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No. 400. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Chepauk, 6th March 1862, No. 11,174.

Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, District Engineer Malabar, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Calicut, 21st February 1862, No. 319 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to your Proceedings No. 9,715, dated 23rd January last, requesting me to expedite the submission of the report called for in Government Order, dated 18th idem, No. 29, regarding the forgery of a cheque for 500 Rupees on the Wainád Treasury by the Acting Accountant of the Range, I have the honor to inform you that the Session Judge of Tellicherry has sentenced the above individual to seven years' imprisonment with hard labor in irons.

2. I beg to enclose a copy of a report of the case as disposed of by the Session Judge, together with copy of a letter* from the Collector of the District, to whom I had applied to know whether any portion of the sum drawn† on this cheque had been recovered from the prisoner.

* Dated 19th instant, No. 561.

† Rupees 500.

3. Mr. Grant informs me that the money has not been recovered, but the personal property of the prisoner has been placed under attachment, valued at Rupees 181-3-2.

4. As regards the remarks of the Civil Judge on the loose system of leaving the cheques in a place accessible to every one, I have to observe that Lieutenant Smalley's Range Office had only lately been established and that no furniture had been supplied to him. I cannot however justify his carelessness in not keeping his cheque book under lock and key.

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1 Original letter with two enclosures, No. 319, dated 21st February 1862.

1. Submitted for the information of Government with reference to their Proceedings No. 29, dated 18th January 1862.

2. Government will observe that the Session Judge of Tellicherry, has sentenced the prisoner Francis Lins D'Almeida, to seven years' imprisonment with hard labor in irons..

‡ Rupees 500.

3. No portion of the money‡ drawn by the prisoner, on the forged cheque, had been recovered from him; but his personal property valued at Rupees 181-3-2, has been placed under attachment. The Collector is of opinion that the property in question, cannot be sold without a Decree of the Court, authorizing such a step, inasmuch as no fine has been awarded by the Judge in restitution of the money obtained by the prisoner, so as to warrant a distress. Under these circumstances, the orders of Government are solicited, for taking the necessary steps for recovering as much money as possible from the prisoner.

4. Although Lieutenant Smalley's Range Office had only lately been established, and that no furniture had been supplied to him, yet the District Engineer does not "justify that "Officer's carelessness in not keeping his cheque book under lock and key." As there is no reason why the Government should suffer any pecuniary loss, owing to the sheer carelessness of their Executive Officers, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, is of opinion that the Range Officer Lieutenant Smalley, should be held responsible for any balance that may be required to make up the total amount obtained by the prisoner, viz., Rupees 500, after deducting the sum that will be realized by the sale of his (the prisoner's) personal property.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1862, No. 531.

1. With this Endorsement the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, submits a further report from the District Engineer Malabar, regarding the forgery of a cheque for Rupees 500 by an Accountant in his District.

2. The man has been convicted by the Sessions Judge and sentenced to seven years imprisonment with hard labor in irons, but no portion of the money had been recovered, though property of the prisoner, valued at Rupees 181-3-2, has been retained under attachment by the Magistrate.

3. The Deputy Chief Engineer's letter will be referred to the Judicial Department, with a view to the necessary orders being issued in that Department, for the recovery of the value of the prisoner's property.

4. As the forgery is shown to have been the result of carelessness on the part of the Executive Officer Lieutenant Smalley, the Government desire that any deficiency shall be made good by him.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 531. Public Works Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22nd March 1862.

(Read the following letter.

from the Dy. Ch. Engineer
Southern Circle.

submits with opinion a
letter from the District
Engineer of Malabar
connected with the forgery
of a cheque for Rs. 500—

No. 6th March 1862 No. 11174

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The Dy Chief Engr's letter will be referred to the Judicial Deptt, with a view to the necessary orders being issued in that Deptt for the recovery of the value of the Prisoner's property.

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Smalley, the Govt desire that any deficiency shall be made good by him—

E. C. Bayley

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From Mr. H. C. Esqr.
Dated 29th May 1862 Rec'd
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Referring to Govt. Letter
Government of the 29th Ult.
Secretary to G. regarding the
forgery of a cheque for Rs.
Signed Accountant in the
Bank of Madras instruc-
tions to Steps being adopted
for the recovery of the value
of his property and directing
that Lieut. Smalley Adju-
tant be good of the Corps remain-
ing undischarged from the
Service of the said Accountant.

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