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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th July 1876. No. 1,756.*

No. 177. Read the following letter from Major H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 16th June 1876, No. 937 :—

I HAVE the honor to report that on the 22nd October last Lascar Ruthnam, of the establishment of the Overseer on the Palar bridge, absconded with a sum of Rupees 87.

2. This Lascar was sent to cash a cheque for the pay* of the previous month, and went in company with a Lascar sent by Mr. Vincent to cash another cheque. The two men left the treasury together; Ruthnam then said he was going to his house for food, but he disappeared, taking the money with him. Information was

Pay of Overseer	RS. 60
„ of Writer	15
„ of two Lascars	12
Total	87

given to the Police, but it is only lately that the Lascar has been apprehended, and a sentence of six months' imprisonment has been inflicted.

3. The usual course was followed of a Lascar being sent for the money; and it has been the misfortune of the Overseer, rather than his fault, that the robbery was effected. The Overseer is, in reality, responsible for the pay of his Writer and the other Lascar, while he has, at the same time, lost his own pay.

4. In asking for the orders of the Government, I beg to recommend that, under the circumstances, and considering that the crime has been traced out and punished, the Government will allow the disbursement of salary to the Overseer and his establishment, the charge being treated as a contingent item of expenditure on the Palar bridge works.

No. T/452.

REFERRED to the Examiner.

(Signed) W. T. F. FAREWELL, Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

26th June 1876.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1876, No. 1,756.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 14-A.

THE District Engineer's recommendation is approved, and the sum in question, less Rupees 7 the Lascar's own pay, will be written off to Profit and Loss, Provincial.

2. It is presumed that officers and subordinates are in the habit of employing trustworthy men as Lascars.

3. In future, all reports of such losses must be made immediately on their occurrence.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To District Engineers.
„ the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.
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must be reduced by the amount
of pay due to him -

Has no previous report
been submitted to Govt. with
regard to this loss? If not,
the matter should be inquired
into, as it appears to me
that some one, dishonest;
Sec. Officer, or Subordinate is
very much to blame for not
having done so.

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I do not know who
else can be sent
but Lashkars - The
practice is quite
common, & not
in my opinion
objectionable -

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or what are the rules on the
subject -

The custom admitted; - Was
Rathnam an old servant of
good character, an old ruffian,
or a man recently engaged?
There is no evidence to show
whether the Overseer acted with
reasonable prudence, or not.

If he did take ordinary precautions,
the loss would be due to the
practice itself & not to the way
it was carried out, and in
this case, the responsibility
under the Madras P.W. Code
IV. 4. 11. clearly lies with
the Sec. Agent or Officer -

The amount that requires
to be admitted is not stated
clearly. If Rathnam was one
of the 'Lashkars' on the Estab^t,
the sum mentioned viz Rs 87

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OF MADRAS.

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CONTROLLER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, July 2nd 1876.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

Mr.

(1352)

The amount of this loss, if admitted, must be debited to Profit & Loss, Provincial - the division concerned is Provincial & its suspense balances follow suit.

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Genl. No.

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But whether the amount should be admitted, there is in my opinion hardly information enough to show - It is said to be the usual custom to send laskars on 6/1. a month about with money, but there is nothing to show whether the practice is authorized by Govt.

NORTH ARCOT,

District Engineer's Office,

Vellore 16th June 1876.

No. 937.

From

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,

NORTH ARCOT,

To

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Madras.

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Sir

Your most obedient Servant
H. W. S. Major R.E.

District Engineer &c. &c.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 11 July/76.

Read the following:—

From
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The District Engineer
North Arcot
The Secy. to Government
Public Works Dept.
Madras.
Dated 16th June 1876.
No 937.
Requests sanctioned
for the disbursement of
Rs 87 being the pay of the
Saccar & his establishment
of the Palam bridge works
which was advanced by
a Saccar attached to it.

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To

The District Engineer.

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G. O., 11 July 1876, No. 1756

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Robbery by Vaseer

Rattanam of No. 87

North Arcot District

Passing orders on
letter from the S. Eng.
reporting the

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