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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

6th November 1878, No. 4,244 W.

General
Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 28. From J. D. GRANT, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Tinnevely, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 5th September 1878, No. 92.

I HAVE the honor to forward to you for orders copies of correspondence regarding certain missing tools.

2. The circumstances under which the tools are missing are explained in my letter to the Examiner, who in reply informs me that a report should be made to Government if I consider that the value of the tools should be recovered.

3. In the second case, viz., the tools lost at Maudur, I think the sluice lascar should be held responsible; but in the case of the tools lent to a contractor, I am at a loss what to say, so long a time having elapsed since the tools were lost and Overseer Murray who issued the tools being dead.

From J. D. GRANT, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Tinnevely, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Palamcottah, 19th August 1878, No. 34.

I HAVE the honor to forward to you two lists of tools lost in the Shermadevi and Tinnevely Divisions respectively.

2. Of these the first list shows 11 pick-axes and 13 hand-hammers which were lent to a contractor on the 4th November 1872, by the Taluk Overseer, the late Serjeant Murray.

3. On Serjeant Murray's leaving the district he handed over charge to Serjeant Patton, and with the tools return he handed over the receipt for the tools here referred to.

4. In August 1877 the Shermadevi Division Officer wrote to me requesting that the tools might be struck off the returns, as the contractor to whom they had been lent could not be found, or rather that having gone to Travancore he could not be compelled to give up the tools.

5. To this I replied that, as the matter had been allowed to stand over so long, the Division Officer and the Taluk Overseer must bear the responsibility, and that I would make no recommendation to have the tools struck off the list.

6. Serjeant Patton has now left the district without adjusting the loss, and the Division Officer wishing me to represent the matter for disposal, I now do so, though I think that this is a case in which there was carelessness for which Government should not lose money.

7. In the other case tools of the value of Rupees 14-6-0 have been lost at the Maudur anicut repair work, the tools having been under the care of the second lascar of the head sluice who received a small sum monthly from superintendence for watching at night.

8. The tools were kept in sheds in the river-bed when the work was going on, and there is no reason why they should have been lost if the second lascar had done his duty. I would recommend therefore that the value of the lost tools be recovered from his pay in monthly instalments.

From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the District Engineer, Tinnevely, dated Chempak, 27th August 1878, No. 77 FN.

With reference to your letter, No. 34, dated 19th August 1878, I have the honor to state that if you are of opinion that the value of the tools should be recovered from the salaries of the individuals concerned in their loss, a report to that effect should be made to Government.

List of Tools irrecoverable from Contractor.

To whom issued.	Axes, Pick	Hammers, Hand	Date of Issue and Remarks
Soobramania Pillay Tenkasi	11	13	1st November 1872, by Overseer Mr. Murray.

Axes, pick 11, at 10 Annas each	...	...	...	Rs.	A.	P.
Hand-hammers 13, at 15 Annas	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	19	1	0

COURTALAM,
18th August 1877.

(Signed) J. PATTON,
Overseer, P.W.D.

List of things stolen at Maudur

	As valued by Government.
2 Pick Axes	Rs. 1 8 0
2 Hand-hammers	0 8 0
6 Mamuties	1 8 0
4 Crow-bars	4 0 0
7 Country Axes	3 8 0
1 Bill Hook	0 6 0
Total	14 6 0

(Signed) J. D. GRANT,
Offg. District Engineer, Tinnevely.

No. 28-A. From J. W. MARTIN, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Tinnevely, to the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 18th October 1878, No. 118.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 594 T, dated 11th September 1878, I have the honor to report that Serjeant Murray left this district on the 6th August 1874.

