

From the provisions of Code

The Overseer
Chinnamanoor

To

The Sub Division Officer
Mlinagaram

No 179

Station Chinnamanoor

Sir,

I beg to report that a theft of Rs 73-7-6 has taken place in my house yesterday evening between half past 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock. I had in my cash chest, which was kept in my office room, Rs 81-7-6, of which Rs 18 was my writer's pay, Rs 6. Lascar's pay & Rs 11, the amount of money collected from the proceeds of the sale of the Karuvalen branches in the Odaitkulam tank. Rs 11-7-6, my cash balance on hand & Rs 35 my own private money. I opened the chest at about 4 o'clock in the evening in the presence of Deccachari & mairiy seshayar and gave my cook Rs 6, to make some private payments of mine. I then locked my chest and retired into my bed room

opened the chest yesterday
was about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 in the evening
when I took out some change from
it out of my private money, the amount
then remaining in the chest was Rs 81-7-6.
After taking the change I retired into
my bed room. The persons who
entered my Office room after that
were my Acting Clerk Desikachari,
Maistry Srinivasa Iyengar & Lascar.
My Lascar was in the Verandah of the
Office room the whole evening & did
not leave my place before $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock.
At about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock my cook
required some money & asked me for it.
I went to the cash chest, but to my
surprise I found that there was no lock
to the chest. I, at once, called my cook
and informed him of the circumstance,
we looked for the lock, but it was not
to be found; on examining the chest,
I found ^{only} Rs 8 which was under a small
cloth bag in the Right hand corner of
the chest, where my money was kept.
On my examining the left hand
corner where my writer's pay is was
kept, I found that there was not a

to believe that ^{the} provisions of Code
chest at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 in
by some mishap, failed to ^{be}
for it is not likely that the lock could
have been wrenched out so early in
the evening, especially, as I was there
whole time in the adjacent room.

I have every reason to suspect my
+ he was recommended by Mr. La Fontaine himself person who was in the Office Verandah
for the post. the whole evening and remained
(initialled) S. H. unusually late before he came to
take leave of me. If anybody else
had meddled with the money, the
Lascar must have been able to make
the theft as he was in the Verandah
the whole time & was the last to leave
it. I gave notice to the Police as soon
as I found the money missing and
lodged a complaint. The Police are
now trying to detect the theft.

I beg to

/ Signed/ H. E. La Fontaine
Officer P. W. D.

No. 744-

Forwarded in Original to the Executive
Engineer for information.

make good the loss
46-7-6 (being a portion of
Imprest, which is payable) -

(Signed) S. Kristnamalcham
sub Ld Officer
8.7.85

(True copy)

S. Minus

Executive Engineer
16/7/85



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in the first place, disobeyed the provisions of Code
1931 in as much as he has kept his private money
in the Government Cash Chest containing public
money, and is further responsible for the consequences
of his carelessness which apparently has given room
for the occurrence of the theft.

I have, therefore, the honor to suggest for your
approval that the overseer should be directed to
make good the loss sustained viz Rs 46-7-6 in addition
to the value of the pad lock lost (to be recovered in 11
instalments) so that it may serve not only as a warning
to be more careful in future, but also as a sufficient
punishment, he being a young man &c -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedt Servt,

S. Minus

Executive Engineer
Madura Division

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THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

MADURA DIVISION.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
6 Circle,
Trichinopoly,

Dated 16th } July 1885
Received
Despatched 17th

No. 19386.

Enclosures: 1

Sir,

I am forwarding herewith
copy of the enclosed letter
from Overseer Mr. H. E.
La Fontaine with the
Sub Divisional officer's
endorsement thereon, I
have the honor to report
that the Overseer has,

6TH CIRCLE.

Trichinopoly 21st July 1885.

No. 21894D

From

The Superintending Engineer,

6th Circle.

To

The

Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Sir,

ENCLOSURE. 2

I have the honor to
forward in original the endorsed -
report regarding the theft of money
from Overseer Mr. La. Fontaine's Cash
chest; from the accounts, I consider
that there is no doubt, but that the
robbery was entirely in consequence
of Mr La Fontaine's carelessness
in so much as that the last time
he went to the cash chest he left
the padlock unlocked; and also
to his keeping his own money in
the cash chest.

to make small payments from it.

Under these circumstances I agree with the Executive Engineer and recommend that he be ordered to make good the loss to Govt namely Rs 46-7-6 and the value of the padlock lost

As I suppose Mr. La Fontaine had not paid the Rs 24 due to the writer and Lascar and taken their receipt he must, I consider, be held responsible for it.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

M. M. M. — Lieut. Col R.C.

Superintending Engineer B* Circle

P. W. D. 6TH CIRCLE.

From

The Superintending Engineer,

6th Circle.

To

The

Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No. 218 m.D.

Dated 21

Received 23

} July 1885

Enclosure. 2

No. 1753 W a/ 29th July/85

Theft

Report on — committed
in Cash Chest of Oversee
Mr La Fontaine with
his opinion on the matter.

sw

do you wish
this case kept
per W's orders?

JB

The robbery was ~~to some extent~~
due to Mr La Fontaine's carelessness,
& the irregularity was committed of
keeping private funds in the public
cash chest. Orders may therefore be
drafted to the effect that the amount
must make good the amount of funds
missing lost, as well as pay of interest &
losses.

These orders to await W's return & approval.

CU.

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No 1753 W
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the *29th July/88*

Read the following

Letter from the Supply Engineer VI Circle (H.E. No. 218M. Dd. 21st July/88)

As the robbery reported appears to have been entirely due to overseer La Fontaines carelessness, in ~~having left his cash chest unlocked~~, he must make good the amount of Government money stolen ~~as~~ also the pay of the coolies and lascars. *ed*

The amount will be recovered in such instalments as the S.E. will think proper.

27-7-88

2 Had Mr. La Fontaine not kept his private money in the same cash chest which he did in direct

to make of Jan 1951 of
the case it would have
been unnecessary for him
to open the chest in order
to make payments to his
Cook.

3. The writer and lascar
should be paid by Mr.
La Fontaine immediately, and
the amount of lost money
lost, viz Rs 46-7-6, will be
recovered from his pay by
monthly instalments.

No 1753 W of 29th July/85

M.
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S. E VI Circle ✓

Examiner PW AN

Dec 29. 7. 85.

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