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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th August 1872.*

No. 293. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 12th August 1872, No. 424 —

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 9th August 1872, No. 568.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of Government, the enclosed copy of a letter* from the Traffic Manager, and in doing so am induced to recommend, under the special circumstances of the case, that the claim preferred by Mrs Nepean against the Company be paid.

2 Mr. Church you will observe states that, in his opinion, Mrs. Nepean has no *legal* claim on the Company; but whatever may be the legal rights of the case, I think that, under all the circumstances, and considering that the theft was committed by a servant of the Company whose duty it was to protect the property of the passengers, that it will be good policy on the part of the Company to pay the claim, and I have the honour to request that I may be favoured with the sanction of Government for so doing.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 7th August 1872, No C/23,984-368

On the 4th April the Guard of the 3-30 P M mail train from Madras to Raichore reported that on the arrival of the train at Ghooty on the following morning, a first-class passenger (Mrs. Nepean) complained that her gold watch and chain had been stolen from the compartment which she occupied during the night. The matter was placed in the hands of the Deputy Police Inspector Harding of this department, who, after great perseverance, managed to get a clue to the robbery, and on receipt of his report the circumstances seemed to me sufficiently suspicious to justify my bringing the matter to the notice of the Commissioner of Police, and requesting his assistance to work up the evidence

2. The result was that an Engine Driver named "Large," who was a passenger in the same train, was committed to the Sessions, and on the 2nd instant Large pleaded "guilty," and was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

3. Mrs Nepean asks for compensation on the following grounds —

"1st — That at the time of the theft she was travelling in charge of the Railway Company.

"2nd — That the theft was committed by a servant of that Company"

In my opinion, Mrs Nepean has no *legal* claim on the Company; but taking all the circumstances into consideration, I think it would be a graceful act on the part of the Railway Company to give Mrs. Nepean what she asks for, namely, Rupees 185.

4 If the information given by "Large" be true, namely, that the watch was sold to a Native Vakeel at Cuddapah, who has since gone to England to study for the Bar, there may be some chance of recovering the watch, but the chain is said to have been thrown into a tank. On this point, however, I will communicate with the Commissioner of Police

SUBMITTED to Government with the recommendation that sanction be granted for the disbursement of the sum of Rupees 185.

2. The charge, like all ordinary claims for compensation, will be met from Revenue.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th August 1872.

No. 293A.

ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1872, No. 1,961.

RAILWAY, No. 44.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Examiner of Railway Accounts

Exd E. C. Shunker.

No. 568

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE

Madras, 9th August 1872.

From

Robert B. Elwin Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M. & C.

To

Lt Col J. Hall Shaw Stewart, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

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7 instant

I have the honour to forward for the information of Government the enclosed copy of a letter from the Agent and Manager and in doing so am induced to recommend under the special circumstances of the case that the claim proposed by Mr. K. P. S. against the Comp. may be paid. Mr. Church you will observe states that in his opinion Mr. K. P. S. has no legal claim on the Company but whatever may be the legal rights of the case I think that under all the circumstances and considering that the theft was committed by a servant of the Company whose duty it was to protect the property of the Passengers that it will be good policy on the part of the Company to pay the claim and I have the honour to request that it may be forwarded with the sanction of Government for so doing. I have the honour to be,

Yours obedient servant,
R. B. Elwin

Agent of all cases

Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras, 7 August 1872

To
The Agent and Manager
Madras Railway Enclaving

Dear Sirs

On the 4th April the guard of the 3.30 P.M. Mail Train from Madras to Raichore reported that on the arrival of the Train at Ghooty on the following morning, a First Class Passenger (Mrs. Shepard) complained that her Gold Watch and Chain had been stolen from the compartment which she occupied during the night. The matter was placed in the hands of the Deputy Police Inspector in charge of this Department who after great perseverance managed to get a clue to the robbery and on receipt of his report the circumstances seemed to me sufficiently suspicious to justify my bringing the matter to the notice of the Commissioner of Police and requesting his assistance to work up the evidence.

The result was that an engine Driver named "Lange" who was a Passenger in the same Train was committed to the Sessions and on the 2nd instant

MADRAS RAILWAY.
From
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 9th August 1872.
Recd. 10th August 1872.

No. 568

Forwarded copy of a letter from the Traffic Manager for the information of the Government & recommended by the same person against the Company be liable

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instant. Large pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 6 months rigorous imprisonment. Mrs. Nepean asks for compensation on the following grounds.

1st that at the time of the theft she was travelling in charge of the Railway Company.
2nd that the theft was committed by a servant of that Company.

In my opinion Mrs. Nepean has no legal claim on the Company but taking all the circumstances into consideration I think it would be a graceful act on the part of the Railway Company to give Mrs. Nepean what she asks for viz. Rupees 185.

Of the information given by Large he truly says that the watch was sold to a native Vakeel at Bredapah who had since gone to England to study for the Bar; there may be some chance of recovering the watch but the claim is said to have been thrown into a sack. On this point however I will communicate with the Commissioner of Police.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) H. L. French
Traffic Manager

(True copy)
W. J. K. W. L.
Agent and Manager

No 424

Submitted to Government
with the recommendation that
sanction be granted for the
disbursement of the sum of Rs 185.
The charge like all or-
dinary claims for compensation
will be met from Revenue.

Madras
12th Aug 1872

Submitted to
Lieut Col R. C.
Leongfort Railway

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.
Fort St George

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To The Consulting Eng^r
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Mrs. Keenan's pay.

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of a sum of Rs. 185 as
compensation for the
trouble & pain she has
been from her by an
Engine Driver of the
Madras Ry. Sanctioned.