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No. 408. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 30th September 1871, No. 422:—

From the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 25th September 1871, No. 559.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of Government, copy of a communication* I have received from the Traffic Manager, reporting the loss of four Currency Notes amounting in value to Rupees 800.

* No. C/39064/356, 22nd September 1871.

2. The result of the further inquiries which are being made will be reported in due course.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 22nd September 1871, No. C/39064/356.

Loss of four Currency Notes, aggregating 800 *Rupees.*

ON the 4th instant the Cashier reported to me, in the usual course of business, that a cash-bag had been received from Tiroor, containing Rupees 91-8-0 in silver, but unaccompanied by the usual Remittance Note. The Station Master of Tiroor was at once called upon for an explanation, but in the meantime he received a memorandum direct from the Cashier acknowledging the receipt of Rupees 91-8-0 without Remittance Note, and, on the 6th instant, he telegraphed to the Cashier as follows:—

"Received your docket (719). My remittance of 2nd instant is Rupees 891-13-0, Currency "Notes Rupees 800, Silver Rupees 91-8-0, and Cash Order 5 Annas. Notes and "Cash Order pinned to the Remittance Note, and put into the cash-bag by myself."

The Cashier replied on same date:—

"Bank Notes, Remittance Note, and Cash Order not received. Money only in cash-bag. "Cash-bag properly locked and all right," and followed this message up with—

"Give number of the Notes sent with your remittance of 2nd instant."

The Station Master's reply, which was received on the same date, (6th) was—

"B/28 32522 for Rupees 500. B/25 87986 for Rupees 100."

"B/25 81833 for Rupees 100, and B/25 87987 for Rupees 100."

Information was at once given by Mr. Peele to the Currency Department and to all the Banks, and a Circular (copy enclosed) was issued to all stations. The Chief Inspector of Police was requested to proceed to Tiroor and investigate the matter, and the Police in Madras were also communicated with.

From the evidence (copies enclosed) of Mr. Smyth, the Station Master of Tiroor, of Anthony Silva, a volunteer, of Porter Coottyally, and of Peon Coopoo of the same station, there can be no doubt, I think, that at the time the train was in sight at Tiroor Station on the morning of the 3rd September, the Currency Notes were in Mr. Smyth's hand, and that he asked for a pin to pin papers together; but neither of the witnesses, except Mr. Smyth, can state whether the Notes were placed in the cash-bag, although the latter must have been placed in the cash-chest of the train then approaching the station, or it could not have reached Madras on the 4th instant.

On the 11th instant, the Cashier was informed by the Paper Currency Department of the Accountant-General's Office that Currency Note B/25 87987 for Rupees 100 had been that day presented for payment by the Bank of Madras. The Bank of Madras received it on the 9th September from Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe & Co., who had received it on the 8th from one

P. M. V. E. Alagapah Chetty, but this man could not, or would not, give any information how it came into his possession.

On the 12th instant, the Cashier was advised by the Paper Currency Department that Note B/25 87986 for 100 Rupees had been presented for payment by the Bank of Madras. The Note was cashed at the Bank of Madras by P. Poonoosawmy Chetty, who could give no information from whom he had received it, but gave the names of Ramanjooloo Pillay, Gumastah of Soobroy Chetty, Theroovalay Aroonachellum Pillay, Shaik Muraram Moideen Saib, from whom he had received money on the previous day; none of these men, however, could afford any information.

On the 13th instant, the Cashier was advised by the Currency Department that B/28 32522 for Rupees 500 had been presented for payment by the Bank of Madras. This Note was paid into the Bank of Madras by Messrs. Cammiade Martin & Co. on the 12th, and was received by them from the Mercantile Bank on the 11th. The Mercantile Bank received it from Hadjee Mahomed Ryheem Namajee, who can give no information, as he does not keep any register of Notes.

The last Note B/25 84833 was presented at the Salt Cotaur Goods Station on the 15th September by the Gumastah of Sathaseva Chetty, Dubash of Messrs. Lecot & Co., who can give no information, as he does not keep a register of Notes.

Further efforts will be made to trace the Notes, but in the meantime it seems to me desirable to report the fact.

