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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th August 1878, No 3,274 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers:—

No 196 From Major J PENNYCUICK, R E, District Engineer, Salem, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 7th May 1878, No 37 SL.

I HAVE the honor to report that the cash-chest of Mr Newton, Assistant Engineer, Salem Taluk, was stolen from his house on the night of the 4th instant.

2 It appears that the box was stolen from the room adjacent to that in which Mr Newton himself was sleeping, and the theft must have been committed by some one with special knowledge, as he had that evening placed in the cash-chest a sum of Rupees 600 for use the next day in payment of the coolies on the Womalore-Toppoor road.

3. The sum stolen was Rupees 600, of which Rupees 70 was in copper and the rest in small silver.

4. The box has since been found in a field about a mile from here on the road to the railway station.

5. The matter has, of course, been placed in the hands of the Police, but no clue to the detection of the thieves has yet been found.

No 196-A. From the same Officer, dated Salem, 22nd May 1878, No 55 SL.

In reply to your No 2,100, dated 11th May 1878, I have the honor to state that it does not appear that any special precautions were taken by Mr Newton.

2. During the night he was sleeping in the room adjacent to that in which the cash-box was (the latter was in his bed-room while he was actually sleeping in the sitting-room off which the bed-room opens) and one of his servants and the punkah men were in the verandah.

3 Subsequent inquiry seems, however, to show that the box was probably not taken during the night, but earlier in the evening while Mr Newton and Lieutenant Baddley, who lives with him, were out at dinner.

4 An inquiry is now going on, the result of which will be reported in due course.

No 196-B From the same Officer, dated Samalpatty, 20th June 1878, No 95 SL.

In continuation of my No 55 SL, of 22nd May 1878, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the finding and sentence of the Assistant Magistrate of Salem on the persons concerned in the robbery of Mr Newton's cash-chest on the night of the 4th May 1878.

2 The first and third prisoners are lascars attached to the Salem Divisional Office; the second is a cartman living in Hustampetty, and the fourth is the marker of the local Billiard Club

3. It will be seen that the three first prisoners have been sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Rupees 100, or a further imprisonment of three months, the fourth prisoner to six months' simple imprisonment.

4 The sentences appear remarkably light

5. I do not consider that Mr Newton can be held responsible for the loss, as it was necessary that he should have the money for the payments which he intended to make the next day, and the principal culprits were Government servants.

6 Lieutenant Baddeley informs me that he has heard that Rupees 100 has been recovered out of the fines inflicted, but no official intimation has been received upon this point

No 196-C Endorsement of the District Engineer, Salem, dated Caurymangalum, 31st July 1878, No 126 SL.

From W G. NEWTON, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Salem Taluk, to the District Engineer, Salem, (through the officer in charge, Salem Range), dated Salem, 20th July 1878, No 304

With reference to your No 571, of 15th instant, forwarding memorandum, No 3,102, of the 12th instant, of the Chief Engineer, I have the honor to report that the convicted lascars were employed under Lieutenant Baddeley, R E, the officer in charge of the Salem Range, who at that time was living in the house with me, the cash-chest was not therefore in their immediate charge, but as it was a fixed arrangement on the part of Lieutenant Baddeley to have a lascar on duty during the night, this should in itself have been a sufficient safeguard for all property in the house. On the night in question no special orders were given by me as to the safe custody of the cash-chest or of the house. At the time of the robbery, owing to my being kept in funds by the imprest system, I was always in possession of a considerable sum of money in actual cash, and this fact was perfectly well known to all lascars and servants about the house, nothing short therefore of a Police guard continually on duty could have rendered me perfectly safe against robbery

No. 130.

FORWARDED to the District Engineer, Salem, with the remark that a Police guard for every imprest holder would be an impossibility, and therefore the honesty of lascars must be depended upon to a great extent whenever an officer is obliged to have actual cash in his possession.

22nd July 1878. (Signed) W. L. C BADDELEY, Lieut, R.E,
Assistant Engineer

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to memorandum No 3,102, of 12th instant

(Signed) J PENNYCUICK, Major, R E,
District Engineer

No 197. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1878, No 3,274 W

THE explanation submitted does not seem satisfactory. As far as can be judged from the papers it would appear that the money was placed in a box in an open room

of a house in which Mr Newton and Lieutenant Baddeley lived, that no lascars except those belonging to Lieutenant Baddeley were at the house, that the cash-chest, not belonging to Lieutenant Baddeley, was not in the custody of his lascars, and that no special charge was given them of the chest. It would thus appear that Mr Newton did not take reasonable or any precautions for the safety of the money. He cannot therefore be exonerated from liability for the loss, and will be required to pay Rupees 50 a month for seven months

(True Extract)

(Signed) E A. FOORD, Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Govt, P.W D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R E,
Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

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

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District Engineer's Office,
Salem 7th May 1878.

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government
G. P. W.

Sir,

I have the honor to report
-that the cash chest of Mr.
Newton, Assistant Engineer
Salem Taluk was stolen from
his house on the night of the
4th Instant.

