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No. 54. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th October 1862, No. 70 :—

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward for the sanction of Government the accompanying Account Current of the Company's stores for the half year ending 31st December 1861.

2. This document without the detailed Statement of receipts and issues was submitted by the Agent on the 17th July, the Memorandum of audit thereon from this Office was sent to him on the 24th idem, but his reply thereto together with the detailed Statement was received on the 24th ultimo. Hence the delay between the date of the Account Current and its submission to Government.

3. The detailed Statement referred to above shows the quantity, description, and the value of the several articles received and issued during the half year, an abstract of which is as follows :—

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Main heads on the Store Ledger.	Balance on the 30th June 1861.			Received during the half year.			Total.			Issued during the half year.			Balance on the 31st December 1861.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Instruments.....	21,251	15	8	3,876	1	1	25,128	0	9	2,725	10	10	22,402	5	11
Stationery.....	8,044	4	3	6,083	10	6	14,127	14	9	1,599	7	8	12,528	7	1
Furniture.....	3,131	4	2	1,391	15	0	4,526	3	2	1,403	9	1	3,022	10	1
Earth-work and Mason's tools ...	27,098	11	7	13,069	9	2	40,168	4	9	25,985	4	8	14,183	0	1
Blasting tools.....	10,867	4	7	4,727	2	6	15,594	7	1	267	4	9	15,327	2	4
Brickmaking tools	1,125	15	0	2,701	12	8	3,827	11	8				3,827	11	8
Brick-work tools...	19	3	0	57	15	1	77	2	1	2	5	6	74	12	7
Carpenter's and Smith's tools ...	10,631	1	3	342	7	2	10,973	8	5	3,128	1	4	7,865	7	1
Machine, &c.....	9,619	4	9	13,088	0	9	22,707	5	6	269	9	6	22,437	12	0
Miscellaneous ...	14,263	15	5	23,396	10	4	37,665	9	9	543	9	8	37,122	0	1
General Stores ...	36,916	4	1	7,475	13	0	44,391	7	1	4,689	12	9	39,702	4	4
Timber and wood.	17,024	15	11	1,946	7	6	18,971	7	5	1,988	3	4	16,983	4	1
Tents.....	9,493	15	6	298	4	10	9,792	4	4	1,581	3	3	8,208	1	1
Accounting books and forms.....	2,977	13	5	199	6	0	3,177	3	5	199	5	8	2,977	13	9
Hospital and Dispensary utensils.				35	0	0	35	0	0				35	0	0
Total...	1,72,491	0	7	1,41,600	3	7	3,14,091	4	2	44,386	8	0	2,69,707	12	2

4. From this it will be observed that the total value of stores received during the half year is Rupees 1,41,600-3 7, of which Rupees 20,155-0-2 are for stores purchased in India by the Agent and Executive Officers under the sanction conveyed in the Proceedings of Government dated 17th April 1860, No. 792, Rupees 1,14,873-0-4 are for supplies received from the Board of Directors in England on the indent sanctioned in the Government Proceedings of the 11th November 1859, No. 2,639. Rupees 100-2-3 are for stores manufactured and brought to account and the remainder Rupees 6,472-0-10 are the value of articles returned into the store.

5. This last item consists for the most part of the value of Mathematical instruments, &c., issued previously for use in survey operations and returned into stores during the half year for which the Account Current is rendered, but such articles ought not to have been brought again on the Store accounts, but kept under a distinct head of "General Plant in use on works" and accounted for in a separate return, form S, as prescribed by 45 and 47 of the Rules sanctioned by Government on the 12th April 1862, No. 733. The Agent was requested to adjust the item

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accordingly, but he replies that it cannot be done in the present instance as his Store Ledger is balanced up to 30th April 1862, but that the Rules referred to will be duly attended to in the preparation of the subsequent accounts.

6. The total value of stores issued during the half year is Rupees 44,386-8-0, which have been charged to the following heads:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Construction...	21,670	9	2
2. General Plant in use on works ...	9,410	13	5
3. Agency ...	265	11	0
4. Engineering ...	1,355	12	3
5. Manufacture of Stores ...	6,285	11	4
6. Store charges ...	108	10	11
7. Medical Department...	39	11	5
8. Stores sold damaged or lost ...	219	8	6
Total...	44,386	8	0

7. The Account Current and the detailed Statement of receipts and issues referred to above have been duly examined in my Office and found to be correct with the exception of the entries noticed below.

8. A sum of Rupees 610-10-4 is debited to the Cash account as the value of stores sold, damaged or lost, whereas credit is taken in the Store accounts only for Rupees 219-8-6, the difference of Rupees 391-1-10 the Agent states will be adjusted hereafter.

9. In like manner there is a small difference of Rupees 41-11-9 between the sums debited to stores in the Cash accounts and the amount brought on the Store accounts as the value of articles purchased in India, which difference appears to have arisen from certain erroneous entries in both the Cash and Store accounts. The Agent has been requested to effect the necessary adjustment.

