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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th August 1861.

No. 282. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 30th July 1861, No. 3,294:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit herewith an original letter from the Acting District Engineer Godavery, dated 26th April 1861, No. 2,126, together with the three Contingent bills which accompanied it, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 304-2-4,* being the charges incurred in printing Forms, Circular Instructions, &c., during 1858-59, 1859-60 and 1860-61.

	Rs.	A.	P.
* 1858-59.....	9	15	0
1859-60.....	265	0	1
1860-61.....	29	3	3
	304	2	4

2. In Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 14th April 1859, No. 888, Government permitted the several District Engineers to procure from the Collectors such forms as they might require, paying for them out of the sum allowed for contingent charges, but as the Collector informed Captain Rundall, the then District Engineer Godavery, that he could not execute at his press all that was required for the use of the Engineer's Department, it was executed at the press available in the District Engineer's Office. The charges incurred should have been recovered by the submission of the customary monthly contingent bills, and not allowed to accumulate.

3. These charges, as explained by Captain Stoddard, were paid from a fund called the "permanent fund." In paragraph 4 of their Proceedings dated 12th November 1860, No. 2,342, the Government directed that the entire recoverable balance of that fund should be at once carried to account, and debited as advances to the personal heads of the Engineers who authorized the disbursement of those sums, and the adjustments made in consequence are noticed in Proceedings of Government, No. 923, dated 11th May 1861. The Acting District Engineer reports that the amount of the three bills stands against Captain Rundall, but as the charges exhibited therein are all legitimate, and such as would have been paid for had the work been done at the Collector's press, I beg to recommend that the amount thereof viz., Rupees (304-2-4) three hundred and four, Annas two and Pice four may be sanctioned.

4. The Acting District Engineer further reports that the Civil Auditor objects to pass monthly contingent bills for printing charges until the sanction of Government is obtained, though he had previously passed similar bills for the months described in the margin. The District Engineer adds that the press which costs monthly 21 Rupees is self-supporting, being kept up partly from the income realized by Government work done for the Department, but chiefly from the job-works done for the Corps of Sapper and Miners and other parties.

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5. I therefore request that the Civil Auditor may be instructed to pass such *bonâ fide* and reasonable printing charges as may be incurred monthly, on the Acting District Engineer including the same in his usual contingent bills, which practice will be in accordance with the orders of Government, dates and numbers of which are marginally given.

14th April 1859, No. 888.
29th do. ,, 994.

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1861, No. 1,567.

1. Under the circumstances stated, the three contingent bills amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (304-2-4) three hundred and four, Annas two and Pice four, submitted with this letter are sanctioned.

2. As to paragraphs 4 and 5, the Government having already refused to allow Printing Presses to District Engineers, they are not disposed to make an exception in favor of the District Engineer Godavery. They can see no reason why arrangements should not be made by the Collector of this District, as is done by other Collectors, for having the printing work of the Engineer Department executed at his press. On this point the Board of Revenue will be requested to report.

G. O. 4th April 1861, No. 705.

3. The District Engineer states* that he is unable to discover whence the Press now in his office had been originally obtained, but believes that it "was got at Major F. C. Cotton's "expense." Captain Stoddard should institute further inquiries and submit positive information on the point to enable the Government to pass orders respecting the retention of the Press. The establishment and other charges of the Press and its receipts should also be stated.

* Letter 6th April 1861, No. 2,126, paragraph 2.

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

Godaveri District
Engineer's Office
Dowlaishweram
6th April 1861.
Desp.d on 26th April/61

No 2126

From Captain S. Stoddard
Ag District Engineer Godavery

To, Lieut.t Colonel A. Boileau
Deputy Chief Engineer M.
Madras.

Sir,

The Civil Auditor having of late objected to pass my contingent Bills for printing charges until the sanction of Government is obtained for the Press Establishment, notwithstanding I had informed him that the Press was self supporting, and therefore did not require to have a fixed Establishment paid by Government, I have the honor to lay the following circumstances before you and to request that the Chief Engineer will be good enough to address the Civil Auditor or the

Government.

