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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 9 - 7 - 1862.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th July 1862.

No. 137. Read the following letter 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, 21st June 1862, No. 831/65:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit (in original to be returned) a letter* from the Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement in charge of the Nellore party, furnishing the information called for by Government in paragraph 2 of their Order of the 27th ultimo, No. 1,177. The result of the trial of the Peon will be reported as soon as it is known.

* Dated 16th June 1862, No. 166.

2. It will be seen that the money stolen comprised, in addition to the fines, sums due to the Subordinates of the party on account of pay for February and March, and a small undistributed balance for January. The different individuals composing a party are scattered over so many villages that it is impossible, as Mr. Rundall states, to disburse to each his pay as soon as it is received at the Inspector's Head Quarters, and some delay is unavoidable. It will however be pointed out to Mr. Rundall, with reference to paragraph 2 of his letter, that it is not necessary for the Inspector personally to disburse each man's pay, for to do this, he must either neglect important duties, while running about the country, or the Subordinates must suffer the inconvenience of waiting for their pay till he can make it convenient to visit them. On the other hand, if all the Subordinates were to leave their work in distant villages for the purpose of attending at the Inspector's Office to receive their pay, the business of the Department would be impeded. The proper course is for the Inspector to send to each Head Gumáshta in charge of a circle of villages the pay due to himself and to the Gumáshtas and Peons under him, and make him responsible for the distribution. This course will be adopted in future.

3. The Government will observe that the fines had been in the Inspector's possession but a short time, the greater portion having been collected only the day before the theft, and that no opportunity had offered of remitting the amount to the Treasury.

Paragraph 4.

4. Mr. Rundall explains that he was not aware that the Police would undertake the charge of cash chests except at stations where there is a regular Treasury guard, and further that no regular cash chests have been supplied to the Inspectors. I observe that the Inspector General of Police in paragraph 4 of his Circular Order of the 23rd February 1861, No. CXXVI, confines the permission to take charge of cash chests to officers in charge of Police station houses, out-posts being expressly excluded. Measures will now be taken to supply the Settlement Inspectors with proper cash chests, and they will be directed whenever possible to deposit them for safe custody with the Police.

5. Under the explanation now afforded, I venture to repeat the request made in paragraph 3 of my letter of the 16th ultimo, No. 634, for authority to write off in my accounts Rupees 20-9-9, being the unrecovered portion of the fines.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1862, No. 1,495.

Under the explanation afforded sanction is granted for writing off in the accounts Rupees (20-9-9) twenty, Annas nine and Pice nine.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

4. Mr. Randall explains that he was not aware that the Police would undertake the charge of Cash Chests except at Stations where there is a regular Treasury Guard, and further that no regular Cash Chests have been supplied to the Inspectors, & directs that the Inspector General of Police in pursuance of his Circular Order of the 23rd February 1861. No. LXXVI confines the Superintendence to the charge of Cash Chests to Officers in charge of Police Stations, outposts being expressly excluded. Measures will now be taken to supply the Settlement Inspectors with proper Cash Chests, and they will be directed as soon as possible to deposit them for safe custody with the Police.

5. Under the circumstances now afforded, I venture to repeat the request made in para. 3 of my letter of the 16th Ultimo No 88, for authority to write off as my accounts Rupees 26-9-9 being the unrecovered portion of the fines

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

[signature]

Offg Accountant & Treasurer & Collector

C. D. Shipp Esqr
Secretary to Government

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From Offg Director of Revenue Settlement
To Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 21st
Rd 23rd June 1862.
No 831/65

Submitting in reference to Proceedings of Govt dated 27th ultimo No 1177. a letter from the Asst Director of Revenue Settlt in charge of the Vellore party on the subject of the theft of the Inspectors Cash Chest; and again requesting that permission may be granted for writing off in the accounts the unrecovered sum of Rs 20-9-9.

No 1495 9th July
Written order

From Govt
9th July 1862

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3 Cpies
3 Cpies Accountant General ✓
3 Cpies Treasurer ✓
7 Supdt of Revenue Survey ✓
1 Collector of Vellore ✓

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