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No. 45. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 15th October 1858, No. 4583.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 22nd September 1857, No. 1955, declining to pass four contingent Bills of Lieutenant Haig for the reduced Establishment of the upper Godavery from April to July 1857, until the receipt of further information on certain points, I have the honor to state that the Civil Auditor was immediately on the receipt of the above Extract Minutes of Consultation requested to furnish information as to the amount passed by him on account of Lieutenant Haig's Establishment from January to July 1857, and his reply with the Memorandum and original Bills which accompanied it, are herein enclosed.

3 Original letters with one enclosure and 18 Bills.

	Rs.	A.	P.
For April 1857	80	10	0
May ,, ...	54	2	0
June ,, ...	105	0	0
July ,, ...	135	0	0
Rupees.....	374	12	0

2. It appears from the Memorandum in question that the aggregate sum drawn by Lieutenant Haig on account of Establishment for the period from January to July 1857, amounts to only Rupees 847-0-8, which is much less than the sum he could have drawn as a District Engineer of the 2nd Class, at the rate of Rupees 359 per month, the Establishment sanctioned for this grade. The Bills of Lieutenant Haig forwarded by the Civil Auditor shew that he entertained only a small portion of the Establishment allowed to him, sufficient perhaps for the duty he was engaged upon, and that a large sum remained undrawn to cover the additional charge for the reduced Establishment kept up by him, for a particular purpose.

	Rs.	A.	P.
January 1857.. ...	176	13	1
February ,, ...	66	0	0
March ,, ...	66	0	0
April ,, ...	151	3	7
May ,, ...	126	0	0
June ,, ...	128	0	0
July ,, ...	133	0	0
Rupees.....	847	0	8

3. The Memorandum and Bills sent by the Civil Auditor did not however give information on the point called for by Government viz. as to how the salaries of the reduced Establishment of the upper Godavery for the period between 9th January and 1st April 1857 were drawn or paid for.

4. Before the receipt of the Extract Minutes of Consultation under reference, Lieutenant Haig forwarded the Contingent Bills of the reduced Establishment for the Months of August and September 1857 amounting to Rupees 200, and explained why the Establishment in question could not be further reduced, and recommended its being retained until his return.

Dated the 30th September 1857, herewith sent.

5. The Central Office was at this time in correspondence with Lieutenant Haig, and after his departure, with Captain Rundall on the subject of the adjustments of certain advances for salaries, Establishments &c., shewn in Lieutenant Haig's Account Current, which items included the salaries advanced to the reduced upper Godavery Establishment. An Examination of these Accounts Current did not clearly shew whether the salaries of the Establishment for the period between 9th January and 1st April 1857 were charged therein, and the District Engineer was referred to for further information on the subject, as well as for his opinion as to the necessity for maintaining in the places noted* in the margin, the Establishments which Lieutenant Haig kept up and whether other Public servants in these places might not be entrusted with the charge of the Stores and Buildings of the upper Godavery works.

* Dowlaiswaram.
Doomgoodiem.
Budrachellum.
Goomalcondah.

6. The District Engineer in his letter of the 7th April last, paras. 3 to 5 states, that there are no public servants in those places who can be so entrusted and that he considers the Establishment kept up by Lieutenant Haig to be necessary for some time longer. He forwards with this letter six contingent Bills paid by him in advance for the period from October 1857 to March 1858 at the rate of Rupees 105 per month, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 630. The District Engineer is unable to furnish information as to the manner in which the Establishment for the period between January and April 1857 was paid, and states that he would refer to the Collector of Rajahmundry for information on this point.

7. The Collector's reply to the above reference was received with the District Engineer's letter of the 22nd Ultimo, both of which I beg to submit together with the 12 contingent Bills referred to above, and under the circumstances now explained, I request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the Bills in question, amounting to Rupees (1,204,-12-0) one thousand two hundred and four and Annas twelve. The six last Bills paid by the District Engineer will be, if sanctioned, sent to him for adjustment, and those forwarded by Lieutenant Haig will be adjusted in the Books of the Central Office as a set-off against the advances on this account debited in Lieutenant Haig's Account Current which are still out-standing.

	Rs.	A.	P.
April to July 1857...	374	12	0
August and September	200	0	0
October 1857 to March 1858...	630	0	0
Rupees.....	1,204	12	0

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer, Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Dowlaiswarem, 7th April 1858, No. 231.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letters from the Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, dated 14th December 1857, and 15th January last, Nos. 5942 and 6644 and to state in reply as follows.

