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No. 326. Read the following letter from W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 13th July 1861, No. 536 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to Government Orders, Nos. 1,347 and 1,374 of the 6th and 9th instant, I have the honor to forward a statement of the dates on which each of the Survey and Settlement bills were received and passed during the last year.

2. There appears now and then to have been greater delay than I could have wished, especially in the month of August, when I believe some communication was addressed to Government by my predecessor on the sufficiency of the sanction to the establishments ; but, on the whole allowing for occasional reference to the Director's Office, and the accident of several bills, happening to arrive together, I do not think that the return reflects discredit on this Department or can justly give cause for dissatisfaction. The bills, moreover, are of peculiar difficulty, owing to the constant changes and the latitude allowed to the Director by G. O. No. 706 of 25th May 1859.

3. It will be observed that none of Mr. Morris' bills arrive before the 10th, the day he fixes for payment, except his Huzúr, and those generally on the 7th or 8th.

4. With regard to the May bills I fear there has been much inconvenience, but by no means peculiar to these branches. The cause is the introduction of the new Budget system, which is of course quite new to this Office, and can hardly be expected to work smoothly at the outset. The month of June, too, was that in which the comparison with the detailed lists was this year enforced, as I had postponed it a month, considering that owing to the late publication of the Budget form, it would have been harsh to insist on punctuality as usual with the April bills.

5. With regard to the remedy of a floating advance proposed by the Acting Director, I do not think that it ought to be necessary if the bills are punctually submitted. In Bengal it is never allowed for the Establishments of the Superintendents and their Deputies, and though the former Officers are permitted to draw for their demarcation parties before audit, the reason is that the Amíns are paid according to the work performed, instead of receiving fixed salaries. The bills are thus of the nature of contingent charges, and are scrutinized by the Board of Revenue before they are forwarded to the Civil Auditor.

No. 327. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1861, No. 1,467.

1. The Civil Auditor shows that *generally* his audit is prompt, but on several occasions there has certainly been undue delay in passing bills. His return, however, does not include the months of May and June, in which he admits that there has been unusual delay in consequence of the introduction of the Budget.

2. The return shows also that the bills are not received so early in the month as they might be, this the Settlement Officers have the means of remedying, and the Acting Director will instruct them to forward their bills with less delay, as the prompt and punctual payment of their subordinates is a matter of consequence.

3. The Civil Auditor will use every means in his power to prevent delay in his Office.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Statement shewing when the Abstracts on account of the Establishments Audited in

Establishments	By whom drawn	Date of Receipt and Audit
Hoozoor Establishments of the Deputy Director Revenue Settlement.	Mr. R.K. Puckle upto Oct. 1860 & Mr. E.G. Thomas to April 1861	Received Audited
Classification Establishment of — Do. —		Received Audited
Do. & Demarcation — of — Do. —		Received Audited
Hoozoor Establishment of the Deputy Director Revenue Settlement —	Mr. F.W. Morris	Received Audited
Classification Establishment of — Do. —		Received Audited
Do. — of — Do. —		Received Audited
Do. & Demarcation of — Do. —		Received Audited
Hoozoor Establishment of the Deputy Director Revenue Settlement —	Mr. R.E. Master	Received Audited
Classification Establishment of — Do. —		Received Audited
Do. — Do. — Do.	Mr. R.E. Master	Received Audited
Do. & Demarcation of — Do. —		Received Audited
Establishment of the Deputy Director Revenue Settlement —	Mr. E.G. Thomas	Received Audited
Classification Establishment of — Do. —		Received Audited
Do. & Demarcation of — Do. —		Received Audited

under the Deputy Directors Revenue Settlement and Survey were received and this Office in 1860/61.