P.S.—With reference to the latter part of the evidence of Mr. Smyth, the Station Master, Mr. Johnson, the Chief Police Inspector, reports "on my arrival from Tiroor I called upon Mrs. Smyth, and asked her to produce the registered letter she received from her husband. I perused the letter, and the contents of the same were such as not to create the least suspicion."

Tiroor, 11th September 1871.

Statement of Mr. Smyth, *Station Master.*

On the morning of the 3rd September, about ½ past 8 A.M., I counted the previous day's collections of goods and coaching traffic, on my table in my room, after counting the same I put the money in the canvas bag, and had the Notes in my hand. I went into the Booking Office with the Notes and bag in my hand. Porter Coottyally followed me. I closed the remittance in the Booking Office. The numbers of the Notes were entered on the back of the Remittance Note as well as the counterfoil. The counterfoil is in the hand writing of one "Anthony," who is at this station waiting for an employment which has been promised by Mr. Chambers, but the Remittance Note was in my hand writing. I read out the numbers of the Notes to Anthony to enter on the counterfoil. The Notes were in my hand. I called for a pin. Anthony gave me a pin and I pinned the Notes, Cash Order, and Remittance Note together, which I then put in the canvas bag. When the Notes, etc., were being placed in the canvas bag Anthony and Coottyally were present, after which I locked the bag myself and had it in my hand. By this time the train was in. I went myself to the van, and deposited the cash-bag as usual. The Notes and money were counted by myself as usual. I have no witness to produce as to the amount that I put in the bag in silver as well as Notes. This is the first time that Anthony helped me in writing the counterfoil of the Remittance Book as I read out to him. My reasons for getting Anthony's help that morning was owing to the train being in sight, and that my Assistant, Pichoo Iyer, absent (sick) that morning. The Note of 500 Rupees I got from one Moideen, a merchant of Tiroor, on the 2nd September (B/28 32522). The other three Notes, B/25 87986, B/25 84833, and B/25 87987, each for 100 Rupees, I received from one Coyasem Coyajee. This also was received on the 2nd.

I did send a registered letter on the morning of the 3rd September to Madras to Mrs. Smyth, the contents of which were two copies of photographs from Cannanore, and a Currency Note for Rupees 10. This was done previous to closing my remittance for that day.

(Signed) S. SMYTH.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th October 1871.

Tiroor, 11th September 1871.

Statement of Anthony Silva.

I am without employ. I am at this station for more than a year. I assist Mr. Smyth in making any returns and signalling when he orders me to do so. The counterfoil of the Remittance Note Book of the 2nd September is in my handwriting. I wrote the Remittance Note as well. I gave the book back to Mr. Smyth, he then tore the Remittance Note from the counterfoil, after which he asked for a pin. I gave a pin to Mr. Smyth, which I had in my pocket, which he took from me. I then came out of the Booking Office and did not enter in again. I did not see him pin the Notes and Cash Order together. I did not notice what Mr. Smyth did, as I left the office a little after this. The train came in when Mr. Smyth asked for a pin. I saw Notes in his hand. He read out the numbers of the Notes from the Notes he had in his hand, and I wrote the same on the back of the counterfoil. I did not notice Mr. Smyth go into the van and deposit the cash-bag on the 3rd September.

(Signed) ANTHONY SILVA.

Tiroor, 11th September 1871.

Statement of Coottyally Porter, *of Tiroor.*

I am a Porter at this station. On the morning of the 3rd September I was not present when Mr. Smyth put Notes or money in the cash-bag, nor did I see him lock it. I saw Mr. Smyth deposit the cash-bag in the train cast-chest on the morning of the 3rd September.

Examined by Mr. Smyth.

I was taking the number of the wagons when Mr. Smyth called for a pin, and I came and gave him a pin. He had Notes in his hand. I think it will be about four or five. After giving the pin I left the Booking Office where Mr. Smyth was. About five or six minutes after this the train arrived I think, to the best of my belief. I am not sure. It is customary for you to pin the Notes to the Remittance Note and Cash Order.

Examined by me.

On the 3rd of September I did not see Mr. Smyth put either the money or Notes in the cash-bag, nor do I know anything of the matter except seeing the Notes in Mr. Smyth's hand.

(Signed) COOTTYALLY.

Peon Coopoo, *Tiroor Station.*

I do not know any circumstance relating to Mr. Smyth putting any Notes or money in the cash-bag on the 3rd September, nor did I see him put the cash-bag in the train cash-chest on the above date.