2. The balance of Rupees 1,217-15-9 shewn in Lieutenant Haig's Memo of recoverable advances, being wholly composed of items of advances made for the salaries of his *Establishment &c.; the only means of its recovery is to draw the amount on audited bills, but from Lieutenant Haig's remark in the Memo, it appears that the amount of the several bills stated to have been not yet passed makes up the balance to be recovered; if so the most feasible course of its adjustment I think is to credit the amount of the bills, as they are passed, to the head "advances for salaries &c." under a transfer entry in the books of the Central Office. This mode of adjustment if approved of by you I think will not only save me the trouble of drawing from the Collector the amount of the bills in question when sanctioned, but will also obviate the necessity of its being brought into my accounts as a set-off against advances not made in the accounts of this Division, but it is here as well to bring to your notice that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. have informed me of their holding at my disposal by desire of Lieutenant Haig a sum of Rupees 160-12 being the amount of the Contingent bills of the reduced Establishment for December 1856 and January 1857, which amount will be drawn and placed in my accounts to the credit of the above mentioned head.

* With the exception of Rs. 87-9-8.

3. Up to July last the salaries of the reduced Establishment have been disbursed partly by me and partly by Lieutenant Haig, but all sums thus paid by me have been charged in my accounts to Lieutenant Haig, and they are not yet finally adjusted with him. From October 1857 the whole Establishment have been paid by me in advance, the contingent bills for which are herewith submitted as directed by you.

4. The strength of the present reduced Establishment maintained in the several places are as follows.

	Rs.	Rs.
Doommagoodeen.		
1 Superintendent	25	
2 Peons at 8 Rupees each...	16	
	—	41
Buddrachellum.		
1 Duffadar	10	
	—	10
Goommulacondah.		
1 Goomastah...	30	
1 Lascar	7	
	—	37
Dowlaiswarem.		
1 Goomastah	9	
2 Lascars at 4 Rupees each	8	
	—	17
Rupees.....		105

5. These are in charge of Public Stores and buildings. There are no Government servants that I am aware of stationed at those places who may be entrusted with them, nor would it be convenient to detach servants from this Division, consequently I am of opinion that the maintenance of the above Establishment is necessary for some time more.

6. I regret to state that the records of my office furnish little or no information as to the manner in which the salaries of the reduced Establishment for the period between 9th January and 8th March 1857 have been drawn, a reference however on the subject as suggested by you will be made to the Collector of Rajahmundry.

7. The sum of Rupees 522 paid to Lieutenant Palmer on account of his pay for October and November 1855 appears to have been included in the item of Rupees 1,629 charged in the bill for upper Godavery works.

8. In reference to the information required in para. 2 of your letter of the difference of Rupees 4,584-5-3 between the sums credited in Lieutenant Haig's Account Currents and from January to June 1857 as borrowed from me, and the sums entered in my Accounts Current as paid to him, I beg to offer the following explanation.

9. Up to February 1857 all sums advanced by me for Upper Godavery expenses have been entered in my Account Current under the head "advances for building materials" included in the total amount debited to it in each month, the particulars for the same being given in a separate book called "accounts particulars" kept in my office, consequently there appeared no separate entries in my Account Current for January and February 1857, corresponding to the sums viz. Rupees 189-2 and 17-14-5 credited to me in Lieutenant Haig's Account Current for those months.

10. The sum of Rupees 97 credited to me in Lieutenant Haig's account for April, is the recovery made by him on account of sums due by Mr. Hawkins and adjusted to his debit in my "account particular" but no entry thereof in my *Account Current* has been made, there being no actual Cash disbursed to him.

11. The excess sum appearing to my credit in Lieutenant Haig's Account Current for June is Rupees 4,280-4-10, of which Rupees 3,377-5-9 are as above stated recoveries made by Lieutenant Haig and adjusted to his debit in my "account particular" and the remainder Rupees 902-15-1 is the amount paid to him in part payment of the value of Iron supplied by him to works in this District, and which he appears to have by mistake entered in his Account Current as money borrowed from me.

12. There is also another item of Rupees 200 credited to me in Lieutenant Haig's Account Current for May, being the amount received by him from the Chennoor Talookdar on my Account, but this was omitted to be noticed in your letter.

13. From this explanation it would appear that the several sums credited to me by Lieutenant Haig amounts to Rupees 9,728-12-11 and that there exists no difference between his and my accounts. This amount together with other advances made to him remains in my accounts under the head "advances for building materials."

14. Regarding the cash balance with Lieutenant Haig I will write hereafter, the sum of Rupees 67-13-11 has not that I even find been paid into my Treasury, neither can I trace the other sum of Rupees 106-8-0, but regarding this last I recollect some transaction having taken place, the particulars of which can only be obtained from Lieutenant Haig's late Office Establishment now dispensed in other Districts. These persons have been written to for the requisite information which shall be submitted as soon as received.

Letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer, Godavery Division; to Major E. LAWFORD, Acting Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Dowlaisweram 22nd September 1858, No. 174.

