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21st December 1865.*

No. 420. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 15th December 1865, No. 127 :—
Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 14th December 1865, No. 469.

* No. 941 of 10th November 1865. In transmitting copy of a letter* from the Provisional Chief Engineer, reporting the occurrence of a robbery in the Hindry Division, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me how the amount, &c., is to be dealt with in my accounts. If required, the correspondence referred to in the concluding lines of the Chief Engineer's letter will be forwarded for your perusal.

From W. C. BEAUMONT, Esq., Officer in charge, to the Agent and Manager, Madras, dated Kurnool, 10th November 1865, No. 941.

1. I have the honor to report the following robbery of Company's property as having taken place.
2. On the night of the 16th September last, the house of Mr. R. Mahoney, Overseer Hindry Division, was broken into and his desk stolen, containing a box of mathematical instruments^s and Rupees 155-7-4, the property of the Company. The cash Mr. Mahoney had received that evening from Mr. Hudson to pay Coolies with, and the box into which it was placed was of teak, 2 feet $\times$ 1½ feet $\times$ 1½ feet, secured by lock and key, and placed in Mr. Mahoney's bed-room. On receiving the report of this robbery from Mr. Dodson, Executive Engineer Hindry Division, enquiries were made when the Coolies returned from work, and whether it was usual to permit Overseers to defer payment of money entrusted to them at discretion, and whether such deferment frequently occurred. In reply, Mr. Dodson reports that Mr. Hudson states that it is *not* usual, but that in the present case the Coolies remained so late on the works to finish some task-work, that it was dark (7-15 P. M.) before they came to be paid, and Mr. Mahoney fearing mistakes might be made, put off their payment till the next morning.
3. Immediately on the robbery being discovered the Kurnool Police were sent for, and every means taken to trace the robbers and recover the property, but hitherto without success. The Police were at and about Sudrave, where the robbery was committed, for upwards of a week, and the desk was found broken open (the money and other articles gone) in a cholum field, close to Sudrave. The case of mathematical instruments was found with the desk broken to pieces, and the instruments abstracted.
4. Under the circumstances of the case, and as Mr. Dodson reports that Mr. Mahoney was not, in his opinion, to blame for any carelessness, the Provisional Chief Engineer recommends the sum of Rupees 155-7-4 being written off to "profit and loss." The mathematical instrument case can, I suppose, also be struck off the accounts of the Hindry Division, as lost by robbery. I will, if you desire it, furnish you with copies of all the correspondence on the subject embraced in this letter.

1. Transmitted for the consideration of Government with the accompanying letter No. 941 of the 10th November, from the Chief Engineer, and with a recommendation that the amount, Rupees 154-7-4, stolen from Mr. Mahoney's quarters, be written off to profit and loss, and also the value of the box of mathematical instruments.

1 Letter in original from Agent, No. 469, dated 14th December 1865.

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2. Losses of the kind now reported have not been frequent, and it will be noticed that the Executive Engineer of the Division considers that the circumstances of the case relieve Mr. Mahoney from blame for keeping the money sent for the payment of Coolies, instead of disbursing it as soon as the day's work was completed.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain, R. E.,
Consng. Eng. for I. and C. Company.

No. 421.

ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1865, No. 3,837.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 37.

Under the circumstances explained, the Government grant authority for writing off to "profit and loss" the value of the box of mathematical instruments, and the sum of Rupees 155-7-4, which are reported to have been stolen from the residence of Mr. Mahoney, an Overseer in the Hindry Division of the Madras Irrigation Company's Canal.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Enclosure 1
Letter in reply
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No. 127

*Endowment to letter No. 469 of the 14th inst.
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*Colonel Mullins Captain R. E.
Comdg. Office S. C. C.
Madras 10th December 1865*

S. T. Augustin

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