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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
24th March 1857.

No 152

Memorandum.

The Chief Engineer has the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 7th Instant, of the Progress Reports, dated the 25th February, from the District Engineer Canara, for the Months May, June, July, and August 1856. the revised Progress Reports for the same Months from the Collector of that District having been received in January last. The very great delay which has taken place in the receipt of these documents have rendered them as practically of no value, and the Central Office, which is intended to afford every information connected with the expenditure on Public Works, is unable to meet requirements of such nature when made to it by the Government or any other Public Office, not only from the fact of the Returns generally being furnished to it long after they have become due, but from being found when they are received to be incorrect and not to be depended upon.—

2. It is not the intention of the Chief Engineer to make a lengthened comparative review between the whole of the Progress Reports alluded to above and the Accounts Current for the same † from May 1856 received on the 18th August 1856.
—— June 1856 —— do —— 30th August 1856.
—— July 1856 —— do —— 11th November 1856. Months, to which those Reports
—— August 1856 —— do —— 30th January 1856 refer, he will however do so for the Month of May 1856, and briefly refer to the discrepancies between the others.—

3. The Accounts Current for May shews an expenditure

expenditure on new Works of Rupees 8,404-3-11. The Pro-
gress Reports shews as follows.-

That Received from the Collectors ——— Rupees 1116-- --
That Received from the Dist. Engineer. ——— 2,401- - - -
Total Rupees ——— 3517- - - -

There is thus a difference between these Progress Reports and the Account Current of Rupees 4,887. It is certainly to be regretted that after the long delay that has taken place in furnishing these Returns there should be found to exist such great discrepancies between the two. The cause has been ascertained and is thus explained,- The items noted in the margin shewn in the Abstract appended to the Account Current have been brought under the head New Works instead of Repairs. The items Nos. 2, 8, 11, and 52, shewn in the Account Current are entirely omitted in the Progress Reports and the expenditure shewn in items 3, 4, 9, and 28, in the Account Current, does not correspond with the expenditure exhibited in the Progress Reports. The total of the whole, as shewn in the margin, corresponds with the

No 12	Rupees	598-13-2.
13	"	49-4-5
14	"	38-4-4
15	"	514-10-3
16	"	124-4- -
17	"	75-8-5
18	"	124-11- -
19	"	20- - -
44	"	8- - -
45	"	3-10-8.
		1557-2-3
2	"	583- - -
8	"	130-10-10.
11	"	3-3-9
52	"	4-12- -
Total Rupees		2268-12-10

Item No 3 Account Current ——— Rupees 494-8- - differences.
Progress Report ——— " 247- - -
247-8- -

Item No 4. Account Current ——— 2393-12-11
Progress Report ——— 417- - -
1976-12-11

Item No 28. Account Current ——— 742-2-3
Progress Report ——— 242- - -
500-2-3

Total Rupees ——— 2,124-7-2.

Deduct
No 9. Account Current ——— 75-14-7
Progress Report ——— 184- - -
108-1-5
2,616-5-9.

Add the above total ——— " ——— 2268-12-10.
4885-2-7.

difference observed to exist between the Account Current, and Progress Reports, with the exception of

of a small difference owing to the fractions of a Rupee not being properly compounded in the Progress Reports.-

4. The other Accounts Current shew the following expenditure on account of New Works.

For June ——— Rupees 2,126-3-6.
" July ——— " 2695-10-8.
" August ——— " 1828-15-5.

The Progress Reports shew the following.

June	The Collectors	Rupees	568- - -
	District Engineers	"	827- - -
			1395- - -
July	The Collectors	"	866- - -
	District Engineers	"	1227- - -
			2093- - -
August	The Collectors	"	546- - -
	District Engineers	"	578- - -
			1124- - -

By the foregoing it will be seen that the Accounts Current shew a greater expenditure on New Works than the Progress Reports, and it must be obvious that as the two accounts are intended to afford the same information they must be made to correspond with each other. It is requested therefore that revised Accounts Current and Progress Reports for the months of May, June, July, and August be forwarded as early as possible. Those adverted to are retained in the Central Office.-

5. The Chief Engineer has also to observe that no Accounts Current, or Progress Reports, for September and the following months have been as yet furnished to the Central Office, and as the whole of the Executive of the Canara District has been transferred to the District Engineer from September last, that Officer is requested to explain the cause of the non transmission as yet of these important

important documents. The Government require that they should be forwarded by the 5th and 7th of the month respectively to the Chief Engineer, whereas these accounts are now due for the last Six months, and those of the preceding four months are incorrect and require revision.—

6. The Government have directed that the Chief Engineer should immediately commence with the Books of the Public Works Department and arrear from those Accounts Current that they are prepared, the Chief Engineer feels himself obliged to bring to the notice of Government every instance of neglect of their orders.—

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
24th March 1859

A. Taber Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

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No. 30. Read the following Memorandum from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th March 1857, No. 152.

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2. It is not the intention of the Chief Engineer to make a lengthened comparative review between the whole of the Progress Reports alluded to above and the Accounts* Current for the same months, to which those reports refer, he will however do so for the month of May 1856, and *briefly* refer to the discrepancies between the others.

* From May 1856 received on the 18th August 1856.
" June 1856 do. 30th August 1856.
" July 1856 do. 11th Nov. 1856.
" Aug. 1856 do. 30th Jan. 1856.

