

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No.

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DATED

16 March 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Theft. Correspondence in regard to the — of copper
tape and copper rod from the magazine in the fort at Dividigul,
Madura Dt, recorded with remark.

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in future to stand on copper. S. $\frac{11}{16}$ inches instead of 2.00
residual bond. Conductivity, & we say instead of 2.00

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Enclosure No. 1 in No. 1903 M.D. 29-12-97

Letter from G. E. Bandy Esquire,
Superintendent of Police, Madras, to the
Executive Engineer, Madras Division,
No. 746 dated 22nd July 1897

In reply to your letter No. 313 of
25th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that
there is not the remotest chance of dis-
covering who stole the Copper tube said
to have been laid down in January last.

On or about the 14th May last,
I visited the foot, and noticed a groove
cut in the rock. There were no signs
of a lightning conductor in it then, and
I was under the impression that the
groove had only just been cut to
receive the conductor. The theft,
therefore occurred between January
and the middle of May, and the
Copper must have been melted down
almost at once.

(Encopy)

D. F. Bandy Esquire
Superintendent of Police

N^o 1903.M.D

Superintendent's Office Circle

Trichinopoly 29th December 1897
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From

Lieut Col. O. V. Boddy R.
Superintendent's Office Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
Quard

Sir,

Encls: 1.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that an estimate of Rs 300 for repairing the magazine within the fort at Dindigul was sanctioned by the Lieutenant Engineer, Madam Dy in May 1896. Provision was made in the estimate for providing the magazine with lightning conductor consisting of 25 feet of copper rod 1" diameter and 350' x 1" x $\frac{1}{8}$ " copper tape, as also for raising the low portions of the fort wall with brick work to prevent people interfering with the conductor or stealing it. The work was completed in March 1897 and the Chairman of the Municipal Council Dindigul, who has a watchman gate-keeper for the fort, was addressed by

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by the Subdivision Officer not to allow any but respectable people into the fort. The Chairman undertook the responsibility and stated in his letter to the Sub Division Officer No 377 dated 30 January 1897 that arrangements have been made to close the gates of the fort against mischievous people, only respectable people being allowed access into the fort on production of tickets of permission from the Municipal Overseers.

2. It is reported that the Subdivision Officer received intimation of the theft of about 230 feet of Copper tape worth about Rs 80, from the town masonry on the 10 June 1897 at Kodalkanal and he immediately wrote to the Chairman of the Municipal Council and Inspector of Police at Dindigul informing them of the theft and requesting detection. The Superintendent of Police who was also addressed by the Executive Engineer, states that there is no chance of the case being detected. A copy of the Police Superintendent's letter No 746 dated

dated 22nd July 1897 is enclosed, from which it would appear that he considers that the theft might have occurred between January and the middle of May 1897, but the intimation received by the Sub Div. Officer of the theft from the town masonry is dated 13 June 1897 when the whole of the tape from foot of the lightning conductor to the edge of tank buried in a trench groove 4" deep cut in the rock, had all been stolen. The Municipality, as above said, has a gate keeper, but it is not understood why the man never reported the theft.

3. Another case of theft in the Magazine has since been reported. When the Overseers in charge of Dindigul and Palni tahsils visited the fort on the 27 October 1897, he found that the lightning conductor had been tampered with and about 5 1/2 feet in length of bottom portion of the rod removed. This matter was also reported to the Superintendent of Police, who writes to say that the case has been registered and

and is being investigated and the result will be duly intimated -
Some piece of material that was not stolen has now been removed into the Sub Division Office -

4. The lightning conductor was proposed to be provided to the magazine in question in order to transfer the explosives, viz. Dynamite with fuse and blasting gun powder to it from the stock available at Beriyar, for the work of Athur Kodai Kanal Road, there being no safe magazine at Melkadu. The conductor was completed but no explosives were so brought and stacked in this magazine as the conductor was not tested and before this could be done the material was stolen.

