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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd August 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 543. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th August 1867, No. 227.

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2. I beg also to submit a copy of a portion of the extract from the diary of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, reporting that the Agent and Traffic Manager does not contemplate taking any steps to lay a criminal charge against his Cash-keeper, unless ordered to do so by Government.

3. After the Inspector General's strong opinion, that the case should not be allowed to be compounded, I would solicit the Government to issue orders to the Agent to prosecute the Cashkeeper; and as they are in possession of a complete report of the circumstances in the case, they will have it in their power to instruct the Agent as to the nature of the charges which should be preferred.

From the Inspector General of Police, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Kotagiri, 8th August 1867, No. 1,401.

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2. They relate to a case of probable embezzlement in the Railway Office at Negapatam.

3. I trust that a case, which *primâ facie* bears the appearance of grave breach of trust, accompanied with forgery and other criminal offences, will not be compounded.

Extract from the Diary of the Assistant Superintendent of Police of Tanjore District.

1. *Wednesday, the 24th July* 1867.—Saw Mr. Betts, the Railway Agent, who informed me that the whole of the deficiency, 26,000 and odd Rupees, was paid up this morning. He is fortunate to get back so large a sum. He further tells me that he does not intend to take any steps towards a criminal charge, unless ordered to do so by Government, to whom he is reporting the matter to-day. Of course Government will order an enquiry. Several forged receipts have issued either from the Government Treasury or from the Railway Office, and although the defalcations have been made good, that does not affect the fact that such defalcations actually did occur. I have from time to time kept Hope, the Joint Magistrate, personally acquainted with all that has transpired.

2. In the evening I learned that the Cashkeeper, who paid up the money this morning, went to the Joint Magistrate this afternoon, and laid a charge of embezzlement against two of his Peons, by whom he asserts he sent the missing monies to the Talook Treasury. The Joint Magistrate has issued warrants for them. I fancy this is only a blind on the part of the Cashkeeper, or perhaps an attempt to endeavour to whitewash himself. Likely enough the men are paid to endure a short custody. I wish Hope would put the case into my hands. Mofussil Magistrates never seem to think of making use of their Police in this way, and yet if in such a case as this they wait and allow the matter to sift itself, they will never get to the bottom of it.

3. I forgot to mention that Mr. Betts, the Railway Agent, who was at first convinced that his Cashkeeper was the guilty party, now suspects the treasury officials. I can see little or no ground for this myself. I am astonished that Betts has not brought the matter forward, and

demanded a searching enquiry. Instead of this, he has allowed the man, who is generally believed guilty, to take the initiative.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

No. 544. Telegram from Lieutenant ROLLAND, Tanjore, to Major SHAW STEWART, Madras, dated 17th August 1867.

The Railway case was taken up by Joint Magistrate at Negapatam. Police could not interfere without warrant, and Magistrate did not refer it for enquiry to Police. Cashkeeper stands committed for trial at Sessions Court.

No. 545. Telegram from Lieutenant ROLLAND, Tanjore, to Major SHAW STEWART, Madras, dated 19th August 1867.

In continuation of last telegram, Cashkeeper was allowed to lay charge of embezzlement against his Peon. After enquiry, tables were turned, and Cashkeeper committed to Sessions on charge of embezzlement apparently. No enquiry has been made into matter of forgery or abstraction of letter.

No. 546. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th August 1867, No. 233.

From the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Negapatam, 10th August 1867, No. — .

1. In reply to your endorsement on Government Order No. 2,400 of the 8th instant, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the charge brought by my late Cashkeeper against his Peons, has been dismissed by the Magistrate, and that the prosecution against the late Cashkeeper himself commences to-day.

2. I much regret I overlooked, until the middle of July, the non-receipt of the Accountant General's statement for April. I wrote to you (on the 17th July) for this document, before the discrepancy was discovered. Its receipt on the 15th May, although it could not have affected the commission of the forgeries of the previous month, still would have enabled me to have discovered the fraud earlier.

3. When laying your remarks before Government, relative to the plan pursued by this Company in paying traffic receipts into the treasury, I think you should have pointed out that Government had sanctioned the arrangement under which "passed receipts" were received, instead of cash from the Railway authorities.—See Order No. 325 of 19th June 1862.

4. And further, that I reported to the Consulting Engineer on 12th May 1864 (letter No. 1,153) the rules under which I proposed the servants employed by this Company should find guarantee.—See Colonel O'Connell's reply, No. 229 of the 16th idem. All Cashkeepers now find security in cash or Government Bonds, but the Cashkeeper in this Department being then (in May 1864) in the service, the security my predecessors had accepted was allowed to stand, and, in addition, under one of the rules referred to, he paid monthly instalments of cash toward the Guarantee Fund. No one regrets more than myself the fraud which has been committed, it has occasioned me great anxiety of mind, and any step

which I can take to guard against the recurrence of such proceedings will be cheerfully taken.

5. I should like to receive from you the information called for in paragraph 5 of my letter No. 2,354.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of my remarks No. 216, dated 1st instant.