Examined by Mr. Smyth.

I did look to see whether Mr. Smyth would put the cash-bag into the train cash-chest or not. I was out of the Booking Office when Mr. Smyth called for a pin. I heard Mr. Smyth call for a pin. I have none. I asked Coottyally for one and handed it to Mr. Smyth. Pins are used for pinning papers together. Generally you call for pins to pin Remittance Note with Cash Orders and Notes. I did not observe any Notes in your hand when I brought you the pin, after which I came out of the Booking Office. The train was near the bridge.

(Signed) COOPOO.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) B. ANDERSON,

Acting Agent and Manager.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Captain, R.E.,

Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th October 1871.

No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1871, No. 2,711.

RAILWAY, No. 65. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

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Madras Railway
Traffic Managers Office
Madras 22d. September 1871.

C/39064/356.

To

The Acting Agent & Manager, M. R. Co.

Dear Sir,

Loss of 4 Currency Notes aggregating 800 Rupees.

On the 4th instant the Cashier reported to me, in the usual course of business, that a Cash Bag had been received from Arcot containing Rs. 91-8, in Silver, but unaccompanied by the usual Remittance Note. The Station Master of Arcot was at once called upon for an explanation, but in the meantime he received a memorandum direct from the Cashier acknowledging the receipt of Rs 91-8 without Remittance Note, and on the 6th instant, he telegraphed to the Cashier as follows

"Received your Docket (719) my Remittance
"of 2d instant is Rs. 891-13 Currency Notes
"Rs 800, Silver Rs 91-8 and Cash Order
"5 annas Notes and Cash Order punched to
"the Remittance Note and put into the Cash
"Bag by myself."

The Cashier replied on same date

"Bank Notes, Remittance Notes and Cash
"Order not received. Money only in Cash Bag.
"Cash Bag properly locked and all right."

and followed this message up with

"Give number of the Notes sent with your
"Remittance of 2d instant."

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The Station Masters reply which was received on the same date (6th) was.

"B 28/32522 for Rs. 500. B 25/87986 for Rs. 100
"B 25/84833 for Rs 100. and B 25/87987 for Rs. 100."

Information was at once given by Mr. Peele to the Currency Department, and to all the Banks, and a Circular (copy enclosed) was issued to all Stations. The Chief Inspector of Police was requested to proceed to Tyrone and investigate the matter, and the Police in Madras were also communicated with.

From the evidence (Copies enclosed) of Mr. Smyth the Station Master of Tyrone, of Anthony Silva a Volunteer, of Porter Coolly alley, and of Peru Coopoo of the same Station, there can be no doubt, I think, that at the time the Train was in sight of Tyrone on the morning of the 5th September, the Currency Notes were in Mr. Smyth's hand, and that he asked for a pin to pin papers together, but neither of the witnesses except Mr Smyth can state whether the Notes were placed in the Cash Bag, although the latter must have been placed in the Cash Chest of the Train when approaching the Station, or it could not have reached Madras on the 6th instant.

On the 11th instant, the Cashier was informed by the Paper Currency Department of the Accountant General's Office that Currency Note B/25 87987 for Rs. 100 had been that day presented for payment by the Bank of Madras. The Bank of Madras received it on the 9th September from Messrs. London Woodruffe & Co., who had received it on the 8th from one Pw.

V. C. Alagappah Chetty, but this man could not or would not give any information how it came into his possession.

On the 12th instant the Cashier was advised by the Paper Currency Department that Note B/25 87986 for 100 Rs had been presented for payment by the Bank of Madras. The Note was cashed at the Bank of Madras by P. Ponnoosawmy Chetty, who could give no information from whom he had received it, but gave the names of Ramanyooloo Pillay Somasetah of Soobroy Chetty, Thiroovalay Arroonachellum Pillay, Thaick Muraiyan Maideen Saib, from whom he had received money on the previous day, none of these men however could afford any information.

On the 13th instant, the Cashier was advised by the Currency Department that B/28 32522 for Rs. 500 had been presented for payment by the Bank of Madras. This note was paid into the Bank of Madras by Messrs Cammade & Co. on the 12th, and was received by them from the Mercantile Bank on the 11th. The Mercantile Bank received it from Khadjee Mahomed Peheem Nainajee, who can give no information as he does not keep any register of Notes.