SIR,

With reference to a letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle No. 3094 dated 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Collector of

Rajahmundry, in which he states that the Bills for the salaries of the upper Godavery Establishment between 9th January and 8th March 1857, are not with him and that they have not been discharged by him.

2. From this it occurs to me that, that Lieutenant Haig may perhaps have paid the salaries in question from the Estimate on which he was working during the above period.

3. Lieutenant Haig on his return to this country will doubtless be able to give the required explanation.

Letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of Rajahmundry; to Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer, Godavery Division, Dowlaiswaram, dated Cocanada, 13th September 1858, No. 869.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, No. 159 I have the honor to inform you that the salaries of the Upper Godavery reduced Establishment between the 9th January and 8th March 1857, do not appear to have been drawn from the Treasury under my charge, neither have any of the Bills noted in the margin of the letter from the Central Office been paid by me, nor are they in this Office.

Letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 29th October 1857, No. 257.

SIR,

In compliance with the request contained in the resolution appended to the Printed copy of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th Idem No. 1955, I have the honor to enclose a Memorandum (with original Bills) shewing the amount passed on account of Lieutenant Haig's Establishment from January to July last.

Statement shewing the amount of Salaries passed on account of Lieutenant Haig's Establishment from January to July 1857.

Period.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
January.	176	13	1
February.	66	0	0
March	66	0	0
April.	151	3	7
May.	126	0	0
June.	128	0	0
July	133	0	0
Total amount	847	0	8

Fort Saint George Civil Auditor's Office, 29th October 1857.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 2677; dated 10th December 1858.

The Government in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 17th October 1857, No. 1955, objected to sanction the charges incurred from April to July 1857, on account of the reduced Establishment of the Upper Godavery, employed by Lieutenant Haig, without further explanation as to the authority under which the charge was incurred and the payment made for the interval between 9th January and 1st April 1858. The Officiating Chief Engineer is unable, though he has been in communication with the Civil Auditor and the Collector of Rajahmundry on the subject, to furnish information on either of the

points alluded to. Colonel Lawford explains however that the charges incurred by Lieutenant Haig do not exceed the sum of Rupees 359 per mensem allowed him for Establishment as 2nd Class District Engineer and that the servants employed were found necessary for the care and custody at certain places of the stores and buildings of the Upper Godavery works. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council sanctions the charges incurred amounting to Rupees (1,204-12) one thousand, two hundred and four and Annas twelve together with Bills recently submitted to the Central Office on the same account as follows.

April to July 1857.....	374-12-0
August 1857 to March 1858....	830--0-0
	1,204-12-0

2. Colonel Lawford will report if the stores kept at different places cannot be removed and kept at Dowlaishweram till operations are resumed so that a portion if not the whole of the Establishment may be dispensed with.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
15th October 1858

O. F. 4583

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures 22.
3 original letters
with 1 enclosure &
18 Bills.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 22nd September 1857 No. 1955, declining to pass four Contingent Bills of Lieutenant Hall's for the reduced Establishment of the Upper Godavery from April to July 1857, until the receipt of further information on certain points, I have the honor to state that the Civil Auditor was immediately on the receipt of the above Extract Minutes of Consultation requested to furnish information as to the amount passed by him on account of Lieutenant Hall's Establishment from January to July 1857, and his Reply with the Memorandum and original Bills which accompanied it, are herein enclosed. —

For April 1857	80:	10: 0
" May "	54:	2: 0
" June "	105:	0: 0
" July "	135:	0: 0
Rupees	374:	12: 0

2. It appears from the Memorandum in question that the aggregate sum drawn by Lieutenant Hall on account

account of Establishment for the period from January to July 1857 amounts to only Rupees 847: 0: 0, which is much less than the sum he could have drawn as a District Engineer of the 2nd class, at the rate of Rupees 350 per month, the Establishment sanctioned for this road. The Bills of Lieutenant Hall forwarded by the Civil Auditor shew that he entertained only a small portion of the Establishment allowed to him, sufficient perhaps for the duty he was engaged upon, and that a large sum remained undrawn to cover the additional charge for the reduced Establishment kept up by him, for a particular purpose. —

January 1857	176:	13: 1
February "	66.	0. 0
March "	66	0. 0
April "	151:	3: 7
May "	126:	0. 0
June "	128	0. 0
July "	133.	0. 0
Rupees	847:	0: 0

3. The Memorandum and Bills sent by the Civil Auditor did not however give information on the point called for by Government Viz. as to how the salaries of the reduced Establishment of the Upper Godavery for the period between 2nd January and 1st April 1857 were drawn or paid for. —

4. Before the receipt of the Extract Minutes of Consultation under reference, Lieutenant Hall forwarded the Contingent Bills of the reduced Establishment for the months of August and September 1857, amounting to Rupees

dated the 30th September 1857 forwarded.