2. The Agent and Traffic Manager now reports that a prosecution against his late Cashkeeper has been commenced.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the above letter, I beg to explain that the omission pointed out by the Agent, in regard to the procedure formerly sanctioned by Government for paying "passed receipts" instead of cash into the treasury, was purely accidental. "Passed receipts," however have been abolished by the introduction of the new system of audit, and the late Government Examiner and his successor have both expressed an opinion that the system of paying the traffic receipts into the treasury, in the manner described in paragraph 6 of my letter, dated 1st instant, (G. O. No. 2,400, dated 8th August 1867,) was objectionable.

4. The Agent in paragraph 4 of his letter explains, that the security furnished by his Cashkeeper prior to May 1864 was accepted by him, but that, in addition, under the rules promulgated at that period, he paid monthly instalments of cash to the Guarantee Fund. The Agent does not mention what sum had accumulated in the course of the three years that have elapsed, but the report of the Government Examiner leads me to the conclusion that the Cashkeeper's security was substantially in land, and not in cash or Government promissory notes.

5. The Government will be glad to learn that the Agent and Traffic Manager will cheerfully co-operate in any measures which may be taken to guard against the recurrence of fraud on the part of his subordinates. While I am quite satisfied that he spares no endeavours to promote what may appear to him to be the interests of the Company, I am of opinion that he is not fully alive to the false economy of keeping the salaries of the Company's servants within the lowest possible limits.

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of G. O., dated 8th instant, directing me to take measures for ascertaining whether the despatch of the packet containing the Accountant General's statements of receipts and payments is recorded in the books of the Post Office, I have the honor to report having received intimation from the Postmaster General that there is no record of its receipt in the Post Office Registers. The Postmaster having, however, permitted me to inspect the Registers, I learn that they do not contain a record of the receipt of various covers which were sent from this Office on various dates in the months of May and June, and to which *replies have been received* from the Officers to whom they were addressed, and that out of thirty-three days in those months in which packets were sent to the Post Office, the Register show entries for only eleven. The fact of replies having been received to various letters sent through the Post Office, and yet not recorded in the Post Office Registers, shows that the latter could not have been properly kept up, and prevents me from throwing the responsibility of the loss of the documents designed for the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway on any of my Office Estab-

lishment. I may add that the packets for the Post Office are forwarded in a sealed bag in the prescribed manner.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 547. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1867, No. 2,581.

RAILWAY, No. 24.

1. Ordered to lie over, pending the result of the criminal proceedings which, it is understood from the telegrams above recorded, have been instituted against the late Cashkeeper on the Establishment of the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway.

2. Paragraph 3 of the Consulting Engineer's observations of the 20th instant, No. 233, will be referred to the Public Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Public Department.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

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Madras
20th Augt/67

H Anderson Lieutt Colonel R.E.
Consulting Engr for Railways

To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W. Deptt
Fort Saint George

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No.

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY.
AGENT'S OFFICE.

NEGAPATAM, 10th August 1867.

From

THE AGENT

Great Southern of India Railway,

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways
Madras

SIR,

In reply to your endorsement on Communication No. 2400 of the 3rd Inst. I have the honor to report for the information of Government that the charge brought by my late Cashkeeper against his Peon has been dismissed by the magistrate, and that the prosecution against the late Cashkeeper himself commenced to day.

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3- I now enclose your remarks before Government relative to the plan suggested by this Company in paying traffic receipts into the Treasury. I think I have now pointed out that Government has sanctioned the arrangement under which these receipts were received instead of being from the railway authorities. See Order No. 220 of 19 June 1862.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obt. Servt
Cecil Lowther Bell

Fort Vault George

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P. W. 1867 Dept. Pro: of Govt for August 1867 No 3141.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

From

The Consg. Engineer for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Dept.

Dated 20th } August 1867.
Received 21st }

No. 233.

Enclosures, No. one /

Observations on a letter from the Agent & Traffic Manager G. I. & I. Ry, reporting that the prosecution against the late Cash Keeper has been commenced.
No 2581. 23rd Augt/67

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Fort Saint George

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

No. 227-

From Lieutt-Colonel J. C. Anderson R.E.
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To

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

H Meadows Lieut.t Colonel R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways

Madras
12th August
1867

Office of the Insp.r Genl of Police
Rotagiri 8th August 1867.

To

The Consulting Engineer for
Railways.

No. 1140

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Wednesday the 24th July 1867

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From 15 1867

The Inspector General of Police

Dated the 12th Sept 1867

No. 3044/1

No. 1491

Submits for information the Diary of the Asstt Superintendent of Police Sanjore District respecting the defalcations in the Railway Office at Rajapatam.

In the evening I learned that the Cashkeeper who paid up the money this morning went to the Joint Magistrate this afternoon and laid a charge of embezzlement against two of his peons by whom he asserts he sent the missing monies to the Taluq Treasury. The Joint Magistrate has issued warrants for them. I fancy this is only a blind on the part of the Cashkeeper or perhaps an attempt to endeavour to whitewash himself. Likely enough the men are paid to endure a short custody. I wish Hope would put the case into my hands. Mofussil Magistrates never seem to think of making use of their Police in this way and yet if in such a case as this they wait and allow the matter to rest itself, they will never get to the bottom of it.