2. It appears that the box was
stolen from the room adjacent to
-that in which Mr. Newton himself
was sleeping, and the theft must
have been committed by some
one with special knowledge, as he
had

had that evening placed in the
Cash chest a sum of Rs. 600
for use the next day in payment
of the coolies on the Womalone
Tappor road.

3. The sum stolen was Rs. 600
of which Rs. 40 was in Copper
and the rest in small silver.

4. The box has since been found
in a field about a mile from here
on the road to the Railway Station.

5. The matter has of course
been placed in the hands of
the Police, but no clue to the
detection of the thieves has yet
been found.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedt. Servant,

James Benjamin Major, R.E.,

District Engineer.

Recorded.

2. It would have been better if Mr Newson had kept the cash chest in his arms.

3. The District Engineer will report again if any clue is obtained to the thief.

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To

The Secretary to Govt,
D.P.W.

Dated 7th May 1878
Recd.

No 37 SB

Reporting the robbery
of Mr. Newton's Cash
chest on the night of the
4th Instant

P.R. Salem.
Dy. P.W. A.
Sp. of Police

6 July 9/78

~~Recd.~~
With order.

District Engineer's Office
Salem 22nd May 1878

No 35 SB

From the District Engineer
Salem

To
The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.

Sir

In reply to your letter dated
11th May 1878, I have the honor to state that it
does not appear that any special precaution
was taken by Mr. Newton.

2. During the night he was sleeping
in the room adjacent to that in which
the cash chest was (the latter was in his
bedroom while he was actually sleeping
in the sitting room off which the
bedroom opens) and one of his servants



and the punkah men were in the verandah.

3. Subsequent enquiry seems however to show that the box was probably not taken during the night but earlier in the evening, while Mr Newton and Leutt Baddely, who lives with him, were out at dinner.

4. An enquiry is now going on, the result of which will be reported in due course

I have the honor to be
Sir

your most obedt. Servt.

John Pegg Esq, Mayor R.E.
District Engineer

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From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To
The Chief Engineer,
D. P. W.

Dated 22nd
Recd 24th } May 1878

N^o 55 S.C.

Reports (with cert an
other particulars in the
matter) that no special
precautions appear to
have been taken by
Mr. Newton in the
safety of his Cash Chest.

Co. Coly 24.5 &
Ct. 2-7-78

N^o 95 S.C.

District Engineer's Office,
Sawalpatty 26th June 1878.

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government,
D. P. W.

Sir,

Enclosure

In continuation of my N^o 55
S. C. of 22nd May 1878, I have the
honour to enclose a copy of the
finding and sentence of the
Assistant Magistrate of Salem
on the persons concerned in the
robbery of Mr. Newton's Cash
Chest on the night of the 4th May 1878.
2. The first and third prisoners
are lascars attached to the Salem
Divisional Office, the second is
a cartman living in Kustampatty

and the fourth is the Marker of the local Billiard Club.

3. It will be seen that the three first prisoners have been sentenced to six months rigorous imprisonment, with a fine of Rs. 100 or a further imprisonment of three months; the fourth prisoner to six months simple imprisonment.

4. The sentences appear remarkably light.

5. I do not consider that Mr. Newton can be held responsible for the loss as it was necessary that he should have the money for the payments which he intended to make next day, and the principal culprits were Government servants.

6. Lieut. Baddley informs me that he has heard that Rs. 100 has been recovered out of the fines inflicted but no official intimation has

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been received upon this point.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant,

Ram Pany Major R.R.,

District Engineer, Salem.

C.S. 2100 of 11.5.78

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To

The Secretary to Govern-
ment @ P.W.

Dated 26th
Recd.

June 1878.

No 952

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Forwards a copy of the find-
ing and continue on the per-
sons concerned in the rob-
bery of Mr. Griffiths
Newton's Cash Chest with
certain remarks; and states,
for reasons stated, that
he does not consider Mr.
Newton responsible for the
loss.

To Acty 2-7-78

Cir 4-7-78. Del 12-7-78

No 304.

Salem 20th July 1878.

From

W. G. Newton Esquire
Assistant Engineer.
Salem Taluk.

To

The District Engineer Salem
thru the Officer in ch Salem Range.

Sir,

With reference to your No 571 of 15th
Instant forwarding Memo. No 3102 of the 12th
Instant of the Chief Engineer, I have the
honor to report that the convicted Lascars
were employed under Lieut. Baddley R. G.,
the Officer in charge of the Salem Range,
who at that time was living in the house
with me, the Cash chest was not therefore in
their immediate charge, But as it was a fixed
arrangement on the part of Lieut. Baddley
to have a Lascar on duty during the
night, this should in itself have been

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a sufficient safe-guard for all property in the house. On the night in question no special orders were given by me as to the safe custody of the cash chest, or of the house. At the time of the robbery owing to my being kept in funds by the Imprest System, I was always in possession of a considerable sum of money in actual cash, and this fact was perfectly well known to all ascars and servants about the house making short therefore of a Police guard continually on duty could have rendered me perfectly safe against robbery.

I have &c.

/Signed/ W. L. Newton
Assistant Engineer

No. 130.

