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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th January 1871.

No. 465. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd December 1870, No. 498 :—

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 16th December 1869, No. 725.

I REGRET to have the honour to forward copy of a communication* from the Acting Chief Engineer, reporting a robbery on the night of the 13th instant at Coimbatore, when money in notes and cash to the amount of Rupees 1,200 was stolen from the cash-chest in connection with the Neilgherry Branch Survey.

* No. 524, 16th December.

2. The circumstances were duly reported to the Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, and I will take care and advise you of any further particulars which may reach me.

3. Mr. West has been desired to furnish a special report of the particulars of the robbery with as little delay as possible.

From the Acting Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 16th December 1869, No. 524.

I REGRET to have to report the robbery on the night of the 13th instant of money to the amount of about Rupees 1,200, in notes and cash held on account of the Neilgherry Branch Survey.

2. The money was deposited in a Chubb's tin cash box which was locked in a large teak stationary chest and deposited in the office of the 3rd Division, South-West Line, in charge of a Cash-keeper. The Peon who guarded the chest on the night in question reported that he had found the lock of the teak chest wrenched open, and the cash box removed on the morning of the 14th.

3. The circumstances were reported to the Police and to the Magistrate by Mr. West, the Engineer in charge of the Survey.

4. It is unfortunate that the list recording the numbers of the currency notes stolen was kept in the missing cash box, so that we are unable to stop them at the Bank.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 7th January 1870, No. 12.

IN continuation of my letter of the 16th ultimo, No. 725, I have the honour to enclose copy of a further report* from the Acting Chief Engineer, and of its enclosure,† having reference to the robbery of the cash-chest in connection with the Neilgherry Branch Survey.

* No. 9, 6th January.

† Mr. West's letter, No. 1, 5th January.

2. The Police, you will observe, have failed to discover the thief or thieves ; but, as the loss of money, Rupees 1,163-13-3, was occasioned by the carelessness of the Cash-keeper, C. Appoo Pillay, he has been called upon to make good the amount. The Company holds security to the extent of Rupees 1,000 deposited by this Cash-keeper, so that under any circumstances the loss will be trifling.

From the Acting Chief Engineer, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 6th January 1870, No. 9.

WITH reference to my letter, No. 524, of 16th ultimo, I now beg to forward a further report from Mr. West on the result of the investigation by the Police in the matter of the robbery of Neilgherry Branch Survey Cash-chest. The copy is also forwarded of a letter from the Superintendent of Police of Coimbatore on the subject.

2. It appears to be beyond question that the robbery was entirely due to the carelessness of the Cash-keeper, C. Appoo Pillay.

3. The total amount of money robbed is Rupees 1,163-13-3, for which we hold security in cash to the amount of Rupees 1,000. The Cash-keeper will be called on to pay up the balance of Rupees 163-13-3, and I expect to be able to report to you shortly that the full amount has been recovered.

4. In the meantime the Cash-keeper is under suspension, and I will, of course, remove him from his present employment.

From the Engineer in charge Neilgherry Branch Survey, to the Acting Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore, 5th January 1870, No. 1.

With reference to my letter, No. 35, of the 15th December 1869, informing you of the robbery of the cash-chest belonging to the Neilgherry Branch Survey, I regret to state that up to this date the Police have been unable to detect the thief or thieves, or even recover portion of the missing money. I enclose copy of the letter received this day from the Superintendent of Police stating the result of his inquiry into the case.

2. It now remains for me to bring to your notice the negligence and thoughtlessness on the part of the Cash-keeper, C. Appoo Pillay, who, I think, is greatly to blame in the matter for the following reasons, namely :—

(1.) In that he did not keep the record of the numbers of the currency notes separate from the notes themselves.

(2.) That he deposited a bag containing Rupees 100 in the teak chest without first securing it in the tin cash box containing the bulk of the money and in the presence of several office peons of the 3rd Division, South-West Line, thereby presenting to them very great temptation.

(3.) That he was aware that only one peon was on guard on the night of the robbery, and was also aware that this peon was in the habit of leaving his post at night for his meals, and did not report the matter to me, or even take steps himself to place an additional guard.