The last note B/25 84833 was presented at the Salt Gotown Goods Station on the 15th September by the Poonasetah of Kathaveu Chetty, Dubash of Messrs. Scott & Co., who can give no information as he does not keep a register of Notes.

Whether efforts will be made to berace the holes, but in the mean time it seems to me desirable to report the fact.

Yours faithfully,
W. & E. Church
Traffic Manager.

P.S. With reference to the letter hand of the evidence of Mr. Smyth the Station Master, Mr Johnson the Chief Police Inspector reports "on my arrival from Ivor I called upon "Mrs Smyth and asked her to produce the "registered letter she received from her husband. "I perused the letter and the contents of the "same were such as not to create the least "suspicion".

W. & E. Church
Traffic Manager.

True Copy
Winifred Andrews.
Ag. Agent & Telegrapher.

Compositors

Ivor 11th September 1871

Statement of Mr Smyth Station Master Ivor

On the morning of the 8 September about ½ past 8 am I counted the previous days collections of Goods and Coaching Traffic. On my table in my room after counting the same, I put the money in the Canvas bag, and had the notes in my hand, I went into the booking office, with the notes and bag in my hand, Porter Coatty ally followed me. I closed the remittance in the Booking Office. The numbers of the notes were entered in the back of the remittance note, as well as the counterfoil, the counterfoil is in the hand writing of one Anthony who is at this Station wanting for an employment, which has been promised by Mr Chambers. but the remittance note was in my hand writing. I read out the nos of the notes to Anthony to enter on the counterfoil the notes were in my hand. I called for a pin Anthony gave me a pin, and I pinned the notes, Cash Order and Remittance note together which I then put in the Canvas bag. when the notes &c were being placed in the Canvas bag Anthony and Coatty ally were present, after which I locked the bag myself and had it in my hand, by this time the train was in I went myself to the Van, and deposited the Cash Bag as usual. the notes and money were counted by myself as usual. I have no witness to produce as to the amount that I put in the bag in silver as well as notes. This is the first time that anything helped me in

writing the Counterfoil of the remittance book as I read out to him, my reasons for getting Authoney's help that morning was owing to the train being in sight, and that my assistants Pichoo Iyer (absent sick) that morning. The note of 500 Rs. I got from one Murdeen, a Merchant of Tricor on the 2d September R. 25/32522. The other 3 notes R. 25/87986 R. 25/84833 and R. 25/87987 each for 100 Rs. I received from one Coryakeen Boyajee this also was received on the 2d.

I did send a registered letter on the morning of the 3d September to Madras to Mrs. Smyth the contents of which were two copies of Photographs from Cannanore and a Currency note for Rs 10. This was done previous to closing my remittance for that day.

Sd/ S. Smyth.

Tricor 11th September 1871

Statement of Anthoney Silva.

I am without employ. I was at this station for more than a year. I never saw Mr Smyth in making any returns and signalling when he ordered me to do so. The Counterfoil of the Remittance Note book of the 2d September is in my handwriting. I wrote the remittance note as well. I gave the book back to Mr Smyth, he then took the remittance note from the Counterfoil, after which he asked for a pin. I gave a pin to Mr Smyth which I had in my pocket which he took from me. I then

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came out of the Booking Office and did not enter in again. I did not see Mr Smyth put the notes and money in the Cash bag on that morning. I did not see him put the notes and Cash under together. I did not notice what Mr Smyth did as I left the office a little after this the train came in when Mr Smyth asked for a pin. I saw notes in his hand, he read out the nos. of the notes from the notes he had in his hand, and I wrote the same on the back of the Counter foil. I did not notice Mr Smyth go into the Van and deposit the Cash Bag on the 3d September

Sd/ Anthoney Silva

Tricor 11th September 1871

Statement of Cootyally Porter of Tricor

I am a Porter at this station on the morning of the 3d September I was not present when Mr Smyth put a Note or money in the Cash bag nor did I see him lock it. I saw Mr Smyth deposit the Cash Bag in the Train Cash Chest on the morning of the 3d September.

Examined by Mr Smyth.