Forwarded to the District Engineer.
Salem

Salem with the remark that a Police guard for every Imprest holder would be an impossibility and therefore the honesty of Lascars must be depended upon to a great extent whenever an officer is obliged to have actual cash in his possession.

/Signed/ W. L. C. Baddeley Lieut. R.E.
Assistant Engineer.

22nd July 1878.

No. 126 R District Engineer's Office
Cawnpurawalum 1st July 1878.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer D.P.W.
with reference to Memo No. 3102 of 12th
Instant.

John B. P. —
Major R.E.
District Engineer.

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Circulated to His
Grace the Governor with
reference to remarks
dated 11th July.

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C.E. 3102. of 12. 9. 78.

From 18604
The District Engineer,
To (Salms).

The Chief Engineer,
D.P.W.

Dated 31st } August 1878.
Recd. 31st }

No. 1262

Forwarding Copy of
a letter from Mr. Asst^{nt}
Engineer Newton
reporting with reference
to the custody of his
Cash Chest.

Circulated

Finding and Sentence.

The Court finds that you
1. Ponnusawmy 2. Mottaiyan and
3. Chinnatambi and 4. Andrews
are guilty of the offences specified
in the charges, viz:

- (i) that you Ponnusawmy and Mottaiyan committed theft in a building by dishonestly taking a Cash Chest containing Rupees 600 or less from the house of Mr. Newton.
- (ii) that you Chinnatambi aided and abetted that offence by diverting the attention of the domestics then present; and
- (iii) that you Andrews, knowing that such offence had been committed, gave Mr. Newton false information respecting that offence.

Knowing

This does not seem very
satisfactory - as well as I can
make out - the money was
placed in a box in an
open room in an house in
which Mr. P. and Mr. B. lived -
that no alarm or exception
belonging to Mr. B. was
at the time. That the cash
box was belonging to Mr. B. was
not under their charge. That
no special charge was given
them of the property - it
does not appear from what
Mr. P. shows that he took alarm
or any precautions. viz: -
C.E. 3102. of 12. 9. 78.
C.E. 3102. of 12. 9. 78.
C.E. 3102. of 12. 9. 78.

Knowing it to be false and that you have thereby committed offences punishable under sections 380 and 109 and Section 215 of the Indian Penal Code and directs that (i) you I. Ponnusawmy do suffer nine months rigorous imprisonment and pay (100) a hundred rupees fine, or, in default suffer further rigorous imprisonment for three months.

(ii) you Mottaiyan do suffer six months rigorous imprisonment and pay (100) a hundred rupees fine, or, in default, suffer rigorous imprisonment for a further period of three months.

(iii) you Chinnatambii do suffer six months rigorous imprisonment and pay a fine of (100) hundred rupees, or, suffer further rigorous imprisonment

imprisonment for three months; and (iv) you Andrews do suffer simple imprisonment for six months.

(Signed) P. Rathnavalu Chetti,
Assistant Magistrate.

(True Copy)

(Signed) W. L. C. Baddeley Lt. Col.
Assistant Engineer

Salem
21st June 1878

(True Copy)

Paul Perry and Major R.E.,
District Engineer.

Letters from the District Engineer Salem
 Nos 37 S.L. of 7th May, 55 S.L. of 22nd May and
 95 S.L. of 26th June 1878

FOR ORDERS

Whether Mr. Newton
 is to be held liable for the
 loss or any portion of it.

As I don't think
 it was ~~any~~ in
 circumstances
 beyond the control
 of the
 Government

Edmond Col. A.C.
 Secy to Genl. P.W.D.

4th July 1878

By Mr.
 The General The enclosed are the
 reports of the District Engineer
 regarding the loss of the
 42nd Regiment in the
 R. M. after it had been
 sent to the
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FOR ORDERS.

No 3274 *Genl* Public Works Department *deet*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

UNDER date the 16th Aug^r 78.
Read the following.—

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From

The District Eng^r Salem (H.C. No 37 S.D. of 7th May 1878.)
do do (—" 55 S.D. - 22nd - " - "
do do (—" 95 S.D. - 26th June - "
do do (—" 126 S.D. - 31st Aug^r 78)

*With explanation
of the
a m. 11/11/78*

The explanation
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seem satisfactory: As
far as can be judged
from the papers it would
appear that the money
was placed in a box
in an open room of a
house in which Mr Newton
and Lieut. Baddeley
lived, that no lascars

Admitting that Mr Newton
has taken no precautions
specifically to keep the
money out. I think it is
not probable that he has
to do with the money.

As an Asst. Eng^r
R. L. 2. Grade he draws Rs 350/-

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except those belonging to
Lieut. Baddeley, were at
the house. That the cash
chest, not belonging to
Lieut. Baddeley, was not
in the custody of his lascars
and that no special charge
was given them of the chest.
It would thus appear
that Mr. Newton did not
take reasonable or any
precautions for the safety
of the money. He will
therefore be held liable
for the loss.

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and will be required to
pay Rs. 50 or more to for
earn money.

Dist. Engr. Salem
Ex. P. W. Accounts.

22-8-78

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Loss of Government money by
Mr. Revision A. Engineer - Salem

Passing orders for the recovery
of the — by monthly instalments
Rs 50

Entirely