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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th August 1861.

No. 298. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 1st August 1861, No. 3,426 :—

Read the following letter from H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of Salem, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, dated Salem, 17th July 1861, No. 52.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Proceedings, dated the 27th June 1860, No. 2,050, communicating paragraphs 12 and 21 of the Government Order, dated the 19th June 1860, No. 1,291, and requesting me to report for the information of Government what measures have been adopted for the adjustment of the balances noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit the following explanation.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1855-56	5,102	15	2
1856-57	2,389	1	11
1857-58	224	4	7

2. With regard to the first of the three items specified in your Proceedings, the subjoined statement will show the amount recovered up to the end of June last, viz., Rupees 909-11-7, and the amount still outstanding, viz., Rupees 4,219-4-1 :—

Balance of 1855-56 as specified in the Chief Engineer's Proceedings.			Collections made up to the end of June 1861.			Balance.			Irrecoverable.											
									Due from indigent persons who have absconded and deceased persons.			Loss sustained from materials damaged.			Loss incurred in the sale of materials having fetched less than the prime cost.			Total.		
1			2			3			4			5			6			7		
Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
5,102	15	2	909	11	7	4,193	3	7	3,898	14	4	274	1	3	20	4	0	4,193	3	7

3. The latter sum may be divided into three items, the first of which, amounting to Rupees 3,898-14-4, consists of various sums due from persons who have absconded or died; or from persons who after a careful inquiry have been found to possess no property, or any other means of refunding the advance they received. The second item, Rupees 274-1-3, is the value of certain materials, such as bricks, chunam, gravel, or other articles, which at different times within the last three years were damaged or rendered unfit either for use or for sale. The third item, Rupees 20-4-0, is the difference between the prime cost and the auction price of certain articles which were sold on various occasions as not wanted. I am fully satisfied that there exists no means of recovering the above three items, the total amount of which is entered in column 7 of the above Statement. I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for my writing off the amount, viz., Rupees 4,193-3-7, from my accounts.

4. The first of the three items shown in paragraph 10 of your Proceedings, Rupees 5,102-15-2, is the outstanding balance up to 1855-56 inclusive. This balance does not belong exclusively to the year 1855-56, but extends over the last forty years, commencing with the year 1821. The balance belonging to the two years, 1855 and 1856, amounted to only Rupees 939. It has therefore proved impossible in many cases to trace the various parties from whom the balances were due. In all cases in which any property was forthcoming the advance has been recovered.

5. With regard to the second item mentioned in your Proceedings, viz., Rupees 2,389-1-11, I beg to state that this sum appertains to the nine months of 1856-57 (from 1st May to 31st December 1856), during which the executive duties remained temporarily with the Collector,

under the Orders of Government, dated the 18th April 1856, No. 539. The unpassed expenditure for the nine months amounted to Rupees 14,597-3-10. On the 1st January 1857 the entire executive was transferred to the District Engineer. Subsequently (by the end of March 1859), the District Engineer, in communication with the Tahsildárs, reduced the sum outstanding at the end of 1856 to Rupees 2,389-1-11. The District Engineer held no communication with my Office regarding these accounts, nor was it possible for the Collector to know in what manner the balance was reduced, or what items actually remained unadjusted. Mr. Knox, therefore, wrote to the District Engineer on the 23rd January 1860, pointing out to that Officer the practical difficulty which existed against the adjustment of the remaining balances by the Collector's Department. Captain Gahagan, in his reply dated the 25th January 1860, No. 903, stated that if a list, showing the works under execution, with the sanctioned estimates and the amount expended on each during the nine months, were prepared and sent to him, he would, on the other hand, furnish an account showing the expenditure accounted for by bills made out in his Office; and would also ascertain from his records what advances had been recovered by him.

6. The list was accordingly made out and sent to the District Engineer in February last, and on the receipt of his reply, which he is now preparing, measures will be taken for the final adjustment of this item.

