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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th November 1871.

No. 371. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th November 1871, No. 3,243:—

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that Local Fund Overseer Moocoondoo Naidoo, attached to Polur Range in the North Arcot District, has been convicted by the Joint Magistrate of Vellore on a charge of embezzlement, and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment, in addition to a fine of 100 Rupees.

One letter.

2. The circumstances connected with this charge are as follow:—

The Assistant Engineer of the Vellore Range having urgently applied for the services of a good Surveyor to aid him in surveying two or three new lines of important local roads which have long been projected, I instructed Ensign Bevan, the Assistant Engineer of the Polur Range, to transfer, temporarily, his Local Fund Overseer, Moocoondoo Naidoo, under the orders of the Vellore Range Officer.

3. On the eve of Moocoondoo Naidoo's departure, the charge of his office and of the local roads was given over to Mr. Beeby, an extra Imperial Overseer attached to the range, who, at this time, found everything correct, so far as the mere examination of the cash-book and accounts went; subsequently it was brought to Mr. Bevan's notice that certain entries in the cash-book, aggregating to Rupees 99-10-4, were false, as the amount was not paid to the parties concerned, who are still clamouring for payment, while a careful examination of the accounts with the station book showed beyond a doubt that the Local Fund Overseer had embezzled the money. The Overseer, in defence, offered the amount to Mr. Bevan, saying he entered it in the accounts as paid, but he intended to pay afterwards.

4. The matter having been reported to me, I at once suspended the Overseer, and instructed Mr. Bevan to send him up to the Joint Magistrate to take his trial before him, and the result, I regret to say, has ended in the conviction of Moocoondoo Naidoo, as already stated.

5. Mr. Bevan has since reported, in the accompanying original letter, that the fine of Rupees 100 has been paid by the Overseer, and that the Magistrate will remit to this department the embezzled money, namely, Rupees 99-10-4, only after the lapse of two months; meanwhile, I have authorized Mr. Bevan to disburse the amount to the coolies, etc., from his general funds.

6. I would recommend that certificates from the College should be cancelled, and his name published in the *Gazette* when the sentence is confirmed by higher authority.

No. 372. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1871, No. 2,940.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 42.

ORDERED to lie over.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 389. North Arcot District
No. 5 or Polur Range Office
Arnee 4th December 1871

From

W. L. Bevan Esqr.
Assistant Engineer Polur Range

To

The Superintending Engineer
4th Division

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Joint Magistrate has disposed of the Case against the Local fund overseer Moovendoo Naidoo by Sentencing him to 9 months Regorous imprisonment and to a fine of Rupees 100, the fine was paid at once; and the sum embezzled Rs. 99-10-4 will be made over to the Department after a laps of two months. In the

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Meantime I request your permission to disburse the Amount to the Coolies.

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

Assistant Engineer Palm Range

From The Asstt. Engineer
Palm Range
To The Supt. Engineer
4th Division
Dated 4th November 1871
Received 7 November 1871
P.M. 5:30 No. 2389
Enclosure None
Reporting that the charge of embezzlement preferred against Coral Land overseer Moorumdro Haidoo has been disposed of by the Joint Magistrate

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Supt. Jr. Engrs. Office N. Ter. Dy.
Madura 8th November 1871

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Colonel C. V. Wilkieson R. E.
Superintending Engineer N. Ter. Dy.

To,

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Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Your most obedient Servt

W. Wilkin Col.
Supt. Engr. & Dy. Gen.

P. W. 1871 Department.

From.

No. 5366.

The Superintending Engineer
4th Div.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Deptt.

Dated 8th November 1871

Rec'd 10th November 1871

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Ordered 24th Nov. 1871.

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been rather severe
in the sentence
he has passed
on this
native official
[illegible]

C- No- 5366.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

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To

Dated.

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G. O. No. 1871 No. 2940

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Answer Encouraged
Naidoo - Valour Range
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Extract from Govt. Proceedings
that the Answer has been
sanctioned by the Jail
Surgeon attached to the Range
& Commissariat Department.

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I mention the sanction
received in addition to
Fine £ 100 as ordered
by the Court.