance at once, and sent all suspected parties to the Police, who, notwithstanding there was strong presumptive evidence, were unable to discover sufficient grounds for a conviction, and the prisoners were accordingly discharged on bail.

5. No new particulars having come to light, the Collector of Nellore before whom the case was tried, informed Mr. Cotton on the 6th April last, that no further proceedings could be held in his court, and the case was accordingly closed.

6. I have carefully read Mr. Cotton's statement, and am of opinion that the robbery was not owing to any want of precautions on his part, that he did all that lay in his power in the first instance for the safe custody of the money, and used every endeavour afterwards for its recovery.

7. I therefore beg to recommend that sanction be given to its being written off to "Profit and Loss."

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1861, No. 1,444.

Under the circumstances stated, the Government sanction the sum of Rupees (800) eight hundred, being written off to "Profit and Loss."

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 16 3

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Irrigation Canal Company
Madras 16th July 1861.

From,

Captain F. H. Rundall,
Consulting Engineer for I & C.

To,

The Secretary to Government,
In the Department of Pub: Works.
Fort St. George,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant,
F. W. Rendall, Captain
Consulting Engineer S & Co.

Compd.
Ext

"W" 1861 Sept 16
Ord. of Govt for Payment
No 1668

From
Captn F H Rundall
Consulting Engineer
for P & Co

To
The Secretary to Government
in the Dept. P.W.
Fort St. George

Dated 16 July 1861
Rec'd 20th " No 16
Enclosures 2
Returned 15-19-61

Reports the robbery
of Rupees 800, from
the Cash Chest of
Mr. Harry Cotton
Ex Engineer Nellore

Written Order
No 1644. 2. Augt

Under the circumstances stated the Govt
sanction the sum of Rupees (800) eight hundred
being remitted off to "Brodripp and Co."

Fort St. George
20. August 1861

(Sd) F. Pitt
Secy to Govt

(Copy to Mr. Cond. Engr. P.W.D. C.H. Pitts
Copies sent to Accts & Ex
3 " Genl. C.S.

No 3687.

C 25 July R 31st

Note. Mr Cotton drew this large sum for the Expences of an Exploring trip which he had about to make in the Str. Thistle - whether the money would have been safer in the vessel & if so, why it was not kept there, does not stated - in all other respects Mr Cotton's report seems Satisfactory to shew that he took reasonable precautions - The box evidently could not have been removed without the privity of the Lascar in charge & he ought to be dismissed, if this has not already been done - Will Govt. sanction the writing off the Cash, or require further information when the Reasons was not in the Str. or the box fastened to something in the room. I D S