7. With regard to the balance of 1857-58, viz., Rupees 224-4-7, I beg to state that this amount appertains to certain works, the completion of which remained with the Revenue Department even after the entire transfer of the executive to the District Engineer. The subjoined statement shows the amount since recovered from this item up to the end of June 1861, and the amount still outstanding:—

Balance up to the end of November 1859.		Of this amount recovered by the District Engineer.		Balance.		Of the balance recovered by the Revenue Department till the end of June 1861.				Balance still outstanding.				
						Received in ready cash.		Bill sent to the Engineer for works done.		Materials given to District Engineer.		Total.		From deceased, deserted, and indigent persons.		Loss of materials damaged.		Total.	
1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
224	4 7	34	2 4	190	2 3	103	11 5	20	0 0	4	0 0	127	11 5	60	0 2	2	6 8	62	6 10

8. The sum recovered amounts to Rupees 161-13-9, the balance to Rupees 62-6-10, which, as in the first case, was found after a careful inquiry to be irrecoverable. I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain in this case also, the sanction of Government for writing off this sum as an irrecoverable balance from the accounts.

9. In the concluding portion of your Proceedings, you request me to furnish the information required in paragraph 21 of the Order of Government, dated the 19th June 1860, No. 1,291. The Government in the paragraph referred to wish to know whether the accounts relating to the unadjusted balance in the case of the Yercaud and Admonkotah Cattle Ghát, are not forthcoming among the Revenue Records. On this point I beg to state that a fruitless search has been made in my Office for these accounts. I have not succeeded in finding them, nor does it appear from any correspondence on my records that they were ever committed to my custody.

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1. Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraphs 12 and 21 of their Proceedings, dated 19th June 1860, No. 1,291, and with a recommendation that under the explanation afforded by the Collector, authority may be granted for writing off to "profit and loss" the irrecoverable balances noted in the margin, appertaining to the Collector's Department.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Up to 30th April 1856	4,193	3	7
For 1857-58	62	6	10
Expenditure on the Yercaud and Admonkotah Cattle Ghát in 1852 and 1854	7,237	12	2
	11,493	6	7

See Proceedings of Government, No. 1,291, dated 19th June 1860, paragraph 21.

2. The District Engineer of Salem will be requested, with reference to paragraphs 5 to 7 of the Collector's letter,* to hasten the transmission of the information required by that Officer for adjusting the balance of Rupees 2,389-1-11 appertaining to the expenditure of 1856-57.

* Dated 17th July 1861, No. 52.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1861, No. 1,575.

Under the circumstances stated, and relying upon the careful inquiries which appear to have been made by Mr. Brett, the Government grant authority for writing off to "profit and loss" Rupees (11,493-6-7) eleven thousand four hundred and ninety-three, Annas six, and Pice seven, being the irrecoverable portions of the advances paid in the Salem District during and previous to 1857-58 for the execution of Public Works.

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

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Salem Collectors Office
Salem 17th July 1861

No 52.

From
N. A. Pyott Esquire
Collector of Salem

To
Lieut.t Colonel W. A. Foxley
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Sir,

With reference to your Pro-
-ceedings, dated the 27th June 1860, No. 2050.
Communicating paras 12 and 21 of the
Government Order dated the 19th
June 1860, No. 1291 and requesting me
to report for the information of
Government what measures have
been adopted for the adjustment
of the balances noted in
the margin, I have the honor
to submit the following
explanation

2. With regard to the first of

the

× 1855/56 — 502-15-2
1856/57 — 2389-1-11
1857/58 — 224-4-7

the 3 items specified in your Proceedings, the subjoined Statement will shew the amount recovered up to the end of June last, Viz: Rupees 909 11 7, and the amount still outstanding Viz: Rupees 4,219- 4- 7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Balance of Rupees 5,102 15 2 as per Statement No. 1 this Department	Collections made up to the end of June 1861	Balance	Sums struck off as irrecoverable	Collections made up to the end of June 1861	Balance	Sums struck off as irrecoverable	Balance	Sums struck off as irrecoverable	Balance	Sums struck off as irrecoverable	Balance	Sums struck off as irrecoverable
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The latter sum may be divided into three items, the first of which, amounting to Rupees 3898- 14- 6 consists of various sums due from persons who have absconded or died, or from persons who after a considerable enquiry have been found to possess no property, or any other means of defraying the

the advance they received- The second item Rupees 274- 1- 3 is the value of certain materials, such as bricks, Chunam, gravel, or other articles, which at different times within the last 3 years were damaged or rendered unfit either for use or for sale: The third item Rupees 20- 4- -, is the difference between the prime cost and the auction price of certain articles which were sold on various occasions as not wanted. I am fully satisfied that there exist no means of recovering the above 3 items the total amount of which is entered in Column 7 of the above Statement. I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for my writing off the amount, Viz: Rupees 4193- 3- 7, from my accounts.