Rupees 200, and explained why the Establishment in question could not be further reduced, and recommended its being retained until his return. —

5. The Central Office was at this time in correspondence with Lieutenant Hall, and after his departure, with Captain Rundall on the subject of the adjustments of certain advances for salaries Establishments &c. shewn in Lieutenant Hall's Account Current, which items included the salaries advanced to the reduced Upper Godavery Establishment. An Examination of these Account Current did not clearly shew whether the salaries of the Establishment for the period between 2nd January and 1st April 1857 were charged therein, and the District Engineer was required to for further information on the subject, as well as for his opinion as to the necessity for maintaining in the places noted in the margin the Establishments which Lieutenant Hall kept up and whether other Public Servants in these places might not be entrusted with the charge of the Stores and Buildings of the Upper Godavery works. —

*Dowlaiswaram
Dommeydon
Badrachellum
Pormdemark

6. The District Engineer in his letter of the 7th April last, paras 3 to 5, states that there are no Public Servants in these places who can be so entrusted and that he

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he considers the Establishment Kept up by Lieutenant Haig to be necessary for some time longer. He forwards with this letter six Contingent Bills paid by him in advance for the period from October 1857 to March 1858 at the rate of Rupees 105 per month amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 630. The District Engineer is unable to furnish information as to the manner in which the Establishment for the period between January and April 1857 was paid, and states that he would refer to the Collector of Rajahmundry for information on this point. —

7. The Collector's reply to the above reference was received with the District Engineer's letter of the 22nd Ultimo, both of which I beg to submit together with the 12 Contingent Bills referred to above, and under the Circumstances now explained, I request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the Bills in question, amounting to Rupees 1,204: 12: 0 / one thousand two hundred and four and annas twelve. The six last Bills paid by the District Engineer will be, if sanctioned, sent to him for adjustment, and those forwarded by Lieutenant Haig will be adjusted in the Books of the Central Office as a set off against the advances on this account debited in Lieutenant Haig's Account Current which are still outstanding. —

April to July 1857 — 374: 12: 0
August and September — 200 — 0 — 0
October 1857 to March 1858 — 630 — 0 — 0
Rupees 1,204: 12: 0

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
H. Lawford Lieut. Colo.
Officiating Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
15th October 1858.

E. Maury

No. 2677 P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 10th December 1858.

Read the following letter

from the Offg. Chief Engineer

(Here enter 15th October 1858 No. 4583)

The Government in

Extract Minutes Consultation

dated 17th October 1857 No. 195

objected to sanction the charg

incurred from April to July

1857 on account of the reduc

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Godavery employed by Sun

Haig without further ex

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under which the charge

was incurred and the

payment made for the

interval between 9th January

an

P.W. 1858 Abstract

No. 2430

From The Officiating Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government

Dated 15th October 1858

Received 16th

No. 4583

Rs. 22 ... 10th Decr. 1858

Submits 12 Contingent Bills

... Rs. 1204.12.0 for sanction with

explanation ... called for

No. 45

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and 1st April 1858.

—— The Offg. Chief Engineer is unable, though he has been in communication with the Civil Auditor and the Collector of Rajahmundry on the subject, to furnish information on either of the points alluded to in Colonel Lowford's report however that the charges incurred by Lieutenant Haig, do not exceed the sum of Rupees 359 per mensem allowed him for establishment as 2nd Class District Engineer and that the Servants employed were found necessary for the care and custody of certain places of the Stores and Buildings of the upper Godavery works. Under these circumstances the

the Governor in Council sanctions the charges incurred amounting to Rs. (1204-12-) one thousand two hundred and four & annas twelve, together with bills recently submitted to the Central Office on the same account as follows—

April to July 1857 — 374-12-
Augt 1857 to March 1858 - 830 - —
1204-12-

Colonel Lowford will report if the Stores kept at different places cannot be removed and kept at Dowlaiswaram until operations are resumed so that a portion if not the whole of the Establishment may be dispensed with.

WHS

10 Copies to the Offg. Chief Engr & Dist. Engr
1 —"— Accountant Genl
1 —"— Civil Audr

Comm 20th Octr/57 — N. 38-39
— 9th June — 48-49
— 29th January — 144.
— 9th Dec. 56 — 49-50
— 22nd Septr/57 — 14-15.

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Do & Comm 14th Decr

N. 2677.

Extract Minute of Comm:
Do: Dec. 58.
From Chief Engr 9/10th May/57
C.R. 1187. in Comm 27th N. 1176 p.

Sanctioning do: R.
1204-13 the charges incurred for the reduced establishment of the Upper Godavery employed by Lieut Haig from April to July 1857.

N. 45 & 46.

N. 47.