

(c) **STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES—continued**

File No.	Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
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CASES OTHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED—contd.**Social Security Department—continued**

		£ s. d.	
A. 21/88/46	One hundred and sixty-four cases in which recipients of rehabilitation, war pensions, unemployment, sickness, and other benefits obtained in excess of scale rates by failing promptly to disclose material particulars of their circumstances to the Social Security Department	1,992 17 0	Excepting a small number where beneficiaries are on military service, in straitened circumstances, or deceased, efforts have been made to obtain refunds.

State Forest Service

A. 21/87/7	Theft of pay-envelope containing cash	5 19 8	* Officer responsible for its safe custody required to make good the loss.
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Transport Department

A. 21/105/2	Theft of motor tire	Not stated	*
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Treasury Department (War Assets Realization Board)

A. 21/9/342	Theft of clothing, equipment, and tools—three instances	Not stated	*
A. 21/9/353	Theft of pay-envelope containing cash	14 3 2	*

(d) SCHEDULE OF SUMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE AS PAID, UNDER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 73, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926

Section 73, which requires the Audit Office to disallow any sum as paid where the voucher for the actual receipt or payment has not been produced, empowers the Minister, on satisfactory evidence being produced that the requisite papers have been lost or destroyed or that it is not possible to obtain or replace them, to order that the relative sum be allowed.

The powers of the Minister under section 73 have been delegated to the Secretary to the Treasury in terms of section 15 of the Finance Act, 1937, and the following payments have been passed by the Audit Office pursuant to orders made under the delegated powers :—

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
Agriculture		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Petty cash payments	Vouchers lost	3 9 7	
Servicing motor-vehicles	Voucher lost	353 7 2	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	16 15 6	
Travelling-expenses of officers travelling overseas	Receipts not obtained	229 19 1	
Veterinary bursary	Receipt lost	12 0 0	
Wages	Vouchers lost	3,699 7 0	
			4,314 18 4