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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th July 1874.

No. 276-A. Read the following letter from Captain H. M. VIBART, R.E., District Engineer, Bangalore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 2nd July 1874, No. 58:—

I HAVE the honor to report that the Cantonment Magistrate delivered his judgment yesterday evening in the case of Government *vs.* T. Masilamoney Pillay. He pronounced him guilty of criminal breach of trust by a public servant on all four counts, and sentenced him to twelve months' rigorous imprisonment. As soon as I receive a copy of the judgment I will forward it.

2. Since instituting these proceedings against my late Head Accountant, I have found out several more similar cases against him. In only one of these cases does the money appear to be wanting.

3. It appears that a Mrs. Prout was entitled to Rupees 60, as rent for her house for September and October 1872.

4. This amount was entered in cash book as paid on 29th November 1872, but Mrs. Prout is prepared to swear she did not receive the money, the more so that she was not in Bangalore when the money was alleged to have been paid.

5. I wish to know if it would be desirable to frame a fresh charge against him on this account, with the view of recovering the money. As Government have obtained a conviction it is perhaps hardly worthwhile to press the matter; but it seems to me that the amount of Rupees 60 must be paid to Mrs. Prout.

6. I therefore request you will be so good as to give me authority to pay this amount to Mrs. J. Prout.

7. I do not know if any pay due to the late Head Accountant may be retained to meet this charge, but as he was not suspended till 25th May he is entitled to twenty-five days' pay, or Rupees 48-6-2.

No. 276-B. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1874, No. 1,898-A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23A.

THE District Engineer will be called upon to explain under what circumstances the Accountant of his office was permitted to make such cash payments as he describes in his letter of the 2nd July 1874, No. 58.

2. The District Engineer, it is inferred, passed unquestioned the cash book entry of a payment of Rupees 60 to Mrs. Prout, since all entries are, under the rules of the department, subject to periodical check by the Range Officer. But on making his examination the voucher in support of the charge should of course have been called for, and if this had been done it is difficult to see how such a fraud could have escaped detection.

3. Under any circumstances however the disbursement of such sums by Captain Vibart's Accountant was irregular, seeing that the rules of the department enjoin that payments are to be made as far as possible by cheque from the officer in charge.

Vide paragraph 2, Section I., Manual of Accounts.

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14th July 1874.

4. The Government postpone their decision on the points raised by the District Engineer in his letter, till they receive a copy of the decision and the report now called for.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bangalore.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 58 DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Bangalore 2nd July 1874

From

The District Engineer,

Bangalore.

To.

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

Madras

Sir

I have the honor to report that the Cantonment Magistrate delivered his judgment yesterday evening in the case of Government versus Masilamoney Pillay. He pronounced him guilty of Criminal Breach of trust by a Public Servant on about four counts, and sentenced him to 12 months rigorous imprisonment. I shall soon as I receive a copy of the judgment I will forward it. Since nothing of the proceedings against my late Head Accountant I have found out several more similar

cases against him. In only one of these cases does the money appear to be wanting.

It appears that a Mrs Pront was entitled to 60 Rs as rent for her house for September and October 1872.

This amount was entered in Cash book as paid on 29 November 1872, but Mrs Pront is prepared to swear she did not receive the money, the reason is that she was not in Bangalore when the money was alleged to have been paid.

I wish to know if it would be desirable to frame a fresh Charge against him on this account with the view of recovering the money. As Govt have abandoned a Conviction it is perhaps hardly worth while to press the matter, but it seems to me that the amount of 60 Rs must be paid to Mrs Pront.

I therefore request you will be so good as to give me authority to pay this amount to Mrs J. Pront.

I do not know if any pay due to the late Head Accountant may be retained to meet this Charge, but as he was not suspended till 25 May, he is entitled to 25 days pay or Rs 48-6-2

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Alexr Gilbert Captain RE
District Engineer, Bangalore

P. W. 1874 Dept.
Proceedings 30th July 1874
No. 4043
From
The District Engineer
Bangalore
To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D. Madras
Dated 2d July 1874
Recd 3d ...
Reporting that a
Accountant in the Office
of D. E. Accountant
has been delivered
yesterday
G.O. No. 1898 A 14-7-74.

Public Works Departt.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

G.O. No. 1898 A dated 14th July 1874 — Read the following

From The Dt Engineer Bangalore (the Letter No. 58 dated 2d July 1874)

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The Dt. Engineer will be called upon to explain under what circumstances the accountant of his Office was permitted to make such cash payments as he describes in his letter of the 2d July 1874 No. 58.

2. The Dt. Engineer it is inferred passed unquestioned

unquestioned the Cash book entry of a payment of Rs. 60 to Mrs Ronk, since all entries are under the rules of the Department subject to periodical check by the Range Officer. But on making his examination the voucher in support of the charge should of course have been called for and if this had been done it is difficult to see how such a fraud could have escaped detection.

3. Under any circumstances however the disbursement of such sums by Capt. Ward's accounts was irregular - being that the rules of the Department require that payments are to be made as far as possible by Cheque from the Office in charge.

4. The Govt: postpone their decision on the points raised by the Dy. Engineer

Vide para 2 Section I. Manual of Accounts.

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in his letter, till they receive the report now called for.

Encl.

A Sh of the deceased.

To The Dt Regr Bangalore

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Dated Coorg 18th July 174-

Rec'd 11/7/74 Reb 14/7/74

In-S- default to D Regr Bangalore
N.C. dated 8/8/74 14/7/74

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr Dist. Engr.
Bangalore

Dated

Read. Fwd.

G. O., 14th July 1874, No. 1898

Nos. 276 A-276 B.

T. Basilamoney
late Asst Accountant
Bangalore.

The Dist Engr called upon to explain the circumstances under which the Accountant was permitted to make cash payments, such as that for House rent referred to in the case of Mr Prout. Further consideration of the proceedings pending re