Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th March 1871.

No. 224. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 16th February 1871, No. 440-19 :—

I HAVE the honour to report, for orders of Government, the loss of Rs. 112-15-11, entrusted to a Peon, Govindu Row, of No. 4, Tinnevelly Survey Party, for delivery to Head Surveyor Terukamiah, employed in Kurumalei village, Ootapedarum Taluq. The Peon has absconded with the sum, and has not, up to the date of report, been apprehended, although the Police and Magisterial authorities have been communicated with on the subject.

2. In detailing the circumstances connected with this loss of money, Captain Freeth, in charge of the Party, states that pay for this and two other Surveyors is always sent out by Duffadar or Peon, as they work independently, reporting direct to him, and sometimes in places at a considerable distance from the Taluq Treasury. He further represents that the risk of Surveyors sending their Peons to the Taluq Cutcherry for their pay is equal to or greater than that of sending the pay direct by Peon from Office, and that a delay of two or three days in a month would be caused were each Surveyor to go to the Taluq Cutcherry himself.

3. I submit for information copy of my Circular on the subject of remittances to Field Establishment, and to state, with reference to paragraph 2, that during a period of eleven years' service, the Peon, who has absconded, was once dismissed by Mr. Puckle for drunkenness, and was afterwards re-entertained. The Duffadar, I consider, greatly to blame for entrusting the money to this Peon, and I have, therefore, directed that he should be reduced to the rank of Peon.

No. 1,763-118 of 7th August 1869.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1871, No. 469.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government authorize the Accountant-General to write the sum stolen off the accounts.

2. It does not appear that breach of rule facilitated the theft, although the Duffadar was to blame for entrusting the money to a man who had once been discharged for misconduct. His reduction to the grade of Peon is, however, sufficient punishment for this neglect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 440
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Revenue Survey Office.
Chepauk
16 February 1871

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CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

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Several instances of embezzlement having recently occurred, the Superintendent desires, that Officers in charge of Survey and Demarcation parties, will, as a rule, make all remittances to field establishments through a Talook Treasury.

2. If, however, it be found absolutely necessary that money should be sent by peons, great care must be taken in selecting a trustworthy man for the duty.

Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
7th August 1869.

(Signed) J. Priestley Colonel,
Superintendent Revenue Survey.

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16th February 1871

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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No. 1763/118 of 7th August 1869

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Sir
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W. Pettley Col
Superintendent Rev. Survey

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From

The Superintendent Rev: Survey

To

The Secretary to Govt.
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The Superintendent
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Statement of the accounts.

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17th March/71.