

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd June 1872.*

No. 219. Read the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 12th June 1872, No. 997-30:—

I HAVE the honour to submit (in original to be returned) four letters from my Deputy in the Cuddapah District, dated

25th April 1872, No. 781.

4th May „ „ 828.

23rd „ „ „ 935.

1st June „ „ 981.

and numbered as noted in the margin, reporting that one of the Peons of his party named Munnappa, after abscond-

ing with Rs. 53-3-0 of public money, entrusted to him for payment to certain Goomastahs, committed suicide by throwing himself down a well.

2. Following the usual mode of paying the establishment under him, Head Classifier V. Parvatesan entrusted Peon Munnappa with the sum of Rs. 89-2-0, which he was to distribute, according to a list furnished him, to the several classifiers, etc., working in adjacent villages, taking from them the necessary acquittance. This he appears to have done to the extent of Rs. 35-15-0, and then to have lost, misappropriated, or absconded with the remainder. The fact of his not having returned to the head-quarter village within the prescribed time excited suspicion, and an immediate search was instituted, which led to his discovery in the village of Gudduvellagola near Kadri. An application was made to the Sub-Magistrate for a warrant for the apprehension of the delinquent; but this was refused on the ground that the case was “breach of trust by a public servant”—an offence for which he could not issue a warrant. The Inspector of Police appears also to have declined to take action in the matter in the absence of a warrant, though he was apparently competent to apprehend the accused, without warrant, under the Criminal Procedure Code; and it seems singular that this was not pointed out to the Police by the Sub-Magistrate who was addressed in the first instance. This delay afforded the fugitive an opportunity of escaping to another village where he was found drowned in a well. The inquiry at the inquest showed that his death was the result of suicide and not of foul play.

3. The Head Classifier appears to have adopted the usual course in entrusting the Peon with money, and can hardly be deemed responsible for this loss. Moreover, Munnappa having been on several previous occasions employed on similar work, naturally secured, in some measure, the confidence of the Head Classifier; and as there were no Kistna Peons to depute the deceased was nominated to the duty.

4. Under these circumstances I have the honour to request the sanction of Government to write off the sum of Rs. 53-3-0 as irrecoverable, and to draw a similar amount on a supplemental bill for disbursement to the servants to whom it is due. The budget of the department can meet the charge.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

to the Director of Revenue Settlement.
the Accountant-General.

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