I was taking the No: of the wagons when Mr Smyth called for a pin and I came and gave him a pin: he had Notes in his hand. I think it will be about four or five, after giving the pin I left the booking office

writing the Counterfoil of the remittance book as I read out to him, my reasons for getting Anthonys help that morning was owing to the train being in sight, and that my assistant Pichoo Iyer (absent sick) that morning. The note of 500 Rs. I got from one Nordeen, a merchant of Trivor on the 2d September B 28/32522. The other 3 notes B 25/87986 B 25/84833 and B 25/87987 each for 100 Rs. I received from one Coryan Kenu Coyajee this also was received on the 2d

I did send a registered letter on the morning of the 3d September to Madras to Mrs. Smyth the contents of which were two copies of Photographs from Cannanore and a Currency note for Rs 10. This was done previous to closing my remittance for that date.

Sd S. Smyth

Trivor 11th September 1871

Statement of Anthony Silva.

I am without employ. I join at this station for more than a year. I saw Mr Smyth in making any returns and signalling when he ordered me to do so. The Counterfoil of the Remittance Note book of the 3d September is in my handwriting. I wrote the remittance note as well. I gave the book back to Mr Smyth, he then took the remittance note from the Counterfoil, after which he asked for a pin. I gave a pin to Mr Smyth, which I had in my pocket which he took from me. I then

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came out of the Booking Office and did not enter in again. I did not see Mr Smyth put the notes and money in the Cash bag on that morning. I did not see him put the notes and Cash order together. I did not notice what Mr Smyth did as I left the office a little after this the train came in when Mr Smyth asked for a pin. I saw notes in his hand, he read out the No. of the notes from the notes he had in his hand, and I wrote the same on the back of the Counterfoil. I did not notice Mr Smyth go into the Van and deposit the Cash Bag on the 3 September

Sd Anthony Silva

Trivor 11th September 1871

Statement of Cootyally Porter of Trivor

I am a Porter at this Station on the morning of the 3d September I was not present when Mr Smyth put notes or money in the Cash bag nor did I see him lock it. I saw Mr Smyth deposit the Cash Bag in the Train Cash Chest on the morning of the 3d September.

Examined by Mr Smyth.

I was taking the No. of the wagons when Mr Smyth called for a pin and I came and gave him a pin: he had notes in his hand. I think it will be about four or five, after giving the pin I left the booking office

where Mr Smyth was about five or six minutes after this the train arrived. I think to the best of my belief I am not sure. It is customary for you to pin the notes to the remittance note and Cash order
Examined by me.

On the 3rd of September I did not see Mr Smyth put either the money or notes in the Cash bag, nor do I know anything of the matter except seeing the notes in Mr Smyth's hand.

W.J. Cooty alley.

New Coopoo Train Station.

I do not know any circumstance relating to Mr Smyth putting any notes or money in the Cash bag on the 3rd September nor did I see him put the Cash bag in the Train Cash Chest on the above date.

Examined by Mr Smyth.

I did look to see whether Mr Smyth would put the Cash bag into the Train Cash Chest or not. I was out of the Booking office when Mr Smyth called for a pin. I heard Mr Smyth call for a pin, I have none, I asked Cooty alley for one and handed it to Mr Smyth pins are used for pinning papers together generally you call for pins to pin remittance note with Cash Orders and notes.

I did not observe any notes in your hand when I brought you the pin. after which I came out of the booking office, the Train was near the bridge.

W.J. Coopoo.

/ True Copies /

Bousfield Anchester.

Ag. Agent & Manager.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

O. Smith Captain, RE,

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Madras, 30th September 1871.

Deputy Consg Engr. for Railways.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

P.W. 1871. Sept.

From A-4663

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

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

Dated 28th ult.

Received 29th September 1871.

No. 422.

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Submitting for the information of Govt, a letter received from the Agent & Manager of the S.I.R. Co, reporting the loss of four Currency notes amounting to Rs 800.

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Sept 29/71

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To The Actg Consulting Engr. for Railways

Dated.

Rcvd. Pad. 3

G. O. 25 Octr. No. 2711

Nos. 4084 & 4109

Lr & Currency vouchers

Railway. Recommg Consulting Engr's endorsement - submitting abstr & am the Agent & wanting reporting the Lr & vouchers to the value of Rs 800 on Treasr Calcutta