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[Despatch Abstract.]

T. C. Rungaswamy Pillay, Head Clerk,
Special Periyar ~~Ld~~ Office

The prosecution of —— for the misappropriation of Govt. money, sanctioned.

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B No. 1424 W. 3-6-99 The Supg. Engineer IV Circle

No. 712 Ind.

Dated 8th May 1899

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Order 7.94 29.5.99

The prosecution of T. C. Rungasawmy Pillay is sanctioned.

ASK

Rd, 12.5.99

W.H.H. 15.5.99

SUBJECT.

T.C. Rungasawmy Pillay, Head Clerk, Special [illegible] office – Forwarding papers connected with certain alterations made in the cash book by ——— and informing that it will be necessary to institute criminal proceedings against him as it appears to be a clear case of misappropriation of Government money [illegible] Rungasawmy have made

Note – The facts of the case are fully stated in the Supdg. Engr's letter flagged A. The case against the Head Clerk appears to be quite clear, & he has practically admitted his guilt by paying up the Rs 720 which had been misappropriated. Submitted that the man's prosecution

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To

The Assistant Engineer
Penjar Division.

Honored Sir,

Referring to your honor's No. 55/21-4-
I most humbly beg to inform your honor that the money was remitted by piece-meal in three instalments at home the last one being about end of February 1899. Early in beginning of March 1899. I was fully occupied with charge papers of Mr. Smyth who handed over the charge to you in 6: March 1899 - I entirely forgot therefore and soon after when you examined about remittances. I was afraid you may take wrongly about it and so wanted to do it in due course. I beg to submit that the money will be remitted tomorrow and most humbly beg to be excused for a bona-fide

omission which Clerk Krishnasawmy Iyer is fully aware of.

I beg &c.

|Sd| T. C. Rungasawmy

|True copy|

P. V. Nodelly Lt. Col. R.E.

Supg. Engineer 6: circle

8.5.99

Pass. 30-5/59

No. F. Special Periyar Exe: Engrs Office:
Madura 5th May 1899.

Fr.

The Assistant Engineer
Special Periyar Works.

To

The Superintending Engineer
Sixth Circle Trichinopoly.

Sir.

With reference to your No. 688 M. dated 4th April 1899 I have the honor to Report as follows:—

A Copy of the Charges framed against Head Clerk Rungasawmi Pillai was sent to him with this Office No. 129 S dated 29th Apl./99 for explanation. Although he was Reminded on two occasions, he did not offer his explanation till now. This morning I again sent him a Memo that unless he gave explanation within 1. O'clock P.M. the Superintending Engineer will be written to for permission for prosecution. He attended the office this afternoon and asked me for a Copy of his original explanation which might not be of matter when to him. Fr... the ...

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time and trying to evade giving explanation -

2. On one occasion I told him that his work will have to be overhauled, and that I would take the earliest opportunity of doing it. He reported to me on 6-4-99 that two items - one for Rs 19 and the other for Rs 1-2-0 were omitted to be brought into accounts for November and December and he explained that the omission was partly due to pressure of work and partly to the sums having been received at his quarters. I placed implicit confidence in his statements considering that he was so well spoken of by my predecessor. The money having been paid on the spot, no serious notice was taken of the omission and the matter reported to you in my Demi Official dated 9 April 1899 -

3. Since then I commenced the examination of the Cash Books-
a Memo of all the amounts
to the Special Executive

Engineer Expre e in the Capacity of
Madura Sub Division Officer
from Sept ember 1898 when I took
Charge of t he Sub Division. Then
I found o ut that a Sum of Rs 720
Realized by the Sale of trees in
Vadagarai Tank bund and re-
mitted in 3 instalments in the
month of Ja nuary- which should
have been Credited in that
month was not done so, but an
interpolati on on the receipt side
of the Cash Book was made to
show tha t the Sum of Rs 720
was accou nted for. To square up
this entry the amount paid into
the Trea sury on the 7th January 1899
was erase d and altered from
Rupees 36 6. 2. 6 to Rs 1086-2-6.
In pursu ance of the above entries
the totals on the receipt side and
charge side of the Cash book on
pages 15 to 17 were altered and
the old totals were resumed
at bottom of page 17 (Vide Charges
Nos 8 & 9)
The original Cash book
is herewith forwarded for further
reference & favor of return when
no longer required.

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3 The exact dates on which
these interpolations were made and
alterations were ma de cannot be
ascertained, but the above were
found on the 21 April and
the matter reported to you
accordingly. As far as I
remember, Rung asamy Pillai
appears to have stated in
his explanation that he al-
-tered the figures at the spur
of the moment that I
cannot believe for if ~~that~~ it was
the case, he should have simply
made the entry on the receipt
side and left the totals un-
-altered. He d not have
carried out the ltered totals
for only two pages and then
resumed the old totals. This
shows that he w anted to
deceive the Off icers and
escape detection and the
very same impulse that made
him alter the fi gures at the
spur of the mome nt might have
made him pay the amount. The
still be
was

was dete
to have d ted. If he wanted
honest and done the thing in an
manner straightforward
a clear he should have made
to credit confession of his omission
in January the Government money
till his This was not done
was detect of misappropriation

4 Fr eated by me
herewith the original Cash Book
of the forwarded the exact nature
him and ences committed by
same his motives for the
ay be judged.