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shewn in Para 10 of your Proceedings, Rupees 5702-15-2, is the outstanding balance up to 1855/56 inclusive.- This balance does not belong exclusively to the year 1855/56, but extends over the last 40 years, commencing with the year 1821.- The balance belonging to the two years 1855 and 1856 amounted to only Rupees 939.- It has therefore proved impossible in many cases to trace the various parties from whom the balances were due.- In all cases in which any property was forthcoming the advance has been recovered.-

5 With regard to the 2d. item mentioned in your Proceedings, Rupees 2389-1-11, I beg to state that this sum appertains to the 9 months of 1856/57, (from 1st. May to 31st. December 1856) during which the executive duties remained temporarily with the Collector, under the orders of Government,

Government, dated the 18th April 1856, N°539.- The unpassed expenditure for the 9 months amounted to Rupees 14,597-3-10. On the 1st January 1857 the entire Executive was transferred to the District Engineer. Subsequently, (by the end of March 1857) the District Engineer in Communication with the Tahsildars, reduced the sum outstanding at the end of 1856 to Rupees 2389-1-11. The District Engineer held no Communication with my Office regarding these accounts, nor was it possible for the Collector to know in what manner the balance was reduced, or what items actually remained unadjusted.- Mr. Knox, therefore, wrote to the District Engineer on the 23d January 1860, pointing out to that Officer the practical difficulty which existed against the adjustment of the remaining

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Balance as at the end of June 1859	Further amount received during the 2 years ending June 1861	Balance	Amount received during 1861-62	Bills sent to the Engineer for execution but not paid for	Total	From Account heads and assignments during the year	Expenditure &c. charges	Balance still outstanding
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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The sum proved amounts to Rupees 161-13-9, the balance to Rupees 62- 6- 10, which, as

as in the first case, was found after a careful enquiry to be irrecoverable. I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain in this case also, the sanction of Government for writing off this sum as an irrecoverable balance from the accounts.-

9. In the concluding portion of your Proceedings you request me to furnish the information required in Para 21 of the Order of Government dated the 19th June 1860, No. 291. The Government in the Para referred to wish to know whether the accounts relating to the unadjusted balances in the case of the Yercaud and Adamanicolla Cattle Chait are not forthcoming among the Revenue Records. On this point I beg to state that a fruitless search has been made in my Office for these accounts. I have not succeeded in finding them, nor does it appear from any correspondence on my records that they were ever committed to my custody.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Sgd) R. A. Brett
Collector

No 3426

Submitted to Government with reference to Paras 12 and 21 of their Proceedings dated 19th June 1860.

2. The District Engineer of Salem will be requested, with reference to Paras: 5 & 7 of the

Rupees to 30th April 1856	4193-3-7	
For 1857/58	62-6-0	
Expenditure on the Yercaud and Adamanicolla Cattle Chait in 1852 and 1854	7237 12 2	
	11493-6-7	

Vide Prop. of Govt. No 291 dated 19th June 1860 Para 21 noted in the margin, appertaining to the Collectors Department.-

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balance of Rupees 2389- 1- 11 appear=
taining to the expenditure of 1856/57.

Central Office of Ch.
Cheparuk
1st Aug.st 1861

W. H. Morley. Lt Col
Chief Engineer D.O.H.

J.B. Lt Col
D/Chief Engineer S. Circle

To
L. D. Sun Esquire
Secretary to Government Ft.W.D.
Fort Saint George

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From Dy Chief Engr
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N° 298 & 299

10 Aug 1864

D.O.
Pres of Gov 1861 Depte
for August
N° 1772

From
Lt Col W. F. Horsley
Chief Engineer

To J. D. Sim Esquire
Secy to Govt NWP
Fort St George

Dated 1st
Rec'd 2 do } Augt 1861

N° 3426

Submits with
reference to Paras 12 and
21 Proc Progs of Govt
19 June 60 N° 1291 a
Report from the Collr
of Salem about
certain old balances
With an order

N° 1575. 19 Augt
William Elder

1575

N° 1575

Under the circumstances stated
and relying upon the careful enquiries which appear to have been
made by Mr Brett, the Court grant
authority for writing off the Profit & Loss
Rs 11,493-6-7 Eleven thousand four hundred
and ninety three, annas six, and pice
seven, being the irrecoverable portions
of the advances paid in the Salem
District during the previous to 1857/58 for
the execution of Public Works.

19 Augt 1861

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Collr of Salem