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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George
Accountants Office

27 February 1857.

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From

The Accountant General

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government, dated Fort St
George, 27 Feb 1857

Sir,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the Honorable Court of Directors in their letter N^o 2 of 1845, directed that the Quick and Dead Stock statements* for the year ending 30th April, should be forwarded by the Overland Mail, which might be despatched in the month of March of the following year. According to these instructions the statements above mentioned have been transmitted in the month of March each year

* order of Government
7th April 1845 N^o 198 -
Financial Department

* Quick Stock for the
quarter ending 30th
April 1856.

Dead Stock for the
year 1855/56.

2. The Territorial Books for the year 1855/56 have been brought up, and the balances have been struck and agree, but the Books are

are not finally closed, in consequence of the various discrepancies that have occurred in the Closing Entries of Collectors, regarding the adjustment of advances &c on account of Public Works.-

3. That attention which was expected, has not been paid by Collectors and Engineers to the Manual ^{as will appear by} Instructions issued by Government under date the 18th ^{the orders dated 15th Novr. 1856, No 2139, passed by Govt. in a letter from the Chief Eng^r, dated 1st Oct. 1856.-} ^{april} last; and, through misapprehension, large sums which actually remained in the hands of Engineer Officers as Cash Balances, were written off as charges, and on the other hand sums which were actually expended were shewn to remain as Cash Balances.-

References to Collectors, were thus rendered necessary, but the replies given and the information afforded, ^{are} not so conclusive. - but that it will take a few months before the matter can be finally adjusted.-

4. It has been my wish to keep the Territorial Books open for the final adjustment of these differences, but if I do so, it will not be in my power

power to forward the Quick and Dead Stock Statements at the period limited by the Honorable Court of Directors - as these Statements represent the actual balances standing in the Territorial Books.-

5. I request therefore to be favoured with Orders of Government, whether the Territorial Books can at once be closed, reserving the rectification of the erroneous entries of the past, to be introduced in the Books of the present, Official year 1856/57.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obed^t Serv^t
J. A. Cunningham
Accountant General

Comd^r. David

Financial Department.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 12th March 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Asses-
sant General.

(Dated 7th Feb 1857. No 389)

Mr. O'Donoghue, dated 12 March 1857.
The Govt regret that
serious discrepancies
should have occurred
in regard to the adjust-
ment of advances for
on account of Public
Works, through the in-
attention of Collectors &
Engineers to the Manual
of instructions issued for
their guidance, and
thereby prevented the
Territorial Books being
closed ere this time;
but they do not think
that

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that the transmission
of the Quind and Lead
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on this account be de-
ferred beyond the pe-
riod limited by the Honble
the Court of Directors, &c.
specially as it is stated
that it will take a few
months before the diffe-
rences can be finally ad-
justed. The Accountant
General will therefore fol-
low the course indica-
ted in the concluding
para of his letter which
the Govd resolve to bring
to the notice of the Honble
Court by the next mail.

H. M. K.

Chief Secretary

To Accountant General. Dispt^d 12th March Recd. at 4th 4th of. 3rd M
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