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(True Extract)
(Signed) W. Robinson
Inspector General of Police.

(True Copy)

J Patterson Lieut Colonel R.E.
Consulting Engr for Railways

P. No. 3044/67

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[illegible] Majesty's Government for the apprehension of the Person or Persons charged jointly & severally by the Coroner's Jury impannelled by the Coroner for the County of Middlesex to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. Thomas Wakley late of Bedford Square in the County aforesaid Esquire

By order of the Coroner's Jury impannelled to inquire touching the death of Mr. Thomas Wakley late of Bedford Square in the County aforesaid Esquire

Whereas it appears by the Inquisition taken before me the Coroner for the County aforesaid on the view of the body of the said Thomas Wakley that he the said Thomas Wakley was feloniously killed and murdered by some person or persons unknown on the night of the 16th instant at No. 35 Bedford Square aforesaid

And whereas the Jurors impannelled to inquire touching the death of the said Thomas Wakley have found a Verdict that the said Thomas Wakley was feloniously killed and murdered by some person or persons unknown

And whereas the said Jurors have requested me the said Coroner to issue my Warrant for the apprehension of the Person or persons charged jointly & severally by the said Jurors with the commission of the said felony

Now I do hereby require you in Her Majesty's name forthwith to use your best endeavours to apprehend and bring before me the said Coroner or some other Coroner for the County aforesaid the body of the said [illegible] charged by the said Jurors with the commission of the said felony and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord 1847

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MADRAS RAILWAY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

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The following Message received at Madras Station from
Station on 17 Aug 1867

From
Name Pollard
and
Address Tanjore

To
Name Major Shaw. Sup
and
Address Madras

The Railway Executions
[illegible] yesterday for
[illegible] Police call not interfe
[illegible] Enquiry to Police. Cattle
[illegible] Committed for trial at Sessions Co

Signature
Signaller in charge.

No enquiry respecting this message can be attended to without the production of this paper.

"to Public Dept"
Dated 24/8/67

Circulated for the
orders of Government.
I. Mewburn
Major-RE
13th August 1867.

I do not think that the
Executions at Tanjore
can be objected to. A
Chief Executive Magistrate
& Officiating Collector
commanding in person
Police Commissioner
Civil Commissioner
From the Superintendent
of Police Tanjore

Rec'd 16th Aug 1867

Dated 12th Aug 1867
Received 13 Aug 1867

No. 2587-23 dated 12/8/67

Railway Department.
From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

No. 2587-23 dated 12/8/67

Dated 12th
Received 13 } August 1867.

No. 22, dated 12th August 1867.

Forwarding for information a letter from the Inspector General of Police to the address noted in the margin, on the subject of the necessity of the Railway Police being placed under the control of the Executive Engineer.

Dy. No. 3213

Rec'd 16th Aug 1867

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For Delivery.

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The following Message received at _____ Station from

Station on Trichy 17 186 7

From		To	
Name	Pollard	Name	Junior Shaw Stewart
and Address	Trichy	and Address	Madras

In continuation of last Telegram
Cash Keeper was allowed to lay charge of
~~Embezzlement~~ against his peon
~~After Enquiry tables were turned~~
~~And Cash Keeper Committed to decision~~
~~on Charge of~~ ~~embezzlement~~
No enquiry has been made by
matter of Magistrate's Interference of the

Signature _____
Signaller in charge.

No enquiry respecting this message can be attended to unless the printed number on the face is quoted.

J.H.C. Collins
for E.C.

To the Public Dept
Dated 24/8/67

Dy No 1817 Dated 24th
Received 25th
No 3123.

Telegram

From
Scott Pollard
Asst Supdtg
Police
Trichy

Dated 17 Aug/67
Rec'd 17 Aug/67

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23rd August 1867.

Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer for Railways
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From Scott Rolland - a/Supt of Police Tanjore
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From the Commissioner of Railways

Here enter No 27 dated 12 Aug 67

(Here enter No. dated 17 " "
Here enter " 19 " "
" " No 233 " 20 " "

Ordered to lie over, pending the result of the criminal proceedings which, it is understood from the telegrams above recorded have been instituted against the late Cash-Keeper on the establishment of the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway.

2- Para 6 of the Consulting Engineer's Observations of the 20 Instant, No 233, will be repd to the Public Dept.

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11 " the Public Dept
Dated 24/8/67

Rlf 1867 Exhibit
Sub Magistrate's Court
No. 3124

From Scott Rolland
Asst Supt of Police
Tanjore.

Dated 19th Aug 67
Rec'd 23 Aug 67

Regarding the case of defal: =cation in the Great Southern of India Railway.

No 2581-23 August 67

Railway Department.

No. 2581.

Public Works Department.

Under date the 23rd August 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT of Madras

Dated 23rd August 1867

Ordering to lie over certain papers relative to the prosecution of the late Cash-keeper on the Establishment of the Agent of the G. I. P. Railway on account of a Defalcation lately discovered.

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