3. The Accounts Current for May shews an expenditure on new works of Rupees 8,404-3-11. The Progress reports shews as follows.

That received from the Collector...	Rupees...	1,116
That received from the District Engineer	"	2,401
	Total Rupees...	3,517

There is thus a difference between these Progress Reports and the Account Current of Rupees 4,887. It is certainly to be regretted that after the long delay that has taken place in furnishing these returns there should be found to exist such great discrepancies between the two. The cause has been ascertained and is thus explained, the items noted in the margin shewn in the Abstract appended to the Account Current have been brought under the head *New Works* instead of *Repairs*. The items Nos. 2-8-11, and 52, shewn in the Account Current are entirely omitted in the Progress Reports, and the expenditure shewn in items 3, 4, 9, and 28, in the Account Current, does not correspond with the expenditure exhibited in the Progress Reports. The total of the whole, as shewn in the margin, corresponds with the difference observed to exist between the Account Current, and Progress Reports, with the exception of a small difference owing to the fractions of a Rupee not being properly compounded in the Progress Reports.

	Rs.	A.	P.
No. 12	598	13	2
" 13	49	4	5
" 14	38	4	4
" 15	514	10	3
" 16	1.4	4	0
" 17	75	8	5
" 18	124	11	0
" 19	20	0	0
" 44	8	0	0
" 45	3	10	8
	1,557	2	3
	583	2	0
" 2	120	10	10
" 8	3	3	9
" 11	4	12	0
" 52			
Total Rupees	2,268-12-10		

Item No. 3 Account Current	Rupees	494 8 0		
Progress Report...	"	247 0 0	247	8 0
		2,393 12 11		
Item No. 4 Account Current	"	417 0 0		
Progress Report	"		1,976	12 11
		742 2 3		
Item No. 28 Account Current	"	242 0 0		
Progress Report	"		500	2 3
	Total Rupees..		2,724	7 2
Deduct.		75 14 7		
No. 9 Account Current.....	"	184 0 0		
Progress Report	"		108	1 5
			2,616	5 9
Add the above total..	"		2,268	12 10
			4,885	2 7

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The Progress Reports shew the following.

		Rs.	A.	P.
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	District Engineers	827	0	0
		1,395	0	0
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	District Engineers	1,227	0	0
		2,093	0	0
August	The Collectors	546	0	0
	District Engineers...	578	0	0
		1,124	0	0

By the foregoing it will be seen that the Accounts Current shew a greater expenditure on new works than the Progress Reports and it must be obvious that as the two accounts are intended to afford the same information they must be made to correspond with each other. It is requested therefore that revised Accounts Current and Progress Reports for the months of May, June, July, and August be forwarded as early as possible. Those adverted to are retained in the Central Office.

5. The Chief Engineer has also, to observe that no Accounts Current, or Progress Reports for September and the following months have been as yet furnished to the Central Office, and as the whole of the Executive of the Canara District has been transferred to the District Engineer from September last, that Officer is requested to explain the cause of the non transmission as yet of these important documents. The Government require that they should be forwarded by the 5th and 7th of the month respectively to the Chief Engineer whereas these accounts are now due for the last six months, and those of the preceding four months are incorrect and require revision.

6. The Government have directed that the Chief Engineer, should immediately commence with the books of the Public Works Department and as it is from these Accounts Current that they are prepared, the Chief Engineer feels himself obliged to bring to the notice of Government every instance of neglect of their orders.

No. 31.

ORDER THEREON, No. 669 ; dated 9th April 1857.

In this Memo. the Chief Engineer brings to notice certain discrepancies between the Progress Reports and Accounts Current received from Canara, from May to August 1856. The Government must express their surprize and regret that these accounts, received after so much delay should contain so many errors; and it is not creditable to the Collector's Establishment, who had charge of the accounts up to the end of August 1856. The servants who prepared the Accounts Current and Progress Reports ought to have been aware that both documents should correspond with reference to the actual expenditure; and nothing but a loose system, and a disregard of rules, could have given rise to such errors. The District Engineer of Canara, to whom the executive has been transferred, will now be requested to forward revised accounts with the least possible delay, and to expedite the transmission of the accounts due from September 1856.

2. It lately came under the notice of Government that the Budget for 1857-58, had not been transmitted by this Officer, notwithstanding that he had been called upon at three different times to furnish it; and in the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 26th February 1857, No. 367, the Chief Engineer was requested to obtain an explanation from Lieutenant Goddard on the subject. This has not yet been furnished; and if it has not been already received in the Central office, the Chief Engineer will call upon the District Engineer of Canara to submit the required explanation without further delay.

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

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No. 669

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
Under date the 9th April 1857.
Read the following
Memo: from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 24th March 1857 No. 152)

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that

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and if it has not been
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Central Office, the Chief
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the District Engineer of
Canara to submit the
required explanation without
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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dy to Cons. 2nd & April

No 669.

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Dy 9th April 1857.

From Chief Engr. dy 17th March/57
Cs. 772 & 776. Cons. 3
R. Bray

Expressing regret at the discrepancies between the Progress Reports and Accounts Current received from Canara from May to August 1856, and requesting the District Engineer to forward revised accounts, and to expedite the transmission of the accounts due from Sept.r 56; also to submit an explanation from Lieut.t Goddard respecting the delay in the transmission of the Budget for 1857/58. —

No 30 & 31.

c. 2 April 1857