

N^o 241 E. of 7th May 1895

From. The Sub-Divisional Officer Mount.

To. The Executive Engineer Chingleput Division.

Sir,

With reference to your N^o 359 d/2nd May 1895, I beg to inform you that G.O. N^o 785 W d/28th March 1895 has not been communicated to me.

With regard to G.O. N^o 966 W d/4 April 1871, forwarded for my information, I beg to point out that it refers to a period, 24 years ago, when all officers and subordinates of this department were compelled to carry large sums of Government cash about with them on tour. In those days we had charge of all roads, and it was the duty of overseers to measure up and pay for work done on them as they moved on tour, so that it was well known to the general public that P.W. Subordinates always carried Government cash, and we were necessarily provided with suitable cash boxes and chains for securing them. It is now something like 17 years since we were relieved of the charge of the roads, since when with the introduction of the Contract system it has been ^{unnecessary} ~~unnecessarily~~ for officers or subordinates to ^{carry} Government cash about with them, as all payments over Rs 10 are made by cheque and for minor payments a cheque is cashed and paid away at once, so that there is now no temptation to rob a P.W. Subordinate.

I am provided with a Government cash chest, an Iron safe, but according to orders it is built into one of the walls of my office room, and until the occurrence of this robbery I had no occasion to have Government cash with me in camp and I never expect

to receive remittances of sale proceeds in my camp, as such remittances were always sent to my office at Head quarters where during my absence on tour the Sub Division Clerk would receive and remit it into the Treasury. It is a recognized rule that Sub-Div. Clerks are not to be taken on tour, I therefore had not the necessary Treasury remittance book and other forms by me, for paying the money into the nearest Treasury.

The money in question was the sale proceeds of Tamarind trees growing on the Kamalakal channel. I had just left the Conjevaram station, where the overseer not being able to spare his lascar to carry this money as usual to my office at Head quarters, thought it a good opportunity to send the money to me and did so by one of my own lascars. This lascar and the Cartman were the only two persons who could have known of this money coming into my hands and they were also the only two persons, besides the horse-keeper who were in my camp at the time of the robbery, but as they gave information to the Police of an old offender being about the camp the whole of the previous day and during the night of the robbery, they were not suspected. This old offender with two other habitual thieves residing in the same house were arrested but were soon afterwards released for want of evidence, the first was again arrested on a charge of theft of ^{house-breaking, the goods} being sold to the servants of the overseer. During the investigation of this second charge, the overseer's servant and lascar were present as witnesses and heard the prisoner also confess to the robbery of my office box and named his accomplices, mentioning that one of them had gone by train to Madras, with the money, but for about a month the Police of Trivellore ^{Trivellore} did nothing and then denied that any such information had been given them. The overseer's servant and lascar,

were asked if they could identify the Police men to whom the prisoner gave the information and they offered to do so, the Inspector then promised to have the Police men mustered at the station and requested that the servant and the lascar might be sent there to identify the men, but when the servant and the lascar arrived at the Police station there was no one there. The next day the Inspector was not present but the Station House Officer had a muster of Police men and the servant and lascar identified one of them and said that there should be two more Police men, the Station House officer said that the other men were on duty near Ennore at some festival, that they could not be relieved off duty and brought in, but immediately on their return he would send them for identification if the overseer should not happen to be at Trivellore but nothing further was done to date.

Not having a Government cash chest with me I secured the money in my office box and placed the box close to the head of my cot. The tent I was occupying is a Cashmere pattern tent with a loose fly separating the bathroom from the tent. The thieves entered by the bathroom, from the tent pushed forward the loosely hanging fly until they got it over the office box and another tin box, I was disturbed by the noise made in their attempting to remove the latter, but too late to prevent the removal of my office box. I have now completed 24 years service and until this occasion have never lost anything belonging to Government I therefore trust that

this matter will be favourably considered.

Thy &c

Signed - R. W. Mac Alister

Sub. Dir. Officer Mount

No 708 d/17 May 1895

Copy submitted to the Supg. Engineer V Circle
for favourable Consideration with reference to his
No 145 Cu. of 6th April 1895.

Signed - D. Marshall

Executive Engineer

No 179 W

Copy to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department
with reference to G.O. 785 W d/28 March 1895.
for favourable consideration.

19 May 1895 } C. S. Evans

19.5.95

Lt Colonel R.E.

Supg. Engineer V Circle

From
The Supt Engineer
Fifth Circle.
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department.

P. W. CURRENT No. 4075

Acce: 27.5.95

Dated 19th May 1895.
Recd. 22nd

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m. 996 84.4.71.
no 229 w 828.1.87
1254 w 820.4.92
292 822.4.93
1400 w 820.5.93
1399 w 826.5.90
2053 w 80.8.93
3088 w 820.11.93
220 w 824.1.94
440 e 831.1.94
390 w 813.2.94
734 w 814.3.94
93 831.1.95
129.20 813.2.95
2663 820.3.95
785 828.3.95

No. 179 W.

Forwarding for favourable
consideration. Endorsement
No. 708 from the Ex: Engineer
behalf of. On letter
No. 221 E of 9th May 1895
from the Sub: Officer
Mount: explaining the
cause of not remitting the
Govt. Cash into the Treasury.

I think fit to...
W. D.
27.5.95
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 1405 W dated 12 June 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

again
Read the following

Endorsement by the S. E. V Circle No: 94 W of 20 March 1895 recorded with
G. O. No: 785 W dated 28th March 1895.

Read also

Endorsement by the S. E. V Circle No: 179 W dated 19 May 1895

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1 June

As the Sub-divisional
officer, Saint Thomas' Mount,
appears to have taken all reasonable
precautions for the safety of the
Gout. cash and property in his
possession, the loss of the sum of
Rs. 283-6-6, 1 plotting scale, and
1 duplicate cash chest key, stolen
in camp, will be borne by Gout.

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DESPATCHED
1 JUN 95

To
The S. E. V Circle
Re: P. W. Accounts

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Loss of fort. Cash and
Stores by the St. Thomas
Munition Subdivisional
Officer.

No. 1405 W. d. 12 June 1895

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