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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1072	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 22-4-	1865.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd April 1865.*

No. 363. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIE-SON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 6th April 1865, No. 2,574 :—

SIR,

¹ Letter from the Superintendent of Police, Salem.
¹ Do. from the Police Inspector, Salem.

1. I have the honor, with reference to paragraph 3 of G. O. No. 809, dated 24th March 1865, to forward the report

of the Police Department, on the subject of the late robbery of Taluq Overseer Nicholson's cash chest.

2. The efforts of the Police appear to have been utterly fruitless. The Police Inspector records his belief that a man named Chinniah and Mr. Nicholson's servants had all to do with the theft, that they broke open the box, abstracted its contents, and then leaving it in the place where it was found raised the alarm of theft. But he further states, that all his endeavours to bring the charge home to them have proved unavailing.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg to solicit final orders on the subject.

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1865, No. 1,072.

MISCELLANEOUS, No. 15.

1. In Proceedings No. 809, dated 24th March 1865, the subject of the robbery of Rupees 726-9-4 from Overseer

J. Nicholson at Salem came under the consideration of Government, and before passing orders on the case they resolved to await a report of the result of the Police investigations. The Superintending Engineer now submits this report, from which it appears that the enquiries which have been instituted have proved unsuccessful.

2. The circumstances connected with this robbery afford the clearest evidence of the gross carelessness of which the Overseer has been guilty. Aware, as he doubtless was, of the warnings which have been given of the danger of keeping large sums in hand, and knowing that parties charged with the safe custody of public money would be held responsible for any loss that might occur through neglect of those warnings, he appears to have manifested a strange amount of unconcern for the safety of the very unusual amount of cash in his possession, and to have taken no trouble to secure it either by placing the chest containing it in the Police Station house near at hand, or by adopting extra precautions. Carelessness of this description cannot be overlooked, and the Government consider that the case is one in which the public interests demand such notice being taken as will have a salutary effect. They accordingly resolve to direct the removal of Overseer Nicholson from the Public Works Department, and a copy of these Proceedings will be communicated to the Military Department in view to the services of that individual being re-placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

3. Authority is granted for the sum of Rupees 726-9-4 being written off to "profit and loss."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

„ Military Department,

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts, }

„ Accountant General,

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

With copy of G. O. 24th March 1865, No. 809.

N^o 2574.

Superinty: Engrs Office 5th Divⁿ
Salep, 16th April, 1865.

From

Sir: Col. C. V. Wilkinson R.E.

Superinty: Engineers 5th Division

Colonel C. S. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government A.P.W.

Enclosures 2.

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3. Under these circumstances, I beg to solicit final orders on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Your most Obedt Serv^t

Comd^g Just^d

W. J. Wilson
Engrs. Engineer 5th Division

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22nd April 1865

Read the following

From the Supy Engineer to the Dir

Forwards two original letters
from the Police Dept^{re} reporting
on the result of their efforts in
connection with the robbery of
Overseer Nicholson's Cash Chest

H.E. 6th April 1865
No 2574

In Pro. No 809 dt 24th
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Pro. No 809 dt 24th
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For the Supt. Engr. to the Dir
No. of Govt. for April
1865
The Supt. Engineer
5th April 1865
To the Secy to the
Government P.W.D.

Noted 6th April 1865
Recd 8th April 1865

No 2574 with two
enclosures

Forwards two original
letters from the Police Dept^{re}
reporting on the result of
their efforts in connection
with the robbery of Overseer
Nicholson's Cash Chest
& the recovered Rs 726-9-1

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Authority is granted for the sum of Rs. 726-9-4 being written off to Profit & Loss.

C.B.

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Account of 1/4 of Acct. 4.0. 24 Dec 1880
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Henry Cavill or
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No 1092
To the Clerk of the
22/222 Street 103

Letter from
the Virginia Bureau of
Forwarding the
Receipt of the Police
Dept in the study of
of the late robbery
of \$20,726.94 from
"Salung Bazaar"
Richardson & Co.
don't. We'll order
thereon.