Government with a view to such bona-
=fide and reasonable charges being
passed on the usual monthly Bills
being submitted- I would here ob=
=serve that the Civil Auditor did pass
similar charges in the months of Au-
=gust, Septr, Octr, Novr & December 1860.

2 A Printing Press has been Esta=
=blished in this Office for the last
8 years, and a small
Establishment as marginally
noted is kept up to work it=
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types &c has been met from the funds
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1	Head Compositor	8
1	Compositor	5
1	Printer	5
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3 Government in their order No 2549 N0285
dated 29th November 1858, while
directing that the practice of defray-
=ing out of Estimates the charges
incurred for working the Presses

be discontinued, made no objection
to their being maintained- With
reference to this order of Government,
Captain Rundall then District Engineer
here, reported that the Collector had
informed him that he could not
execute at his Press, all that the
District Engineer Department required,
as it was always so fully occupied-
Captain Rundall also entered fully
into the advantages of having a Press
attached to the Office- I will there=
=fore refer you to his letter dated 21st
April 1859 No 84, and only add that
I quite agree with him-

4 There is also a lithographic
Press in use, but it is worked by
the same Establishment as the
former- and both Presses are in
Constant use-

5 It will be hardly possible for
me to enumerate the various jobs
both

both of a public and private nature executed by these Presses- I will mention a few to give some idea of their utility and economy-

There are for instance the numerous Cheques on Tahsildars in favor of Executive Officers- about 300 are ipued monthly, the time and labor which would be entailed on a Clerk if these were not in great part printed may be imagined-

There are also the Progress Reports and other monthly Accounts, the former prepared in Duplicate, all so numerous and complicated that having them printed not only saves time and labor, but ensures uniformity, correctness, and facility of examination and reference-

There are Circular Orders and Memos- to Executive Officers, and where there are so many as 10 or a dozen Copies required of these, it

it is far cheaper and faster to have them printed-

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6 The above are all legitimate charges, and there can be no objection to enter them in Contingent Bills, that I am aware of- On the contrary were they done at another Press, they would have to be paid for, and probably at a higher rate- As long as the charges are bonâfide and reasonable, (and vouchers are invariably attached to the Bills to enable the Civil Auditor to judge of this), I am sure the Government will not object to sanction them, because they are done by our Press, instead of by the Collectors- Vide para 3 of the Order of Government above alluded to-

7 The Presses also when not employed on Government work, do jobs for the Corps of Sappers & Miners as well as for private parties, which goes

goes far to make it self supporting-

8 I believe that if former District Engineers had charged in their Contingent Bills for work done on account of Government by the Presses that the Civil Auditor would not now have demurred to pass such charges, as they appear to him an innovation probably-

9 The Chief Engineer is aware that there was an item of Rs 602-13-7 shown against the Printing Press in the account of Permanent fund, which has now been reduced to Rs 500 ; had the charges as they were incurred been duly entered in the Contingent Bills, this balance would not be now outstanding- I have had Bills for such charges of which an account was kept made out for the years 1858/1859, and 1860/61 1859/1860, Amounting respectively to Rs 9-15--, Rs 265--7, and Rs 29-3-3, and

195-13-7

beg

beg to forward them herewith, with a request that the sanction of Government may be obtained to their being passed for payment, towards the liquidition of the above Balance, which now stands in Captain Rundall's name, agreeably to the order of Government No 2,342 dated 12th November 1860-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
G Rundall Captain
Ag District Engineer Godavery

To. The Deputy Chief Engineer
Northern Circle

G.D. Satchidab
Manager

Corp.d bel

Central Office P.W.

Cheperack. 30 July 1861

No. 3294

From

Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Morsley

Chief Engineer.

To

"Public" Contingencies

J. D. Sim Esqre.

Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Your most obedt Svt

Central Office P.W.
Cheyrack.
30th July 1861

E.W.L. Capt.
Offg Dyson Engrs N. Circle

Lt. Col. Bengal Engrs
Chief Engineer

To
J. D. Sim Esqr
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.