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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th May 1862.

Read the following letters :--

No. 498. From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th May 1862, No. 619/50.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to annex copy of a letter dated 3rd instant, No. 118, from the Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement in charge of the Nellore party, reporting the theft, on the night of the 29th ultimo, at Pamuru in the Kanigiri Táluq, of the Cash Chest of the Acting Inspector of Boundaries, containing, besides private cash and jewels, Rupees 820-4-0 of public money. The greater portion of this sum consisted of the pay of the subordinates of the party which had been forwarded to the Acting Inspector for distribution, the remainder, viz., Rupees 36, being the amount of fines levied under Act XXVIII of 1860, but not yet remitted to the Treasury. Every effort will no doubt be made by the Police and Magistracy to secure the detection of the guilty parties and the recovery of the property, but inasmuch as Rupees are easily concealed and incapable of identification, the recovery of the actual cash is problematical.

2. In the meantime it will be hard upon the subordinates to be deprived of their pay, and as neither they nor the Inspector who used every ordinary precaution, would appear to be to blame, I request the sanction of Government for the disbursement of a sum equal to the undistributed pay stolen, viz., Rupees 784-4-0, as well as authority to write off in my accounts Rupees 36, being the fines levied but stolen before being credited, on the understanding that any money to be eventually recovered will be refunded into the Treasury.

3. An enquiry will be made into the conduct of the Peons on guard on the night of the theft, and if sufficient grounds appear for such a course, they will be prosecuted.

4. The contingency being one that could not be foreseen no provision was made in the Budget of the Department for the disbursement now solicited, but the amount may be met out of the unexpended funds of the past year should the Government consider that it may properly be debited to that year, the pay due to the subordinates being for March, or should that course be deemed objectionable, the sum may be provided out of the item allowed for unforeseen charges in the allotment of the current year.

No. 498A. From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th May 1862, No. 664/53.

SIR,

1. Adverting to my letter of the 8th instant, No. 619, reporting the theft of public money from the Cash Chest of an Acting Inspector of Boundaries in the Nellore District, I have the honor to report that the whole amount, viz., Rupees 820-13-9, and not Rupees 820-4-0 as previously stated, with the exception of Rupees 20-9-9 has been recovered. It appears that the Peon who was found asleep on his watch was the thief, and on being questioned by the Police, pointed out the place where he had concealed the bags. On examining the latter, Rupees 20-9-9 were missing.

2. The sum recovered being more than equal to the whole undistributed pay, authority for the disbursement asked for in paragraph 2 of my previous letter will not be required, but as the recovered money will be retained in the hands of the Police till after the trial of the Peon, which, owing to the adjournment of the Courts, cannot take place for some time, and as it will be hard upon the subordinates of the party to be kept out of their pay for six weeks or two months, in addition to the time they have already waited for it (the pay being for March), I still request the sanction of Government for an advance of Rupees 784-4, the amount of the pay due, the same to be adjusted as soon as the trial is over and the stolen money is made available.

3. Authority is also requested to write off in my accounts Rupees 20-9-9 out of the Rupees 36 of fines alluded to in my former letter, that being the amount still remaining unrecovered.

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No. 499. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1862, No. 1,177.

1. In the first of these letters, the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement reported the robbery of the Cash Chest of an Acting Inspector of boundaries in the Nellore District containing Government money, consisting of the pay of the Subordinates of the party, and the amount of fines levied under Act XXVIII of 1860, but not remitted to the Treasury; and in the second letter he reports the recovery of the amount stolen, viz., Rupees 820-13-9, with the exception of Rupees 20-9-9.

2. The Government wish to be informed when the Acting Inspector received the pay and the fines; and why the former was not disbursed on receipt, and the latter not remitted before; also why the cash was not placed in charge of the Police. The result of the trial of the Peon who is said to be the thief should also be reported. Pending information on these points, the Government must withhold the sanction requested in the last paragraph of the Officiating Director's second letter; but for the reasons stated in the second paragraph of the same letter, they grant sanction for an advance of Rupees (784-4-0) seven hundred and eighty-four and Annas four, the amount of the pay due; to be adjusted as proposed by Mr. Master.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Letter from C. Rundall Esq. Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement to R. Ed. Master Esq. Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 3d instant No. 118.

The Acting Inspector of the 1st Party M. Venkazi, reported on the 30th instant the theft of his box containing the pay of several of the Gumastahs to the amount of Rupees 784-4-0, and a further sum of Rupees 36 being fines collected under the provisions of Act XXVIII of 1860. It appears that he arrived at Pamuru in the Kanigiri Taluk on the 28th and kept his office in the village Chavadi and that on the evening of the 29th he placed three peons to guard the box which he carefully sealed and locked and made over to their charge. Until 12 P.M. the guard was properly kept, but the peon afterwards on watch appears to have gone to sleep, as on one of the other peons awaking the light was found to be out the peon on guard fast asleep and the box gone. Intimation was at once given to the Police, and soon after daylight the box broken open was discovered outside the village, but all the valuables had been stripped

Course removed.

Besides

2. Besides the Government money in the Inspector's desk, he reports that there was Rupees 297-7-5 the savings of several of the Gumastahs which had been placed with his Office Gumastah for safe keeping and jewels belonging to him to the value of Rupees 124-11-0.

3. The Police are searching for the perpetrators of the robbery, and the Magistrate has directed their Jaleildar to proceed to Pamuru and render every assistance in his power; and of the result of their enquiries, I will inform you hereafter.

