

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3829

DATED 23rd July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Receiving B.P. & letter from the Coll.^r
of Godavari sub^r copy of a letter to the A.G.
reporting on the fraud perpetrated on the
Rajahmundry Sub-Treasury on the 5th May
by one M. Venkayalu Naidu.

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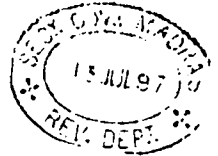
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Revenue (1897) Department.

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Hon. Mr. L. Rose C. S. & Co

Read also Cno 619497.

Order (min) No. 3829 of 23rd July 97.

From The Collector
Godavari

Recorded.

17/7/97

Ref on Cno No. 1645 of 1897

Dated 7th July 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting copy of a letter to the Accountant General, Madras, re: fraud perpetrated on the Rajahmundry Sub Treasury on 5th May 1897 by one M. Dinadayalu Naidu.

28-7-97

Board of Rev (L.A.)
Collector of Godavari

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Cocanada

Collector

Bombay, Pydhonie

By Commissioner

of Police

Dated 2. 6. 1897.

Note no 30425 for rupees
100. traced to crush Lyonmaid
Bank which cannot say from
whom received.

(True Copy)

Jeebata Ramadas
for Collector

Locanada

Madras, Mount Road.

Commissioner of Police

Collector

Madras

Dated 7. 6. 1897.

So information beyond the fact
that the currency note was cash
traced to one Dyanmah Chetty Cloth
merchant, Madras.

Locanada

Madras, Mount Road

Commissioner of Police

Collector

Madras

Dated 15. 6. 1897.

Your telegram eight notes not
traced. letter follows.

(True Copies.)

Subudataramadas
for collector

No 947.

City Police Office

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Madras 19 June 1897

To Mr.

J. Meredith Esq

At Commissioner of Police

Madras

To

The Collector, of Godavari

Sir,

In reply to your letter no. 1645 dated 16th June 97, I have the honor to inform you that on examining the accounts of Messrs Walker & Co on whose behalf their Bill Collector to Raghava Pillay presents Currency note No 765-28297 for Rs 100 for payment at the Paper Currency Office no trace of that note could be found. 2. — Currency note No 8352350 for Rs 100 was received at the Bank of Madras on 5th June 97 from the Madras Harbour Trust Board who

say that they do ~~not~~ register the numbers
of notes passing through their hands and
that they were unable to furnish any
information as to how it came into
their possession.

3. Currency note No 87/87 15148 for Rs 100 was received at the Bank of Madras on 5th Dec 97 from Messrs De, Mevils, Madras who received it on the same date from Moogy Jaitra Rao, Choolay, Madras, who say that they do not register the numbers of currency notes passing through their hands and could not recollect from whom they received it. Their account books were also examined but to no purpose.

I have the honor to
 Sir
 Your most obedient Servt
 (Ed) R. Narayanaiah
 for Ag Commissioner
 of Police
 (True Copy)

Succubata Ramadas
for collector

Ref on Cur as $\frac{1645}{acc}$ 99%.

Godavari Collectorate
Cocanada 7th July 1897

Yours

V. A. Brodie Esq^{re}.

Collector, Godavari

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The Accountant-General, Madras.

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In reference to your letter No 1606 dated the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to state that from the report of the Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, and of the latter to the Chief Engineer to Government. P. W. D. in respect of the forged cheques, it would appear that P. Venkataradi Haidu, (this seems to be his correct name, not Venkatarreddi Haidu, as already reported by the Tahsildar Rajahmundry) and put in an application on the 24th April 97, to the Executive Engineer for a clerk's post.

in that Division declaring that he had passed the F. A. Examination. Pending disposal of the Application, he was allowed to work in the Clerical and Accounts Branches. At the beginning of May 1897, the Executive Engineer sent from Camp to the Cashier Clerk through the Accountant his cheque books to enable him to compare the amounts of drawn cheques with the cash book. These books contained blank cheques as well as cheques drawn on account of salaries of subordinates, and the Cashier, while engaged in entering the drawn cheques in the cash book was obliged to go to the Accountant who was sitting in the adjoining room to speak to him for a few minutes leaving the cheque books on the table.

