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29th October 1873.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 485.	From the Consulting Architect to Govt., dated 13th June 1873, No. 404.
No. 486.	Do. do. do. „ 23rd „ „ „ 414.
No. 487.	Do. do. do. „ 24th „ „ „ 416.
No. 488.	Do. do. do. „ 16th Sept. „ „ 506.

No. 489. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1873, No. 2,642.

ACCOUNT, No. 41.

In consideration of the exertions which appear to have been made, and expense incurred, for the conviction of Draughtsman Vurdarajooloo, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the sum of Rupees 265-6-3 to be written off; but he resolves to inform the Consulting Architect that the Government have had considerable hesitation in thus writing off a loss which has arisen entirely through his neglect of an obvious duty, enforced by standing orders, that the holder of every cheque book shall take every precaution to keep it safely in his personal custody.

G. O., 31st March 1863, No. 802.
„ 11th Oct. 1869, „ 3,273A.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Architect.
„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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N^o 404

Consulting Architects Office ³⁰
Madras 13 June 1873

From

R. H. Chisholm Esq. F.R.S.B.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

To

Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government. P.H.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that my
Second draughtsman by name Mr. Veradarajulo
haidoo left office the day before yesterday
carrying with him the public Cheque book
and that he cashed a cheque for Rupees
461 0 0 probably an hour after.
The cheque unfortunately was signed by me
in order to clear off Mr. J. J. accounts in favor
of a wood contractor who had omitted to
call for his money. Hence he had only to
forge the man's name on the back.

The Draughtsmen and writers work
in the same Office and in the middle
of the day leave for an hour or so for
tiffin. This draughtsman who remained
in office after the rest did not return
after tiffin but as the man has reported

himself sick lately not much notice was taken of the circumstance. On arriving at office yesterday morning the writer reported to me the loss of the cheque book. I at once wrote to the Bank to stop payment and after instituting a search for the missing book informed the bank that the book had been stolen. In the meantime I learnt from the Bank that ^{the} cheque mentioned above had been presented and paid. I at once placed the matter in the hands of the police and the Inspector is of opinion that there will be no difficulty in tracing the draughtsman.

I may mention that the man to all appearance was a quiet young fellow who had been with me upwards of six years.

I will report further of the progress the police authorities make towards his discovery.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. servant.

R. F. Christy
Consulting Archt to Govt.

1873
No. 404
N. 3461

From
The Consulting Architect
to Government

To
The Secretary
to Govt. P. R. I.

Dated 13 June 1873
Received by
Ch. Engineer
Dated 18 June 1873
Reports the theft
of cheque book by a
draughtsman.

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No. 414
Consulting Architect's Office
Madras 23 June 1873

From
R. F. Chisholm Esq. F.R.S.A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.
To
Colonel J. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P. R. I.

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo No. 230 dated the 18 June and in reply beg to state that the cheque book was usually with my writer, who kept it locked up at night in a Stationery box. On the day when the theft occurred the writer had just written and obtained my signature to a cheque, and afterwards put the book in his desk drawer, and it was not until the following morning that he remembered the fact of omitting to lock it up. Payments are as a rule made to contractors direct by cheque, and not through subordinates in accordance with the instructions in the Manual.

The theft was a bold one quite impossible to prevent. I hope to be able to report

h in a day or two that the draughtsman
to Mr. Viradajulo Saidoo is in safe custody
a although I have not much hope of
re recovering any of the property. The police
b lost all trace of him after escape but
c my own people have discovered his
d whereabouts to a certainty and his
e arrest should be effected either today
f or tomorrow.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedt servt

W. C. Cushman

Consulting Architect to Govt.

Consulting Architects Office
Madras 24 June 1873

R. F. Chisholm Esq: F. R. S. B. A.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

Colonel G. H. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Govt. P. H. Q.

I have the honor to state in continuation
of my letter No. 414^X dated the 23^d instant
that Draughtsman Varadarajuloo was
arrested yesterday in Madura and
made over to the Police Authorities

Your most Obedt^t servant

C. W. Custer.
Consulting Architect to Govt.

From No 3629.
The Consulting Archt.
to Government.

The Secretary
to Govt. P.H.D.

Dated 23^d June 1873
Received 24 ———

Regarding the draughtsmen
who stole a Paper #61

№ 2642-29 акт/70.

June 10th 1869
 Hon. Secy. of War
 Wash. D.C.
 Dear Sir:
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the application of the 1st of March 1869 for the appointment of a Surgeon General.
 The same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
 Very respectfully,
 Wm. A. Rorer
 Asst. Secy. of War
 No 486
 Resp^d to Caty - 24 June 73

From
P. F. Schischolm Esq. F.R.S. &c.
Consulting Architect to Govt.
L.
Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

his,

In Continuation of my letter dated
the 24th June 1873. I have the honor to state that
Varadarajooloo labi draughtsman in my
Office was found guilty of theft and on the
22nd of July 1873 was sentenced by Captain
Belden to undergo 2 years rigorous imprisonment.