5. The fort at Dindigul, on which the magazine is built, is in charge of the Municipality.

6. The conductor should be refixed only in the event of the Athur Kodai Kanal Road being sanctioned. It will then be necessary to employ a special

watchman, and perhaps to take over charge of the Rock from the Municipality -

Yours truly
H. H. H. H.

Your most obedient servant

J. P. Boddy Lieutenant
Superintendent

as

No. 264c

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement
MEMORANDUM.

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Dated Madras, 17th January 1898.

From the Superintending Engineer VI circle
No 1903 M. D. dated 29th December 1897

Referred to the Local and Municipal Deptt
for favour of inquiry as to whether the theft
can be ascribed to neglect of duty on the
part of the Municipal watchman

[Signature]
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To

The Local and Municipal Deptt
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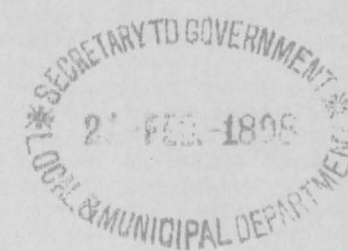
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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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From

G. Mangel Esquire
Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Diedrichs
No. 471

Order

Dated 18th February 1898.

Received 21-2-98

Registered

Enclosures - 1 A. & C. No 261 in red.

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SUBJECT.

stating that the theft of
~~the~~ ~~theft of~~
Copper tape and rod alluded to
called for by Government
cannot be ascribed to the negligence
of the Muml tank watch man
122 dated 27-1-98 in re-
the theft of copper tape and rod

tape

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Encls. No. 2 to letter No 471.

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Diendign Municipal Council
passed at a meeting held on the
14th February 1898.

Present:—

G. Mungel Esquire. Chairman

J. W. Short Esquire. Councillor

M. R. S. Mohamed Mughtom
Councillor A.L. do

" S. P. Muttu Nuth A.L. do

" M. Arockiam Pillay A.L. do

" S. Ram Sany Chettiar A.L. do

" V. S. Pichaimaichin Councillor A.L. do

" T. S. Wathasasa Councillor A.L. do

" K. Sumanarayana A.L. do

" S. Rajagopal Chidugam do

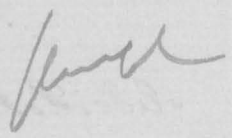
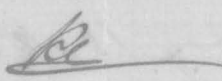
XVII. Read Government endorsement
No. 102, dated 27-1-98 calling for report
in regard to the theft of the corpses

tape and rods of the Lightning
conductors attached to the magazine
within the fort at Dindigul.

The Council are of the
opinion that the theft cannot
be ascribed to any negligence
on the part of the Municipal
watchman.

Signed G. Mungel
Chairman

(True & fact)


Chairman

Manager
19/2/98

No. 471

House,

Dindigul, Municipal office
18th. February 1898.

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G. Mungel Esquire,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Dindigul

To,

The Secretary
to Government

Local & Municipal Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Referring to your
Enclosurement No: 102, dated the 27th
January 1898 on current No: 2812
dated the 17th Idem, I have the
honour to forward herewith a copy
of the Council's Resolution No: 17 dated
the 14th Idem in which the Council
thinks that the theft of the copper
tape and rods alluded to therein

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Cannot be ascribed to the negligence
of the Municipal tank watchman.

2. The papers connected
with the endorsement under
reference are herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obed^t. Servant

Wm

Chairman

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Manager
19/2/98

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CURRENT No. 261 1/2

From The Public Works Dept.

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

Order No 102 of 27-1-98

Referred to the
Municipal Council, Sindigul
for report.

No. 264c

Dated 17th January 1898
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SUBJECT.

Magazine within the
fort at Sindigul. — Referring
to the Local and Municipal Dept.
for favour of inquiry into the
theft of the copper tape and rod
of the lightning conductor attached
to the _____

Chairman, Mandal Council,
Sindigul. P.T.O.

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No. 268 of 4-8-98

Transferred to the Public
Works Department.

(By order).

A Edgington

Sy. Assistant Secretary.

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To the Public Works Department.