2. Venkataswami Naidu, who was working at one end of the Cashier's table took advantage of the Cashier's absence and abstracted from the Rajahmundry Sub Treasury cheque book 8070573 two blank

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cheques Nos 8 and 9. He filled in the cheques in favor of M. Dinadayalu Naidu for Rs 2418.13.5, forged the signature of Mr. Hancock, Executive Engineer, Eastern Division, dating them 4th May, presented them himself at the Rajahmundry Sub Treasury on 5th May 1897 and obtained payment in the manner already reported.

3. The Superintending Engineer remarks that an unpaid man should not have been allowed to work in the office.

Contrary to G.O. No 2014 dated 24.1.1885 and finds fault with the Cashier Clerk for having left the cheque books on his table during his absence. The Superintending Engineer further finds fault with the Executive Engineer for having sent to the office the cheque books instead of drawn cheques alone. Venkataswami obtained possession of another blank cheque form from the Bhadrachalam Sub Treasury cheque book, but he did not make use of it and it was found after he

absconded in the pocket of his coat which
he had left behind at his lodgings
in Dowlaismaram.

4. As already stated Venkatadri
presented the cheques himself and gave
out that his name was M. Dinadayala
Kaidu and that he was a D. P. U. Contractor.
The circumstances under which the cheques
were cashed and the steps taken by the
Tahsil Head Accountant of Rajahmundry
to satisfy himself as to his identity
are clearly set forth in the following
extract from my Sub Collector's
letter.

"The Head Accountant V. Sitoramachary"
"who had been on leave took over charge"
"yesterday and on his arrival at the"
"office, he saw a man waiting and"
"asked him what he wanted. He said"
"he was a D. P. U. Contractor and had"
"a cheque for Rs 1557 and odd. After"
"the Head Accountant had taken over"

"Charge, the cheque was brought to him in the"
"presence of the Tahsildar and after scrutiny"
"he passed it. Almost directly afterwards"
"the same man produced another cheque for"
"Rs 567 and this also was passed."
"4. These cheques were numbered 8 and 9 respectively"
"and after they had been cashed another genuine"
"cheque no 10 was presented. It was then noticed"
"that this was dated the 3rd, whereas the"
"cheques nos 8 and 9 were dated the 4th. This"
"aroused suspicion and the Tahsildar forth"
"sent a telegram to Dowlaismaram and"
"then rode off himself and found that the"
"two cheques were forgeries. Telegrams were"
"at once sent to Madhavole, Begwada, "
"Cocanada and Suni to have the suspected"
"person arrested."
"5. I enclose the statement taken from the"
"Head Accountant and I am of opinion"
"that he can hardly be blamed. The man"
"who presented the cheques and who gave"
"the name of Aminathayala Kaidu was a"

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"stranger to the Head Accountant, so the latter"
"asked the Domicil Guntakali who is a resi-"
"dent of Dowlaiswaram and a D.P.O. from"
"who was in the office whether they knew"
"him and they said that they had often"
"seen him in the D.P.O. office. As the man"
"appeared to be respectable, he saw no reason"
"to doubt the genuineness of the cheques".
"6 As regards the cheques themselves they"
"are numbered 8 and 9 but on examining"
"them carefully it can be noticed that they"
"were originally nos 28 & 29 and that in each"
"Case the 2 has been ^{for} separated ^{for} out. The"
"allegation however is not one that would"
"be noticed unless it was looked for,"
"and as cheques nos 5 and 7 were presented"
"about the same time, the numbers -"
"appeared to be correct. The imitation"
"of Mr Hancock's signature is very good"
"and would deceive any one."

It is a pity that the Secy. Treasury

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and the D.P.O. at Lascar whether they knew
the man and not whether he was a Mr.
Contractor and if so what his name was.
His statement that they had seen him
in the Executive Engineer's office might be
true enough as they did see him in the
office, but if the man had been questioned
as to whether he was Contractor, he would
probably have said that he was not
and that he was only a Volunteer in
the office. The Head Accountant seems
to have been satisfied with the recogni-
sance made by him, as to his identity,
as the man looked extremely respectable
in his dress. I need not dwell further
on this point as the Head Accountant
in question (V. Sitarameachary) has
unfortunately died since of dyspepsia.
It may be that his death was
accelerated by the shock of the discovery
that such a fraud had been perpetrated
on him. The Secy. Collector exonerates

him completely free blame though the
Superintending Engineer thinks that the
Cashing of cheques which bore crosses
implies some want of care on his part.
As the Sub Collector remarked the crosses
were such as would not be noticed
unless looked for and the circumstances
at the time of the presentation were not
such as to arouse any suspicion and
call for very strict scrutiny in respect
of such a point as the number. Both the
Superintending Engineer and the Executive
Engineer seem to think that the
imitation of Mr. Hancock's signature
is not and cannot be good but
the Sub Collector who has seen it
says that it is good and would
deceive any one. The Executive Engineer
seems to think that the Sub Treasury
officer should not have paid such
large amounts to an absolute
stranger and that, as the D. & W.