May 1860	June 1860	July 1860	August 1860	Septr 1860	October 1860	Novr 1860	Decr 1860	Janry 1861	Febry 1861	March 1861	April 1861
456 11 8	514 2 8	642	642	640	640	627	641	640 12 1	625 14 3	629 13 11	537 " 3
June 4	July 4	August 6	Septr 3	Octr 3	Novr 8	Decr 4	Janry 7	Febry 4	March 11	April 8	May 15
" 5	" 4	" 7	" 4	" 4	" 9	" 5	" 7	" 7	" 15	" 10	" 15
1504 3 9	1317 4	1292 12 8	1309 " 2	1342 6 11	1344 7 10	1384 14 5	1396 8 9	1320 3 7	1391 14 10	1434 2 9	1469 4 5
June 9	July 16	Augt 14	Septr 15	Octr 15	Novr 28	Decr 14	Janry 11	Febry 20	March 25	April 26	June 10
" 19	" 18	" 22	" 17	" 17	" 29	" 17	" 17	" 25	" 27	" 29	" 10
1501 12 6	1301 15 9	1335 1 7	1309 15 1	1401 4 6	1439 8 7	1435 12 "	1427 15 9	1424 7 8	1419 9 5	1432 6 1	1383 11 8
June 9	July 16	Augt 14	Septr 15	Octr 15	Novr 28	Decr 14	Janry 14	Febry 21	March 25	April 27	June 8
" 19	" 18	" 22	" 17	" 17	" 29	" 17	" 17	" 23	" 27	" 29	" 10
607 15 2	601 15 9	611 5 7	546 8 3	545	542 2 7	527 2 8	524 14 5	511 14 5	545 9 10	547	542
June 7	July 5	Augt 8	Septr 8	Octr 4	Novr 5	Decr 6	Janry 4	Febry 7	March 7	April 8	May 6
" 8	" 6	" 21	" 10	" 6	" 9	" 8	" 5	" 8	" 12	" 9	" 8
1,246 1 9	1,285 12 4	1,368 14 6	1393 7 2	1302 1 11	1,257 5 5	1,603 3 2	1,331 5 2	1383 10 3	1,404 6 10	1,314 4 1	1,217 10 5
June 11	July 11	Augt 13	Septr 12	Octr 11	Novr 12	Decr 15	Janry 14	Febry 14	March 15	April 16	May 13
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598 13 5	629 8	690									
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646 4 9	725	773 10 5	1400 13 7	1345 4 11	1264 9 9	1311 5 4	1377 " 7	1515 3 1	1522 12 7	1374 6 6	1461 11 6
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521 7 2	541 6 "	539 3 10	544 3 10	539 8 "	532 8 "	530	532 4 5	535 9 3	534 9 9	533 15 3	521 6 2
June 21	July 25	Augt 22	Septr 24	Octr 26	Novr 19	Decr 13	Janry 16	Febry 11	March 11	April 13	May 28
" 22	" 25	" 24	" 26	" 26	" 22	" 13	" 18	" 18	" 13	" 13	" 29
1280 " 10	1282 1 6	1319 4 6	1311 4 10	1248 2 1	1088 4 6	1121 2 2	546 7 7	618 4 9	677 3 6	584 8 9	488 9 7
June 20	July 25	August 22	Septr 24	Octr 26	Novr 19	Decr 13	Janry 16	Febry 11	March 11	April 13	May 28
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June 21	July 25	August 22	Septr 24	Octr 26	Novr 19	Decr 13					
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June 21	July 25	August 22	Septr 24	Octr 26	Novr 19	Decr 13	Janry 21	Febry 21	March 17	April 25	May 24
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1051 9 9	589 10 "	569 13 5	567 4 2	537 13 4	565 3 4	574 14 10	625 12 11	623 15 3	661 5 5	678 " 10	703 5 5
June 8	July 14	Augt 11	Septr 27	Novr 12	Novr 21	Decr 17	Janry 10	Febry 20	March 14	May 10	May 29
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	July 25	Augt 29	Septr 27	Novr 12	Novr 21	Janry 14					
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	324 12 9	349 2 7	394 4 8	106 12 "	418 3 3	648 9 2	1432 6 7	1151 15 2	1217 13 5	1225 2 1	1052 13 "
	July 25	Augt 29	Septr 27	Novr 12	Novr 21	Janry 14	Febry 11	March 10	April 22	May 20	May 30
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3,678-11-0	3,408-13-0	3,265-3-3	3,238-2-3	3,425-8-6	3,508-9-6	3,416-15-9	3,578-9-8	3,445-5-11	3,406-0-1	3,324-3-5	3,359-6-7		
June 4	July 4	Augt 4	Septr 4	October 5	Nov 14	Dec 10	Jany 9	Febry 16	March 7	April 8	May 18		
" 6	" 5	" 11	" 5	" 10	" 16	" 12	" 11	" 19	" 11	" 11	" 21		
3,486-11-7	3,242-12-3	3,378-6-4	3,433-2-7	3,530-5-11	3,410-14-3	3,492-9-11	3,571-8-2	3,484-0-3	3,373-13-9	3,305-9-4	3,340-11-0		
June 14	July 18	Augt 21	Septr 26	October 28	Nov 17	Dec 16	Jany 11	Febry 21	March 25	April 16	May 11		
" 20	" 19	" 23	" 27	" 31	" 21	" 20	" 16	" 23	" 26	" 18	" 13		
2,348-1-0	2,524-9-3	2,527-4-3	2,721-8-10	2,743-7-6	2,486-0-3	2,767-4-10	2,639-4-6	2,621-5-0	2,636-13-0	2,575-5-8	2,685-13-9		
June 6	July 7	Augt 9	Septr 6	October 9	Nov 15	Dec 5	Jany 14	Febry 7	March 9	April 13	May 15		
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1,253-7-8	1,334-3-10	1,478-6-11	1,458-12-6	1,615-9-9	1,717-7-3	2,091-14-8	1,945-15-6	1,853-4-0	2,088-10-5	2,078-2-10	1,972-8-9		
June 8	July 6	Augt 3	Septr 3	October 5	Nov 6	Dec 6	Jany 19	Febry 12	March 12	April 11	May 8		
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Office Asst Auditors

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Establishments

By whom drawn

Date of Receipt
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Revenue Survey

Survey Establishment under the Dpt. Superintg Revenue Survey } Captain W. H. Merry

Rs. — Do. — Do. — Captain W. Crewe

Received

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Establishment	By whom drawn	Date of Receipt & Audit
Revenue Survey.		
Survey Establishment under the Dy. Superintt. Revenue Survey	Captain W. H. Hessey	Received Audited
Do. — Do. — Do. —	Captain W. Crewe	Received Audited
Do. — Do. — Do. —	Captain R. J. Pratt	Received Audited
Do. — Do. — Do. —	Captain G. S. Searle	Received Audited

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Audit of Settlement Bills &
Survey Dept.

Letter from the Offg
Civil Auditor explaining
the cause of delay in passing
certain Survey and Settle-
ment Bills, with orders
thereon.

No 326 & 327.