(4.) That he, when informed by the Head Writer of 3rd Division, South-West Line, (on the evening previous to the night of the robbery), that it was not safe to place the bag of Rupees 100 loose in the teak box, did not inform me of the matter, or even take steps himself to secure the safety of the money more efficiently.

(5.) That he, when directed by me to bring with him from Madras two known and trustworthy cash peons, selected one of whose previous character he was totally unacquainted, and placed in him the most implicit confidence.

3. I have this day suspended C. Appoo Pillay, pending further instructions from your office.

4. The total amount of the money robbed is Rupees 1,163-13-3, and as its loss has prevented me from paying the Muster Roll, Sheets, etc., I shall feel obliged if you will remit me the amount, Rupees 850, indented for by me on the 31st December 1869, as soon as possible.

From the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, to the Resident Engineer, Neilgherry Branch Survey, Pothanoor, dated 4th January 1870, No. 4.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 37, dated 3rd instant, and to inform you that the money and notes stolen from your office have not been traced. There appears no doubt that the box was opened by some one employed on the premises and well acquainted with its contents, but satisfactory evidence to convict the offender cannot at present be obtained.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 17th December 1870, No. 725.

I have the honour to report that a Carpenter named Rungasawmy, employed at the Resident Engineer's Bungalow, has been convicted of the robbery of Rupees 1,163-13-3 deposited in the cash-chest of the Neilgherry Branch (the circumstances attending which were reported to the Consulting Engineer by my letter, No. 725, of the 16th December 1869), and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for two years, and a fine of 300 Rupees, or six months' additional imprisonment.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 21st December 1870, No. 738.

Adverting to your letter, No. 738, of the 20th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the whole of the money stolen, namely, Rupees 1,163-13-3, was made good at the time of the robbery by Appoo Pillay, the Cash-keeper, who was responsible for its safe custody.

2. The sum of Rupees 317-13-3 recovered from the thief will be applied in the first place to defray the costs which the Company has incurred in the matter, and the balance will be handed over to Appoo Pillay.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Captain, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 466. Order thereon, 26th January 1871, No. 230.

RAILWAY, No. 57.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

RAILWAYS.

Dated January 26th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 26th January 1871, No. 230.

JANUARY.

Nos. 465-466

Robbery.—Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways submitting reports of the robbery of Rupees 1,200 from the cash-chest at Coimbatore, and the apprehension and conviction of the thieves, recorded.

Endorsement

No. 725

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 16th December 1870.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esqre

Agent and Manager. of the M. R. Co.

To

Major J. Hall. Shaw Stewart, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

I regret to have the honor to forward copy of a communication from the Acting Chief Engineer reporting a robbery on the night of the 13th instant at Coimbatore, when money in notes and Cash to the amount of Rs 1200 was stolen from the Cash Chest in connection with the Neilgherry Branch Survey.

2. The circumstances were duly reported to the Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, and I will take care and advise you of any further particulars which may reach me.

3. Mr. West has been desired to furnish a special report of the particulars of the robbery with as little delay as possible. I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servt.

Robert B. Elwin

Agent & Manager.

No. 524
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Madras Railway Company
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 16th December 1869.

No. 5244.

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to report the robbery on the night of the 13th instant of money to the amount of about Rupees 1200 in notes and Cash held on account of the Neilgherry Branch Survey.

2. The money was deposited in a chunkum Sir Cash Box which was locked in a large Tank Stationery Chest and deposited in the office of the 3d Division S. M. Line in charge of a Cash Keeper.

3. The Box with the guards the Chief on the night in question reported that he had found the lock of the Tank Chest unwrenched when and the Cash Box removed on the morning of the 14th.

4. The circumstances were reported to the Police and to the Magistrate by Mr Neal the Engineer in charge of the survey.

5. It is unfortunate that the list recording the numbers of the Currency Notes stolen was kept in the missing Cash Box, so that we are unable to stop them at the Bank.

Yours faithfully
(Sig'd) J. H. Young.
Actg. Chief Engineer

The Agent & Manager.

