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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	16-4-	1877.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th April 1877. No. 1,286.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 352. From W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch, dated Dindigul, 9th March 1877, No. 4,819.

In continuation of my letter to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, No. 4,508, dated 13th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copies of the Madura Range Officer's No. 3,695, dated 3rd instant, regarding the loss of Government money entrusted to a Lascar on the establishment of the Overseer in temporary charge of the Zemindary Sub-division, and of my reply No. 4,782 to Mr. Paynter dated 6th instant. His answer to the latter will be submitted when received.

From L. W. PAYNTER, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura Division, to W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, dated Camp at Maylore, 3rd March 1877, No. 3,695.

In reference to your No. 4,510, dated 14th ultimo, and to the last paragraph of my No. 3,523, dated 19th idem, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter No. 489, dated 21st idem, from Overseer Mr. Fonseca, regarding the loss of Government money.

2. He states that the Rupees 300 he sent for to Shenagunah was wanted for expenditure in laying out the road from Kamoody to Virudaputty and to replenish his cash-chest. I do not consider he need have sent for near such a large sum; and though I saw him early on the morning of the first, the day he says he sent for the money, he did not mention having sent for it nor asked me if I considered it necessary for him to send for money to pay coolies, &c., employed in laying out the line of road, which he should have done knowing it was probable he should be ordered to return to his legitimate duties within a very short time, and that in that case it would not be necessary for him to make payments. Your letter No. 4,279, dated 31st January last, sanctioning his return to Ramnad was received by me on the afternoon of the 2nd February 1877; he left the next night, and the payments to the coolies were made by Sub-Overseer Chedumberum Pillai by my orders. The total amount due was only Rupees 21-9-4. The Overseer states that the balance, Rupees 278-6-8, was required to "replenish" his cash-chest, but I really cannot see with what object unless it was to be able to pay himself his salary.

3. He states that he ordered the money to be taken to Arruppocottah, because he proposed to go there to mark out the line, but he knew from me on the morning of the 1st that it was unnecessary for him to go there.

4. I certainly do not agree with the Overseer in considering the statement made by Lascar Saidu as probable, and I should recommend that a judicial examination should be made of what he has to say.

5. Mr. Fonseca gives the man Nagalingum a good character; but I have heard since in Madura that he has been known to the Police for some time, and is "wanted" by that department for reasons unconnected with this subject.

6. This letter of Mr. Fonseca's now forwarded is dated 21st ultimo, but it was not received here till the 27th; I had left some hours previously to give evidence in a Government suit at Madura, as reported in my No. 3,693, dated this day, and did not return here till late on the 1st.

From W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to L. W. PAYNTER, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura Range, dated Camp at Dindigul, 6th March 1877, No. 4,782.

Your No. 3,695, dated 3rd instant.

With reference to the above I have the honor to state that, as suggested by you in paragraph 4, Lascar "Saidu" should be judicially examined, and to request that you will be

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good enough to report the result of such examination with a view to afford complete information to Government on the subject. Copy of Mr. Paynter's letter regarding the unnecessarily large amount of money drawn by the Overseer will be forwarded to Government, and I request that you will call upon him to state if the amount said to be required to replenish his cash-chest was not in reality drawn that he might disburse his salary to himself.

No. 352-A. From W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch, dated Teroomangalam, 28th March 1877, No. 5,030.

As promised in my No. 4,819 of the 9th instant, I have the honor to forward, for

- 1 Copy of the Madura Range Officer's No. 3,906, 21st March 1877.
- 1 Copy of Overseer Mr. Fonseca's No. 511, 12th March 1877.
- 1 Tamil deposition given by Lascar Saidu in the presence of the Sub-Magistrate of Madura, dated 19th March 1877, with its translation.

your consideration and orders, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Madura Range, No. 3,906 of the 21st idem, with two enclosures, furnishing further information in connection with the sum of Rupees 150 lost by Overseer Mr. Fonseca. With regard to Mr.

