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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 25. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 27th April 1857, No. 3572.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 16th Instant, No. 697, directing me to report whether the advances received by the Civil Engineers and Overseers sent out by the Honorable the Court of Directors, from the Home Authorities and from this Government, and also whether the sums made payable in England continue to be met by deductions in India; I have the honor to state, that—

1.) The advances of a month's salary made to these Officers (with the exception of Mr. Fraser who does not appear to have received any advance) on their arrival in the country, and which was ordered to be discharged by 6 equal monthly instalments appear to have been duly recovered,* except in the case of Mr. Overseer Huddleston whose departure from the country a little after his arrival prevented this being done and regarding whom the Accountant General should be applied to for information.

*Vide E. M. C. 14th April 1855, No. 424, para. 2 and 10th May 1855, No. 567, Revenue Department.

(2.) The advance* made in England and which was directed to be repaid in 12 equal monthly instalments commencing with the first payment made to them; has also been repaid, except in the case of Mr. Huddleston.

*No advance was made to Mr. Merral.

(3.) The family payments made in England continue to be stopped by the Paying Officers from the monthly Abstracts of Messrs. Merral, Hall, Brosnahan and Evans; and that made on account of Mr. Civil Engineer Huddleston having ceased to be made from February 1856.

2. I beg to observe, that from the Pay Bills of some of these Overseers, it would appear that the deductions under reference were made by the Paying Officers under instructions from the Accountant General, whose duty it is to order advances and see to their recovery and adjustment.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 883; dated 7th May 1857.

Para. 1. Ordered that the above letter be forwarded to the Accountant General for any information he may have it in his power to offer as to the circumstances under which the advance of salary made to Mr. Overseer Huddleston in this country remains unrecovered. As observed by the Civil Auditor, Mr. C. K. B. Huddleston left Madras almost immediately after he reached it, having arrived in February or March 1855, and embarked for England on the 4th May following.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation 11th April 1855, No. 424, para. 2 the Government directed that the pay due to Mr. Huddleston to the date of his departure for Europe should be applied to the liquidation of the advance he received in England, and required a report of the amount so applied for communication to the Honorable Court of Directors. The late Board of Public Works replying to this requisition shewed that only three Instalments of the English advance amounting in all to Rupees 187-8 had been liquidated. Mr. H. B. Huddleston, the Covenanted Civil Engineer, at the time expressed his readiness to defray the debt due by his brother, but the Government did not think it fitting to take advantage of this offer, and resolved to notify the amount still due by Mr. C. K. B. Huddleston to the Honorable Court in view to their taking whatever steps they saw fit for its recovery.

3. As no notification however appears to have been made to the Honorable Court, the Government now resolves to instruct the Accountant General to furnish a clear statement shewing the amount due by Mr. Huddleston on account of the advances made to him in England and in this country, in view to a formal report being made on the subject to the Home Authorities.

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

P.W.D.

No. 883

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 7th May 1857.
Read the following
letter from the Civil Auditor.

(Here enter 27th April 1857 No. 3572)

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No 883

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From the Accountant General
25 May 57 C No 1150 Encl 2 Sh.

Requesting the Accountt General to furnish a clear Statement shewing the amount due by Mr Overseer Huddleston on account of the advances made to him in England, and in this Country.