(True Copy)
(Sig'd) W. H. Smith
Asst. to Agent & Manager.

Confidential

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

No. 5218/70

Dated 16 December 1869

Recd. 17. M No. 725

Reporting the robbery of Rs 1200 from the Cash chest at Coimbatore held on a/c of the survey of the Neilgherry Branch—

No. 725

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 17th December 1870.

From

Robert B. Clarke Esqre

Agent and Manager. of the M. R. Co.

To

Captain H. L. Prendergast, R.E.,

&c. *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

SIR,

I have the honor to report that a Carpenter named Rungaswamy employed at the Resident Engineer's Bungalow, has been convicted of the robbery of Rs. 1163. 13. 3 deposited in the Cash Chest of the Tindivanam Branch (the circumstances attending which were reported to the Consulting Engineer by my letter No. 726 of the 16th December 1869) and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for two years, and a fine of 300 Rupees, or 6 months additional imprisonment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.

Robt B. Clarke

Agent & Manager.

No. 738.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 21st December 1870.

From

R. B. Elwin Esqre.

Agent and Manager. of the M. Ry. Coy.

To

Captain H. L. Prendergast R.E.

Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. 738 of the 20th instant I have the honor to inform you that the whole of the money stolen viz: Rs 1163-13-3, was made good at the time of the robbery, by Appoo Pillay the Cash Keeper who was responsible for its safe custody.

2. The sum of Rs 317-13-3 recovered from the thief will be applied in the first place to defray the costs which the Company has incurred in the matter, and the balance will be handed over to Appoo Pillay.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

J. W. Nellis.
for the Agent and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 17 December 1870.
Recd. 19th

No. 725

Reporting the Conviction of Lieutenant Kennedy upon Contempt in Punganoory in Connection with a robbery of Rs 1163-13-3 from the Cash Chest of the Chelgherry Branch Line.

No. 12.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 7th January 1870.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esqre

Agent and Manager. M.R.Co.

To

Major J. St. M. Shaw Stewart RE

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 16th Ultimo, No. 725 I have the honor to enclose copy of a further report from the Acting Chief Engineer, and of his enclosure having reference to the Robbery of the Cash Chest in connection with the Neilgherry Branch Survey.

2. The Police you will observe have failed to discover the thief or thieves, but as the loss of money Rs. 1163-13-3. was occasioned by the Carelessness of the Cash Keeper, C. Appoo Pillay he has been called upon to make good the amount. The Company holds security to the extent of Rs. 1000. deposited by this Cash Keeper so that under any circumstances the loss will be trifling.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Robt B. Elwin
Agent & Manager.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Dated 24th December 1870.

Recd. 29th

No. 738.

Returning herewith Copy of Letter No. 2588/70 dated 16th Instt. with reference to which I have received from the Acting Chief Engineer the Report of which a Copy is enclosed.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 2 January 1878.
Recd. 8. No. 12

Enclosing a copy of Captain Beadnell's report on the working of the Railway during the month of December last.

Returned Returned to Capt. Beadnell with Letter No. 20 dated 11th January 1878.

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No. 498.

Submitted for the information of Government.

W. L. Beadnell Captain RE
Consg. Engr. for Railways.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Madras, 22nd Dec. 1877.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

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(2) Railway Department.

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From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 22nd Dec 1870.
Received 27th

No. 498.

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No 230, 26 Sept 70 submitting for the information of Government, a letter received from the Agent & Manager of the So. M. Ry Co, reporting the robbery of Rs. 1200 from the Cash Chest at Coimbatore with an Order.

To the Engineer for Railways
Dept 29th Sept 70

No 230

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government P. W. Department Fort St George.

Chief Engineer
26th Sept 1870

Examined returned with Cash Order
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engineer for Railways

Dated.

Rcd. End.

G. O., 26th Aug 1871, No. 230-

Nos. 465-466

Robbery. Endorsement

Wg. Engr for Railways, transmitting reports of the Peddaru Rs: 1205 from the Cash Chest at Gumdalore & the apprehension & conviction of the thieves, recorded.