Paynter's letter touching the necessity alleged by the Overseer for drawing so large a sum it would appear that none such existed, and that he only did so to allow of his disbursing his salary to himself; the cheque would also seem to have been ante dated. Lascar "Saidu's" account of the escape of the actual culprit "Nagalingum" appears to me to be a very lame and incredible one, and he may for anything shown to the contrary have connived at the theft. A Police warrant is out and has been for weeks past for the apprehension of "Nagalingum," who I understand was a proclaimed offender on the Police sheet long before he applied to Overseer Fonseca for employment; but in any case the Overseer was clearly wrong in allowing as his Lascar's companion when he was entrusted with Government money a man of whose antecedents he knew no more than that he was once a Lascar in the District Office. Had he been a Lascar at the time or held any other situation he would not of course have been seeking employment in the Ramnad Zemindary.

From L. W. PAYNTER, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura Division, to W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 21st March 1877, No. 3,906.

I HAVE the honor to forward, in reply to your letter No. 4,782, dated 6th instant, a copy

- 1 Copy of a deposition.
- 1 Copy of Overseer's letter No. 511, dated 12th March 1877.

2. Mr. Fonseca in his report* of the loss stated that he sent the Lascar away from Mandapalay with the cheque on the 1st ultimo, but the Lascar states he was sent away on a

Wednesday and that would be the 31st January 1877. On reference to the counterfoil in the cheque book and to the Overseer's accounts the cheque is dated the 1st February 1877; but I think the Overseer has not entered the correct date in the cheque, possibly owing to a mistake, because if he had not sent the Lascar away before the 1st he would have known from met early

* No. 469 of the 7th ultimo.

† No. 3,695, date 3rd instant, paragraph 3.

that morning that it was not necessary for him to go to Arupucottah, and he would not have told the Lascar to meet him there.

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3. I have also the honor in regard to the latter part of your letter under reply to forward a copy of a letter from the Overseer stating that his only object in sending for the money was to replenish his cash-chest; but, as stated by me before, I do not see why he wanted money in his cash-chest, as all payments he had to make could have been paid by cheques.

From Mr. J. F. FONSECA, Overseer in charge Zemindary Sub-division, to L. W. PAYNTER, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura Division, dated Paumben, 12th March 1877, No. 511.

With reference to your memorandum No. 3,762, dated 8th March 1877, I beg to state that the cheque was drawn with no other object but to replenish my cash-chest which it was absolutely necessary to do as every day was taking me further from the treasuries in which I had any transaction. If the amount were unexpended till the receipt of orders to pay myself for January last, I should have certainly paid myself from the amount.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1877, No. 1,286.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

OVERSEER FONSECA is, in the opinion of the Government, chiefly responsible for the loss of the money, and it will be matter for further consideration whether he shall not be called upon to bear that loss in part.

2. The District Engineer should dispense with the services of Lascar Saidu under suspicion of collusion with the man who has absconded. And he will report after a month has elapsed if he is of opinion that the stolen money should be written off to Profit and Loss or otherwise.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunke.
Spare Copies

No 3695

Madras Division Office
Camp Meylan 31 March 1877

From

The Executive Engineer
Madras Division

To

The District Engineer
Madras

Sir

Encl-1

I refer to your No. 4510
dated 14th Vilhins. & to the last para of my No.
3523 dated 13th idem. I have the honor to
forward the accompanying copy of a letter No.
489 dated 21st idem from Overseer Mr. Fonseca
regarding the loss of Government money.

2. He states that the Rupees 300 he
sent for to Chevagnugah was wanted for expen-
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having sent for it nor asked me if I considered
it necessary for him to send for money to pay
coolies &c employed in laying out the line
of road, which he should have done knowing
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3. He states that he ordered the money to be taken to Arrupposattah because he proposed to go there to mark out the line, but he knew from me on the morning of the 1st that it was unnecessary for him to go there.

4. I certainly do not agree with the Overseer in considering the statement made by Kassar as probable; & I should recommend that a judicial examination should be made of what he has to say.

5. Mr. Fonseca gives the man Naga, Nigam a good character, but I have heard since in Madras that he has been

known to the Police for some time and is "wanted" by that department for reasons unconnected with this subject.

6. This letter of Mr. Fonseca's now forwarded, is dated 2nd February but it was not received here till the 27th, I had left some hours previously to give evidence in a Government suit at Madras as reported in my no. 3693 dated this day and did not return here till late on the 1st.

Shree J. H.
107. L. W. Paynter
Executive Engineer
Madras Division

107/107/1
W. Harrington
District Engineer, Madras.

