

Public (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing the Supt., Govt. Press,
to institute further Enquiries &
to furnish further particulars
regarding the loss of certain
articles from the Store room of the
Press at the time of the last
stock taking.

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From The Superintendent,
Government Press,
Madras.

Order

No. 5461

Dated 13th December 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submits further report on the
loss of certain articles from the
store-room of Govt. Press.

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writing off.

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Lat. Press, Madras,
13th December 1897.

Office Note

In continuation of Office note,
No. 5050, dated 12th November 1897, the
Supt., Gov. Press submitted that on the
2nd October 1897 at a statement made
by a binder named R. Sarungapany
he informed the Police that he had reason
to suspect a binder named Devarajulu
of being in possession of the stolen articles.
A search was made by the Police that
evening, in Devarajulu's house, but
the articles were not found. Further
information led the Superintendent to
think that poor Ponnambalam had
assisted Devarajulu in removing the
articles. On the 20th November
Sarungapany brought to the Superintendent
2 goldleaf books, and stated that a
certain person told them to him that
morning, but he had not paid for them,
and no one was present when he bought
them. The Police were sent for and they
informed the Superintendent that
Sarungapany had been to the Station
house that morning, and he was asked
if he had any more information to give,
and he replied he had none. The
Police saw the person referred to, and
after enquiries charged Sarungapany
with being in possession of stolen
property for which he could give no

satisfactory account. Sarmagapany
 was tried at the Katak police
 court on the 18th November, and
 was sentenced to one week's
 imprisonment. From the cross-
 examination made by Sarmagapany
 in the police court and from other
 information since received, the
 Superintendent considers that
 Durajulu had a hand in the
 robbery and was assisted by
 Premambalam, but it is
 impossible to get the necessary
 evidence owing to the stupid conduct
 of Sarmagapany. Over his re-
 statement in connection with the
 gold-leaf books.

2. The Superintendent submits
 that there has never been a robbery
 of stores before, and that he has
 no reason to suspect the storekeeper,
 stock clerk, attendant and Lascar,
 if being in any way implicated
 in the robbery. He therefore solicits
 sanction for writing off the following
 articles and their value from the
 stock book:—

Long cloth (1 piece of 40 yards, 26" wide)

Skinner skin, No. 1

Sewing thread, lb. 12

Gold leaf books, 80

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Name	Salary Rs.	Service
J. Arumugamudali Storekeeper	60	11 years
M. Kasavalu Store clerk	14	14 "
P. Vathachalam, Attendant	10	15 "
C. Manickam, Lascar	8	5 "

3. The Superintendent has
 dismissed Durajulu for irregular
 attendance, and Sarmagapany's
 name has been struck off the roll,
 both men were temporary binders.
 Although the Superintendent strongly
 suspects Premambalam of being
 implicated, he feels he has not
 sufficient grounds for recommending
 his dismissal.

4. A patent lock has been
 provided for the store-room, and
 it is sealed up each evening.

R. Hill

Superintendent

The Chief Secretary
 to Government

The 1st report is at A.

NOTE FOR THE Chief Secretary

This is Mr. Hill's final report on the stores found missing at the Govt. Press when the preliminary stock-taking was being carried out, previous to the regular yearly examination by an expert. Please see notes at B, on the back of which the C.S. noted that this report, then promised by Mr. Hill, should go to H.M. The ~~defalcation~~^{amount} is within the powers of the local government to write off, and does not appear to reveal any important defect in the system which would make it a case for report to the Govt. of India (art. 259 I.O.P.)

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The report of the Supl^t is inadequate and his treatment of the case is perfunctory. He will take a statement from the storekeeper with any necessary details.

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may have to urge against
being called on to pay
the value of the stores
missing. ~~over~~

No explanation has been given
by the Supt. as to how
the frauds could have taken
place & through whose
negligence. He will
~~also~~ supply the omission.
Statements will also be taken
from the store clerk, Cascar
& Attender as to their
connection with the matter.

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