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No. 53. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 4th November 1857, No. 352.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a statement of the expenditure on salaries, establishments, Travelling allowances and contingencies of the Department of Public Works for the year 1856-57, as called for in your letter of the 20th June last.

2. In explanation of the delay which has attended the preparation of this statement, I beg to observe that many causes have concurred to produce it. The statement is in itself a large one as you will see, being 55* pages of closely written paper of demi size; and as the expenditure on account of each item is required to be extracted for 12 months from the many Registers in this office; this operation takes up much time. It is true, time could be greatly economised by many hands being set to the work, but unfortunately at the time that this statement is called for by you, this office has many other statements to prepare, equally, if not more, important, more bulky and as pressingly required. Besides, a portion of my establishment was engaged during the year in clearing off the arrears outstanding at the time at which the change in the system of audit was introduced; and it was only on the 1st of last month that I was enabled to strengthen the department charged with the special duty of preparing statements, by the addition of 3 hands who were disengaged from the work of reducing the arrears. In addition to the above extenuating causes, I beg to state, that the consequence of the many changes that have taken place in the Department of Public Works, during the past year in the vast numerical augmentation made to it, the circumstance that for 9 months of the past year the Regimental allowances of Military Officers were audited in this office, and the numerous postings of individual members from District to District, the Audit Registers kept in the office, and by means of which the statement is compiled, are so over-crowded with entries and notes as to be almost unintelligible, and to render recourse necessary to the Collector's Journals in the office of the Accountant General, for the purpose of comparison, a circumstance which in itself is a source of delay, but further these Journals in consequence of the change in the system of audit having, as it appears, affected the system of account, are so prepared as to add largely to the difficulty of selecting the several items of expenditure connected with your Department and to add to all these, much loss of time occurred from the auditors requiring the audit Registers in the course of audit, and from the Collector's Journals being in frequent demand in the Accountant General's office at the time they were wanted by this office.

These circumstances are peculiar to this year they did not exist last year, nor will they to any appreciable extent occur next year.

* The rough memo. containing the expenditure for the whole twelve months, from which the statement is compiled, is twice the size of the statement itself or 110 paper demi size.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, for the information of Government with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of 9th October 1857, No. 1907, Public Works Department.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 2117; dated 17th November 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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General Department

No. 352.

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Your most obedient Servant.

Fort St. George
Civil Audit.r Office
4th November 1857

/Sig.d/ H. Lushington
Civil Auditor

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/True Copy/
H. Lushington
Civil Auditor

To
W. Forbes Esqre
Actg Secretary to Government
Public Works Departt

Com.s 13th Oct.r/57. No 33831

Public Works 1857 Depart.t
Com.s 17th November
No 2187

Copy of a Letter

From The Civil Auditor

To The Chief Engineer D.O.W.

Dated 4th } November 1857
Received 6th }

No 352

Forwarding a Statement of the expenditure on Salaries, Establ.ts, Trav.elling allowances & contingencies of the D.O.W.s

No 352

Dated 4th } Nov.r 1857
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