4. The persons who so shamefully neglected their duty have, until I can more fully enquire into the circumstances of the robbery, been suspended; and I have taken steps to ascertain the amount still due, on account of pay, to the different servants of the 1st. Party; and in the event of the money not being recovered, I request that I may be directed how to obtain the required sum for the payment of the servants whose pay has been thus stolen.

(True Copy)

Officiating Deputy Director of Revenue & Settlement

Collector.

Department for the disbursement now solicited but the amount may be met out of the unexpended funds of the past year should the Government consider that it may properly be debited to that year, the pay due to the subordinates being for March. or should that course be deemed objectionable, the sum may be provided out of the item allowed for unforseen charges in the allotment of the current year.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Offg Director of Rev Sat.

To
J. D. Sim Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

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Sir a Letter from the Offg Director of Revenue Salt Department to the Secretary to Govt Revenue Department Dated 8th May 1862

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Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the May 1862

Read the following letter from the Offg. Director of Revenue Settlement—

Submitting a letter from the Asst. Sur. of Revenue Settlement in charge of the Bellary party reporting the theft at Canara of the cash chest of the Asst. Inspector of Boundaries and requesting sanction for the disbursement of a sum equal to the embezzled pay of the Establishment stolen as well as authority for writing off in the accounts the amount of fines levied, under Act XXVIII of 1860 but stolen before being credited on the understanding that any money to be eventually recovered will be refunded into Treasury—

Here enter 8th May 1862 No. 619/50

With this letter, the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement forwards one from the Assistant Director in charge of the Bellary party, reporting the theft on the 29th April last of the cash chest of the Acting Inspector of Boundaries containing Govt. money to the amount of Rs 820. 4.- Of this sum Rs 784. 4. is stated to be the pay of the subordinates of the party sent to the Acting Inspector for distribution, and the remainder Rs 36

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Rec'd 13th May 1862

From The Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement

To The Secretary to Govt. Revenue Department

Dated 8th May 1862

Rec'd 9th "

No 619/50

Answered 26th May

Acknowledging a letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement and Secretary of the Board of Revenue reporting the theft of the cash chest of the Acting Inspector of Boundaries Bellary party and requesting sanction for the disbursement of a sum equal to the embezzled pay of the establishment stolen as well as authority for writing off in the accounts the amount of fines levied under Act XXVIII of 1860 but stolen before being credited on the understanding that any money to be eventually recovered will be refunded into Treasury.

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the amount of fines levied under Act XXVIII of 1860, but not remitted to the Treasury.

2. The Offg Director states that the Acting Inspector used every ordinary precaution, and does not consider him to blame for the loss of the money; but with the information now before him, the Govr in Council cannot absolve that individual from responsibility. It should be stated when he received the sums referred to, and why the pay was not disbursed on receipt, and why the fines were retained ~~for a week~~ before ~~credited at once~~; also whether the place in which the cash was kept was secure, and why it was not placed in charge of the Police. The result of the enquiries instituted by the Police and Magistrate in the matter of the theft should also be reported. Meanwhile, sanction

is

is granted for the disbursement of such of the undistributed pay stoppages, viz Rs 784-4 three hundred and eighty four and annas four.

J. P. S

To, The Offg. Dir of Rev Settlement.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Superintendent Rev Survey

Theft of the cash Chest of the Asst Inspector of Boundaries Kellae dist.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt under date the 27th May 1862.

Read the following Letters from the Offg Director of Roy Settlement.

Reporting the theft of the Cash Chest of an Acting Inspector of Boundaries in the Kellae District (Here enter 8 May 1862 No 669/50)

Reporting with reference to the foregoing letter that the whole amount abstracted viz Rs 820. 15. 9. has been recovered with the exception of Rs 20.9.9.- (" " 16 " " " 664/53)

In the first of these letters, the Offg Dr of Roy. Settlement reported the robbery of the cash chest of an Acting Inspector of Boundaries in the Kellae District containing Govt money, consisting of the pay of the subordinates of the party, and the amount of fines levied under Act XXVIII of 1860 but not remitted

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to the Treasury; and in the second letter he reports the recovery of the amount stolen, viz Rs 820. 13. 9, with the exception of Rs 20. 9. 9.

2. The Govt wish to be informed when the acting Inspector received the pay and the price, and why the former was not disbursed on receipt and the latter not remitted before; also why the cash was not placed in charge of the Police. The result of the trial of the Man who is said to be the thief should also be reported. Pending information on these points, the Govt must withhold the sanction requested in the last para of the Offg Director's second letter; but for the reasons stated in the second para

para of the same letter, they grant sanction for an advance of Rs (784.4) Seven hundred and eighty four and annas four, the amount of the pay due; to be adjusted as proposed by the Masters.

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To the Offg Director of Rice Settlement
" Accountant General
" Civil Paymaster
" Superintendent Revenue Survey
" Collector of Tellore.

Theft of the Cash Chest
from the Actg Inspr of
Boundaries - Nellore Dist.

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From the Dr of Rum Settt
of 21 June/62 C No 1789
Pro: 9th July/62 No 137-138.
From the Dr of R Settlement of 19th July/62
C No 2084 - in Pro: 6th Aug.t 62 -
on No 1678 -

Passing orders on letter
from Dr Revenue Settlement
regarding the robbery of
the Cash Chest of an Acting
Inspector of boundaries
in the Nellore District -

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