No. 4732

District Engineer's Office
Camp Dindigul 6th March 1877

From The District Engineer
Madurai

To The Executive Engineer
Madurai Range

Your No. 3695 dated 3rd instant

Sir,

With reference to the above,
I have the honor to state that as
suggested by you in para 4 & encas
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might disburse his salary to

S.W.D.
12th 1877
2616

Encls: 1. in a letter from the
District Engineer Madurai
to the Secy. Engineer
P.M.D. No. 45794/9-3-77

Copy of Madurai
Range Officer's letter

4016: April 77 B No. 352

himself.

I have from

D.W.D.

12th 1877

2610

(Signed)

W. S. Harrington

District Engineer

Madras

(True copy)

W. S. Harrington

District Engineer, Madras

16th April 1877 No. 352

Copy of D. S. S. 16th to the Madras P.O.

Order 2 in a letter from the District Engineer Madras to the Chief Engineer P. N. D. No. 4519-3-77.

General

No. 4519.

From,

District Engineer's Office

Dindigul 9th March 1877.

Despatch 9th — 80.

W. S. Harrington Esq.

District Engineer, Madras.

To,

Lieutenant Colonel J. Mullins P. B.

Chief Engineer, P. N. D., Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter to the Secretary to Government, D. P. N. No. 4508 dated 13th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copies of the Madras Range Officer's No. 3695 dated 3rd Instant regarding the loss of Government money entrusted to a Lascar in the establishment of the Overseer in temporary charge of the Zaminidary Sub Division, and of my reply No. 4782 to Mr. Paynter dated 6th Instant. His answer to the latter will be submitted when received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedt. servt.

W. S. Harrington

District Engineer, Madras

Madura Division Office
Madura 21st March 1877

No. 3706.

From

The Executive Engineer,
Madura Division, I

To,

The District Engineer,
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, in reply to your letter No. 4782 dated 6th Instant, a copy, signed by the Town Sub-Magistrate, of a deposition made before him by lascar Saidoo regarding the loss of money in the Sub-division.

Enclosure 2
1. Copy of a deposition
1. 2^d of overseer's letter
No. 511
12.5.77

No. 469 of the
7th ultimo.

2. Mr. Fonseca in his report of the loss stated that he sent the lascar away from Mandapasarai with the cheque on the 12th ultimo, but the lascar states he was sent away on a Wednesday and that would be the 31st January 1877. On reference to the counterfoil in the Cheque book and to the Overseer's accounts the cheque is dated the 12th February 1877, but I think the Overseer has not entered the correct date in the cheque, possibly owing to a mistake, because if he had not sent the lascar away before the first he would have

RECEIVED
12th 1877
No. 2616

Madura

From

The District Engineer,
Madura

To
The Chief Engineer,
Q.N.S.

Madras

Dated 9th March 1877
Recd 9th

Encl. 2
12.5.77

Forwarded certain

Correspondence regarding

the loss of Government

money at the Mandapasarai

and the

16th April 77 J.B. 352

10-4-77

Encls. 3 in a letter from
The District Magistrate
to The Chief Commr. P.W.D.
No. 5030 of 28-3-77.

Copy of Madras
officer's letter.

l, @ 16th April/77. B.R. 352

17th March 1877.
(Before Kasaridasa Pillay, Madras Town Magistrate
of the 2nd Class.)
Deposition given on oath by Saidoo of
Pannathu, Madurai District, a lascar attached
to the office of the Zaminidary Sub Division.

In the month of January 1877
(exact date cannot be recollected) Mr. Fonseca
the Sub Division officer was one day at the village
of Mandasipalay, Ramondy Talook. That day was
Wednesday. A cheque to the value of Rs. 300 was
given by Mr. Fonseca to his writer Moorijasa
Moodithir who handed it over to one Nagalingam
(who is absent) to be given to one Chithambaram
Pillay at Shervangah to get the sum of Rs. 300
from the Submagistrate of that place thro'
the pillay. He induced me to accompany him
and carry the money. We both started at
2 P.M. of Wednesday and reached Shervangah
on Thursday. Chithambaram Pillay has
obtained the money from the Submagistrate's
office on Friday & despatched us both at
6 A.M. of Saturday entrusting each with
the sum of Rs. 150 for the sake of safety.
According to the instructions received from Mr.
Fonseca we both started on at once to go to Arapur.