why not?
because

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Contractors should be well known to the
Treasury officials, payment to a new
man should not have been made
before making enquiries in his office. This
may sound well in theory but in
practice this is not feasible especially
at a Sub Treasury like Rajahmundry
where the treasury work is very heavy,
and where the Contractors of nearly every
Executive Engineer and Sub ~~Sub~~ Divisional
offices in the district cash their cheques.
5. In furnishing the descriptive roll
of Venkatadri, the Manager, Executive
Engineer's office, Dowlaissaram, stated
that he had given out in the D. & W.
office that he was a native of Kurnool,
that the station master of Godavari
North-East Coast Railway, was his
brother-in-law, and that his father
in-law was the Taluk Sheristadar
Buddapah. The Treasury officer,
Buddapah and the Tahsildar

Rajahmundry. have been requested
to enquire into and report upon the alleged
relationship and receipt of these reports
a further communication will be sent.
I have however been given to understand
unofficially that all these statements
were false.

6. Subsequent to this office
report referred to in the letter under

	<u>Madras.</u>		
7/15	28297	for Rs 100	
7/53	52350	" 100	
7/87	15148	" 100	
7/74	18472	" 100	
7/75	24052	" 100	
7/75	05502	" 100	
7/87	50205	" 100	
7/75	39053	" 100	
7/87	50203	" 100	
7/74	26402	" 100	
7/64	49676	" 100	
7/65	94236	" 100	

Bombay
7/87 30425 " 100.
to institute enquiries about the
same; the payment of the notes
could not be refused as they

reply, the marginally
noted currency notes
have been circulated
for encashment and
'Cashed at the Paper
Currency offices, —
Madras & Bombay
and the Commissioners
of Police of these two
Cities were requested

were payable on demand. Copies of these
replies are enclosed for your information.
It is fully clear I think from all these
notes but one having been cashed
at Madras that the forgery is now
in that quarter.

7. A reward of Rs 200/- was offered by the
Police Magistrate with my approval
to any person who would furnish informa-
tion leading to Venkatadri Naidu's
arrest. The man is still at large and
no clue to his whereabouts has yet been
obtained.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

(Ed) V. A. Brodie
Collector

Ref on Lunn no 1645 of 97 dated 1st July 1897. / True Copy/
Submitted to the Government of
Madras, Revenue Department, with
reference to its order no 3829 dated 2nd June 97.

(Ed) V. A. Brodie
Collector
S. Venkatasubramanian
for Collector

Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 6194



From

The Board of Revenue
Land Revenue

No. 2632 Mis

Order

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Submitting for the information of Govt
copy of a communication addressed to the
Accountant General by the Collector of
Godavari regarding the fraud perpetrated in
the Rayachimundi Sub Treasary by one
Dinadayalu Naidu

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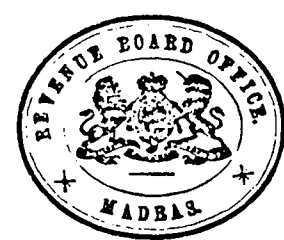
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NOTE FOR THE SECRETARY.

The B. O. now received contains only a copy of the Collector's letter (No. 5891 of 97) already submitted to Government direct. It is submitted therefore that this current also may be read in the order on that paper - returned from circulation today

Edj
22/7/97

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 16th July 1897
No. 2632

1897.

Miscellaneous

READ in document of V. A. Brodie Esqre, Collector of Godavari, Ref. No. 1645/Dec. of 97, dated 7th July 1897, on copy of his letter to the Accountant General, Ref. No. 1645/Dec. of 97, dated 7th July 1897.

Resolution

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to its Order No. 2829 His, dated the 1st ultimo, and in continuation of Board's Proceedings No. 1896 His, dated 22nd May 1897.

(True extract)

W. Brodie
by Secretary

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department ✓
with Collector's letter and enclosures in original to be returned