I have the
Sd/ S. Ramalingam
Asst. Engineer.

True Copy
Bowlby Lt Col. R.E.
updg. Engr. VII Circle
8 May 1899

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Charges framed against Head Clerk Rungasawmy Pillay and his replies:—

Was Rs 720 entered in pag. 15, on receipt side on 4.1.79 as "amount realised from sale of trees on Vadagarai Tank bund received by you?

2. When was the amount received? Was it received in lump sum or in instalments? On what dates?

When did you make the above entry?

Are the corrections ~~[illegible]~~ or sums of totals in pages 15, 16 & 17 made by you?

Who erased and corrected the figure on payment side against voucher No: 55?

Why did you make the above corrections?

When did you make the same?

How do you account the balance being at

the bottom of page 16, on the receipt side (Cash Column) being Rs 3015 – 3 – 9 and the same amount when carried over to the next page being Rs 2295 – 3 – 9.

9. How do you account for the total at top of page 17 (Cash Column) on payment side being Rs 1190 – 2 – 10 and at bottom of the same page being Rs 480 – 3 – 7 ?

10. Where was the amount of Rs 720 when I counted the cash in chest at the close of March as the amount was not found in the Chest. ?

11. Why did you not bring this to my notice on the date of my examination of Cash Chest on 31st March and on subsequent dates in April ?

12. What were you doing [illegible] ?

the figure "bona fide" ;

As a Government servant did you not know that the alteration in the cash book is a serious offence.

Sd/. A. V. Ramalingam
Asst. Engineer.

(True copy)

J. V. Boddy Lt.Col. R.E.
Supdg Engineer, VI Circle
8 May 1899.

Sd/ [illegible] 8/5/99

Cash [illegible] [illegible] mat-
irregularities have taken

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Supg Engineer's office, VI Circle,
Trichinopoly. 8 May 1899.
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From

Lt. Col. O. V. Boddy R.E.
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle

To

The Chief Engineer,
P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures: 3
1 copy of Head Clerk's Explanation
1. Copy of Asst. Engr's letter No: F. d/5-5-99 with
1. copy of Enclosure

I have the honor to bring to your notice that in his letter No: C dated 21 April 1899, Mr: A. V. Ramalingam Aiyar, the Assistant Engineer in charge of Periyar Works, informed me that on examining his Cash Book for January 1899, he found some erasures and corrections on pages 15, 16 & 17 thereof. On tracing the cause of these erasures, he found that a sum of Rs 720, realized from the sale of trees on Vadagarai Tank Bund, and re-mitted by the Sub Divisional officer, Madura, to the Special Executive Engineer and which ought to have been credited in January or February had not been

5 on the receipt
had been made on page 15 if to show
side of the Cash book, as properly
that the amount had been balance the
brought to account. To ied into the
entry, the amount remitt 899 on page
Treasury on 7th January, was raised
16 of the expenditure side, the "carried
by that amount, and "ward" totals
over" and "brought forw pages, but
were also altered in the totals were
the old and unaffected of page 17.
resumed at the bottom ngineer also
2. The Assistant En given him
forwarded the explanatio gasawmy Pillai,
by the Head Clerk Ru, and in-
a copy of which I enclose provisionally
-formed me that he had lerk.
suspended the Head Cl t the Head
3. With reference d enquiries
Clerk's explanation, I ha nasawmy Aiyar
made and Clerk Krist knowledge
has absolutely denied a
of the transactions. il, the Assis-
4. On the 24th Apl to me that
tant Engineer intimate up the money
the Head Clerk had h [illegible]
as
[illegible] Treasury

5. In reply I confirmed the suspension of the Head Clerk, and ordered the Assistant Engineer to frame charges and obtain the Head Clerk's replies to them.

6. I now forward a copy of letter from the Assistant Engineer No. F. dated 5th May 1899. From this it will be seen that charges were framed and given to the Head Clerk on the 29th of April, but that he has not given any replies to them.

7. It appears to me to be a clear case of misappropriation of Government money.

8. I have instructed the Assistant Engineer to consult the Government Pleader on the matter, but it appears to me that it will be necessary to institute criminal proceedings against the Head Clerk.

9. I have also heard from the Assistant Engineer (though not officially) that a further investigation of the Cash book shows that other similar irregularities have taken place, and t

Rs 38 — 6 — 0 not accounted for although received in the Special Periyar office.

10. Mr: Smyth, the late Executive Engineer, had a high opinion of Rungasamy Pillay, and specially brought his good services to my notice.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant.

J. L. Hodley Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
V Circle