2. With regard to Serjeant Patton, Mr. Supervisor Berlie,* who was Serjeant Patton's Division Officer, reports in his letter No. 52, dated 12th October 1878, copy herewith forwarded, that Serjeant Patton did not report the loss of the tools until the 18th August 1877. Mr. Berlie, however, admits that he knew the tools were with a contractor, and that at the half-yearly inspections of tools and plant the Contractor's receipt was always produced as a guarantee for the safety of the tools, and consequently seems to think that he is not in any way responsible for the loss or delay in bringing the matter to the notice of the District Engineer. I do not agree with him in this, as I consider that when Mr. Berlie found at the half-yearly inspections of tools, &c., that Serjeant Patton continued to produce only the receipts for the tools he should have concluded that there would probably be some difficulty

experienced in getting the contractor to return the tools, and, therefore, he ought himself to have taken some steps towards recovering them, or at any rate bring the subject to the notice of the District Engineer; on the other hand it must be considered that the contractor to whom the tools were lent was working under Serjeant Patton, and he should have recovered the value of them from him before he finally settled his claims.

3. My opinion is that Mr. Berlie and Serjeant Patton are equally responsible for the loss of the tools, and that if it is deemed advisable not to write off the value of the tools to Profit and Loss, the amount should be recovered in equal shares from Mr. Berlie and Serjeant Patton.

From Mr. Supervisor H. C. BERLIE, Officer in charge of Courtalam Sub-division, No. 3 or Shermadevi Range, to the Shermadevi Division Officer, dated Madalamparai, 12th October 1878, No. 53.

Your endorsement No. 1,075, dated 10th October on District Engineer's memorandum No. 1,543, dated 7th instant.

With reference to the above I have the honor to inform you that the loss of the tools was not known to me prior to Serjeant Patton's report, dated 18th August 1877.

At my examination of tools the receipt of the contractor was always produced as a guarantee for their safety, and these receipts are, as is well known, invariably accepted by officers.

After a time I certainly did notice that the receipt was of long standing and frequently asked Mr. Patton, as he will readily admit, to have the tools brought into store, which he invariably promised to do.

Considering that the man had worked under Mr. Patton he should have recovered the tools prior to finally settling his claims.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1878, No. 4,244 W.

Allowing for depreciation in fair wear and tear, the value of the irrecoverable tools lent to the Contractor will be recovered, as proposed, in equal portions from the pay of Serjeant Patton and Mr. Berlie; and that of the articles stolen at Maudur from the responsible lascar, in equal monthly instalments.

(True Extract.)

Celestine, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer 5th Circle,
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Encl. B. C. Shanker.
Spare Copies

Irrecoverable Time, Timorally, Distinct.—
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were lost and overseer Murray
who signed the tools being lost.

I have the honor to be

J. D. Grant

Offr. Dist. Engineer

Enclos: 2

to Mr. Dist. Eng's office directly
Palamcottah 19th Aug. 1878

To,

The Examiner of

P. W. accounts.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
to you two lists of tools lost in
the Shermaderi and Timmervelly
Divisions respectively -

2. Of these the first list shows
11 Pick axes and 13 Hand Hammers
which were lent to a contractor
on the 14th November 1872 by the
Taluk Overseer, the late Sergeant
Murray.

3. On Sergeant Murray's leaving
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with the tools return he handed
over the receipt for the tools here
referred to.

In August 1877, the Shermaderi
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to whom they had been lent could not be found, or rather that having gone to Travancore, he could not be compelled to give up the Tools.

5. To this I replied that as the matter had been allowed to stand over so long, the Division Officer and the Suly Overseer must bear the responsibility and that I would make no recommendation to have the Tools struck off the list.

6. Sergeant Lutton has now left the District without adjusting the loss and the Division Officer wishing me to represent the matter for disposal, I now do so, though I think that this is a case in which there was carelessness for which Government should not lose money.

7. In the other case Tools of the value of Rs 144-6-0 have been lost at the Munday's ancient repair work, the Tools having been

been under the care of the second phasear of the Head Office who received a small sum monthly from Superintendence for watching at night.

8. The Tools were kept washed in the River bed when the work was going on, and there is no reason why they should have been lost if the second phasear had done his duty. I would recommend therefore that the value of the lost Tools be recovered from his pay in monthly instalments.