Foradarajooloo, it will be remem-
bered stole my cheque Book from the writer's
desk while the latter was away at Siffen. He
then proceeded to the bank and cashed a
cheque for Rupees 400 " 1 " 6. The theft was
discovered on the following morning and
the matter placed in the hands of the Police.
As the Prisoner could not be traced be-
yond the Railway Station, I offered a
reward of 100 Rs. to one of my Ponds who felt
confident of tracing him further. The
result was the arrest of Foradarajooloo
by the instrumentality of the Ponaikalladura
on the 23rd of June 1873.

The Sum Stolen was Rupees 46000 of which Rupees 19400 in cash and property

P. H. 1873 Richard
No. 960 in 4th lot
from 10/23646.

*the Knolly Architect
to Government*

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The Secretary
24 West 4th St.

Dated 24 June 1895.
 Received 25 —————

W. H. Woodruff

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property were recovered by the Police, leaving
a total loss of Pounds 265-6-3.

As I am already out of pocket
Pounds 110 by the payment of rewards and as
it was impossible by any amount of pre-
caution to have prevented such a theft, I
would beg permission to write off the loss
of Pounds 265-6-3. Done.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

C. A. Christie

Consulting Architect to Her
Majesty the Queen

Respectfully acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above matter, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
C. A. Christie

Very truly,
Yours,
C. A. Christie

P.D. 1843, Depart
From No 5119.
The Consult. Architect
to Government

To the Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.

Dated 16th 2 Sept 1873.
Received 18th Sept 1873.
No 506.

Report of Suradarup.
Draughtsmans Case.

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Recd to City 18 Sept 73

No 2642-29 Oct 73.

Letter from Consulting Architect dated 16 Sept
1873, No 506

Submitted for review
No pass the loss & P.M.
and loss in the public acc.
in consideration of the extent
made and expense incurred
in buying the Criminal
justice

On 10th Nov Mr. C. H. K.
Mr. H. L. L. had considered
less than in this writing off
a loss that has arisen in
this his respect of a
duty - that of keeping his Public
Cheque Book - his personal
charge - so obvious that he
need scarcely be reminded

of - 7/10 J. H. L.

Three orders clearly contain
plate that the holder of
every cheque book shall
take every precaution to
keep it safely in his
personal custody. Mr.
Chisholm would appear,
however, to be in the habit
of leaving his Cheque book
with his Writer. And unless
personal responsibility be
enforced similar losses will

not be of unfrequent occurrence.

There has been considerable delay in reporting the result of the Draughtsman's trial.

He was found guilty on the 22nd July. A report of the circumstance was made, until the 16th September.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes, possibly a list or ledger, with some words like 'M. M. M.', 'P. M.', 'Q. M.', 'R. M.', 'S. M.', 'T. M.', 'U. M.', 'V. M.', 'W. M.', 'X. M.', 'Y. M.', 'Z. M.' visible.]

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Learn,

The Cong. Architect } (H. E. No 404 of 13 June 1903)
B. Govt. } (H. E. No 414 of 23rd Dec)
" do } (H. E. No 416 of 24th Dec)
" do } (H. E. No 506 of 16 Sept)
" do }

[Handwritten initials/signature]
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In consideration of the exertions which appear to have been made, and of the price incurred, for the correction of Draughtsman Vindaragoolos, N. E. the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the sum of Rs 25. 6. 3 to be written off; but he reserves the right to the Consulting Architect.

that the Government have
had considerable hesitation
in thus writing off a
loss which has arisen
entirely through his neglect
of an obvious duty, enforced
by standing orders, that
the holder of every cheque
book shall take every
precaution to keep it
safely in his personal
custody.

AMW

L. A. 31 March 1882
" 11 Oct 1882 - 32732

To the Town Architect
Cante

N^o 485. 89. I.C. dated 4/11/73

Robert [unclear]

125119, 3646, 3629 & 3461
Govt. of 1873 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

1. The Hon. Mr. Secretary to the Government of Madras

Date

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 29th Dec 1873, No. 2642.

Nos. 483 & 489

Draughtsman Vurdarajodoo,
Chief Architects' Office.

Refer to orders on letters
from the Chief Architect
reporting the arrest &
conviction of the draughts-
man requesting per-
mission to withdraw of
Rs. 25-6-3 being irre-
coverable portion of the
amount due.