-cottah. When we were coming along the south road after crossing the river and were within the distance of a call to the east of Ladanai thel I went to ease myself. He said Nagalingam stopped on the road under the shadow of a tree before my sight. Then the time will be 2-30 P.M. I went down a well about that place to wash myself and on my coming up I found the said Nagalingam missing. I came to the road, even there he was not to be seen. Without knowing which way to go I pursued a track to the south of the road that led me to Manganoor where I slept that night. The next Sunday morning at 10.0'clock I came to Perioochy. There was then Mr. Fonseca. I gave him the amount of Rs. 150 which I carried and informed him that the said Nagalingam had disappeared. Since then the said Nagalingam is not to be seen. I did not report the fact to the village authorities of either Ladanai thel or Manganoor. As I knew not the way it happened that I should go to Perioochy via Manganoor, instead of Moorucottah as was ordered. He said Cheque was not given to me first. The writer Moorogasa Moodella gave it to

Nagalingam. The time when the cheque was so given will be about 1 P.M. It was about the end of January but the exact date cannot be called to the mind. —

(Signed) — This mark Saidoo

Sworn before me this 19th March 1877.

(Signed) Kasudera Pillay.
Magistrate 2nd Class.

(True Translation)

H. Harrington

District Engineer,
Madras.

Encls: 2 in a letter from
the District Engineer
to the Chief Engineer, OGD
No 5030 Apr 28-3-77.

Palmer

from the Treasurer in which I had ^{signed} my
transaction. If the amount were unexpected
till the receipt of orders to pay myself for
January last I should have certainly paid
myself from the amount.

I have + 22
Signed J. F. House
Cassier in charge
Treasurer, Sub Div.

True copy.
Signed L. M. Paynter
Chief Engineer
Machina Division.

True copy.
W. Harrington
District Engineer
Machina

Translation of the
Deposition

L. C. Bishop, J. B. L. 352

Encl.

Sub-Division Office
Punjab 12 March 177.
No. 511.

From,

The Executive ch.
Laminatory Sub-Div.
To
The Executive Engineer
Madras Division

Sir,

With reference to
your Memo No. 3762, I
8.3.77
beg to state that the
Cheque was drawn with
no other object but to
replenish my cash
chest which it was
absolutely necessary to
do as every day was
taking me further

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Encls: 4. in a letter
from the Dist Engr.
Madras to the Chief Engr.
P. W. D. No. 5030 of 28.3.77

Copy of 2nd sub
Dist Engr's letter.

4015th April 77 JBR:352

General.

No. 5030

N/W Engr.

District Engineer's Office

Seringumalai 28th March 1877.

Despatch 28th Dec.

W. L. Harrington Esq. Th.
District Engineer, Madras.

To:
Lieutenant Colonel J. Mullins R.E.
Chief Engineer, P. W. D.
Madras.

Sir,

Encls: viz:
1. Copy of the Madras
Range Officer's No. 396b
21st March 1877.
1. No. of Overseer
Mr. Fonseca's No. 511
of 12.3.77.
1. Samuel's deposition
given by Laseor
in the presence
of the Sub-magistrate
of Madras dated 19th
March 1877 with its
translation.

As promised in my No. 4819 of
the 7th instant I have the honor to forward
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-ation he would not of course have been
seeking employment in the Ramnad
Zemindary. - I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient

W. Hamilton

District Engineer

Madurai

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General

From.

The District Engineer,
Madras

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Deptt
Madras.

Dated 28 March 1877.

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No 5030.

Forwards certain
correspondence regarding
the loss of Govt. money
by the Engineer Sub Officer.

By O. B. April 77 No. 352A

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16 April 77
Read the following:—

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From the District Engineer Madras H.B. No 4819 d/9th March 1877.
From the District Engineer Madras H.B. No 5030 d/28th March 1877

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in the opinion of the Government
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D. E. Madras
By J. M. A. S.
D. O. 15-4-77

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To The D. C. Madras

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Nos. 352-353

*Loss of Government money
Reports from Passing
orders on letters from the
District Engineer Madras
giving further particulars
regarding the —*

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