10. The Store Accounts Current up to April 1862, have also been received. This Statement closes the arrears and hereafter the Cash and Store accounts will, it is expected, be submitted together.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1862, No. 2,632.

1. The Account Current of the Company's stores for the half year ending 31st December 1861, submitted with this letter, is passed.

2. The Government have already in their orders of 4th December 1861, No. 2,233, and 2nd May 1862, No. 926, noticed the large amount of stock on hand and requested the Consulting Engineer to see that articles in excess of the probable requirements are not purchased and retained in store for any length of time. It is now seen that the balance is on the increase. Colonel Randall's attention is therefore again drawn to the subject.

	RS.	A.	P.
30th June 1860.....	1,09,493	14	5
31st December 1860.....	1,64,911	13	2
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3. The Government are glad to learn that the Cash and Store accounts will for the future be submitted together.

(Signed) W. L. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

1 Enclosure

Consulting Engineer's Office,
N^o 70
Irrigation & Canal Company
Chepauk 15 October 1862

From,
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Consulting Engineer for S.W.C.

To,
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Secretary to Government P.W.

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6. The total value of stores issued during the half year is Rupees 44,386-8-0, which have been charged to the following heads:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Construction...	24,670	9	2
2. General Plant in use on works...	9,440	13	5
3. Agency...	235	11	0
4. Engineering...	1,355	12	3
5. Manufacture of Stores...	6,285	11	4
6. Store charges...	103	10	11
7. Medical Department...	39	11	5
8. Stores sold damaged or lost...	219	8	6
Total...	44,386	8	0

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Irrigation & Canal Company,
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Instruments—	21251 15 8	3876 1 1	25128 16 9	2725 10 10	22402 5 11
Stationery—	8044 4 3	6083 10 6	14127 14 9	1599 7 8	12528 7 1
Furniture—	3134 4 2	1301 15 "	4436 3 2	1403 9 1	3032 10 1
Earthwork & Masonry Tools—	27098 11 7	13069 9 2	40168 4 9	25988 4 8	14183 "
Blasting Tools—	10867 4 7	4727 2 6	15594 7 1	767 4 9	15327 2 4
Brickmaking Tools—	1125 15 "	2701 12 8	3827 11 8	" "	3827 11 8
Brickwork Tools—	19 3 "	57 15 1	77 2 1	" "	74 12 7
Carpenters & Smiths Tools—	10651 1 3	312 7 2	10963 8 5	3128 1 4	7845 7 1
Machine &c—	9619 4 9	13088 " 9	22707 5 6	269 9 6	22437 12 "
Miscellaneous—	14268 15 5	23396 10 4	37665 9 9	543 9 8	37122 " 1
General Stores—	36916 4 1	7475 13 "	107392 1 1	4689 12 9	102702 4 4
Lumber and Wood—	17024 15 11	1946 7 6	18971 7 5	1988 3 4	16983 4 1
Tents—	9493 15 6	298 4 10	9792 4 4	1584 3 3	8208 1 1
Accounting Books & Forms—	2977 13 5	199 6 "	3177 3 5	199 5 8	2977 13 9
Hospital & Dispensary Articles—	" " "	35 " "	35 " "	" " "	35 " "
Total	172495 " 7	141600 3 7	314094 4 2	44386 8 "	269707 12 2

4. From this it will be observed that the Total value of Stores received during the half year is Rupees 141600-3-7 of which Rupees 20155-"-2 are for Stores purchased in India by the Agent and Executive Officers under the sanction conveyed

in the Proceedings of Government dated 17th April 1860 N^o 792 Rupees 114,813-"-4 are for Supplies received from the Board of Directors in England on the indent sanctioned in the Government Proceeding of the 11th November 1859 N^o 2639 N^o 100-23 are for Stores manufactured and brought to account and the remainder Rupees 6472-"-10 are the value of articles returned into the Store.

5. This last item consists for the most part of the value of Mathematical Instruments &c issued previously for use in Survey Operations and returned into Stores during the half year for which the Account current is rendered but such articles ought not to have been brought again on the Store Account but kept under a distinct head of "General Plant in use on works" and accounted for in a separate Return Form S as prescribed by 45 and 47 of the Rules sanctioned by Government on the 12th April 1862 N^o 753. The Agent was requested to adjust the item accordingly but he replies that it cannot be done in the present instance as his

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Store Ledger is balanced up to 30 April 1862 but that the Rules referred to will be duly attended to in the preparation of the subsequent Accounts.

6 The Total Value of Stores issued during the half year is Rupees 44386-8- which have been charged to the following heads:

- 1 Construction ————— 26670-9-2
 - 2 General Plant in use on works — 9440-13-5
 - 3 Agency ————— 265-11-
 - 4 Engineering ————— 1355-12-3
 - 5 Manufacture of Stores ————— 6285-11-4
 - 6 Store Charges ————— 108-10-11
 - 7 Medical Department ————— 39-11-5
 - 8 Stores sold damaged or lost — 719-8-6
- Rupees 44386-8-

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
J. W. Randall, Lt Col R.E.
Consulting Engineer I.C.E.

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