I have &c

for J. D. Grant

No 77 TN

From,

offr Dist Engineer

The Examiner of P. W. accounts.

To, The District Engineer Srinivelly

Dated 27th August 1908.

Sir,

With reference to your letter

These dates are correct. I have
 the honor to state that if you
 are of opinion that the value of
 the tools should be recovered
 from the salaries of the individuals
 concerned in their loss, a report to
 that effect should be made to
 Government.

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for manner P. W. a

(True copies)

D. Hunt
 Offr. Dist. Engineer
 Immervally

List of Tools irrecoverable from construction
 Date of issue and remarks.

To whom issued

11 13
 142 November 172. By
 13 oversee Mr Murray

cases picked up 10 cases, each \$2 6. 14-00
 14 and 15 cases, 13 at 15 cases 12-3-00
 Total 19-1-00

Salary oversee's office }
 18. 0. 77.
 13 of J. Lutton
 oversee P. W.

True copy
 D. Hunt
 Offr. Dist. Engineer Immervally

list of things stolen at
Mundin

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as valued by owner

- | | |
|------------------|--------|
| 2. Lick. cases. | 1-8-u |
| 2. Hand Hammers. | u-8-u |
| 6. Minuties | 14-8-u |
| 14. Saw. bars. | 14-u-u |
| 7. Lumber cases. | 3-8-u |
| 1. Bell Hook. | 11-6-u |

Total Rupees. 14-6-u

J. D. Hunt
Offt. Dist. Engineer
Srinivelly

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District Engineer's Office, Tinnevely
Palamcottah. 18th October 1878

Eniguation from,

The Off^r District Engineer
Tinnevely

To

Encls: one.

The Under Secretary
to Government D. P. W.
Madras

Sir,

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2 With regard to Sergeant Patton Mr Supervisor Berlie, who was Sergeant Patton's Division Officer reports in his letter No. 52 dated 12th October 1878 Copy herewith forwarded, that Sergeant Patton did not report the loss of the tools until the 18th August 1877. Mr Berlie however admits that he knew the tools were with

* Mr Berlie was in charge of the maintenance
Division from 9th June 1875 to 15th September 1878

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yearly inspections of tools and plant
the Contractor's receipt was always
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the value of the tools to Profit
and Loss the amount should
be recovered in equal shares
from Mr Berlie and Serjeant
Patton.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt Servt

J. W. Martin
Off. Dist Engineer

CE 59477/11-9-78

General

No. 11854

The Offg. Dist. Eng.
Sincerely

The Under Secretary
to Govt. P.W.D.
Madras

No. 118.

Dated 18th October 1878
Recd. 22nd " "

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Lost Tools

States that Mr. Burt
& Serjt. Patton are equally
responsible for the loss.

To acty 22-10-78

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No. 52

Camp. Madalamparai

12th October 1878.

By J. J. Jones

The Officer in charge of
Courtallam Sub Division
of M.S. or Shermadur Range

To

The Shermadur P.W. Officer
Your enclosement No. 1070 dated
10th October on District Engineer's memo
No. 1049 dated 7th Instant.
Sir,

With reference to the above
I have the honor to inform you that
the loss of the Tools was not known
to me prior to Serjt. Patton's re-
port dated 18th August 1877.

At my examination of Tools
the receipt of the Contractor was
always produced as a guarantee for
their safety and these receipts are
as is well known, invariably accept-
ed by Officers.

After a time I certainly

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General.

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From,

The Off. Dist. Engineer,
Sinnivelly

To,

The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.
Madras.

N^o 92.

Dated 5th September 1878

Encls: 3

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Tools lost &c.

Forwards copies of certain
correspondence for orders.

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Irrecoverable Tools - Timon, 1878
The value of _____ ordered
to be recovered in equal
portions from the pay of
Serge Patton & Mr. Kerlie,
& that of the articles ~~lost~~
stolen at Madrid from
the responsible lacon.

Cont. in 1878