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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd September 1862.*

No. 38. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 26th August 1862, No. 623:—

Communicating letter from the Government of India, explaining } (Vide Financial Proceedings, 26th August
that the term "Subordinate Officers" relates to Subordinates } 1862, Nos. 84-85.)
in Government Offices or in other words to Office Clerks.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1862, No. 2,091.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department; to the Civil Pay Master, Madras, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, the 31st July 1862, No. 5,163.

Financial Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 106, of the 28th ultimo, enquiring what classes of servants are included in the term "subordinate officers" in the Resolution, No. 3,835, passed in this Department, on the 31st May last, regarding the allowances of subordinate officers travelling by rail.

2. In reply, I am desirous to inform you that the Resolution relates as will be seen from its first paragraph, to subordinates in Government Offices or, in other words, to Office Clerks.

No. 5,164.

Ordered, that copies of the foregoing letter be forwarded, for information and guidance, to the Departments, Governments, and Officers mentioned below:

Foreign, Home, Military, Public Works, and Marine Departments.

Military Finance Department.

Governments of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, the North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab.

Auditor General of India.

Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, Bengal, Madras, Bombay, the North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab.

Civil Pay Masters in Bengal, Madras, Bombay, the North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab.

Mint Committee.

ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1862, No. 623.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and published in the Gazette.

(True Extract.)

T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the several Departments of the Secretariat. — *Public Works*

" Mint Master.

" Superintendent Gazette Press.

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th November 1862.*

No. 171. Read the following letter from Lieutenant H. TULLOCH, R. E., in charge of the Audit and Account Departments, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 23rd October 1862, No. 3,824 :—

SIR,

- 1 Letter from Dist. Eng. Malabar, dated 25th Aug. 1857 No. 1,095.
1 Letter from do. dated 12th March 1859, No. 63.
1 Memorandum by Colonel Lawford, dated 28th June 1859, No. 13.

	RS.	A.	P.
* 1855-56.....	26,357	8	9
1856-57.....	8,716	13	4
	35,074	6	1
1857-58.....	403	5	1
	35,477	11	2
1859-59.....	86	1	10
	35,563	13	0

Paragraph 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 25th June 1858, No. 1,202.

† Paragraph 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th November 1857, No. 2,097.

1. I have the honor to submit herewith the accompanying four Bills, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 3,5563-13-0,* being the expenditure incurred in building a Dam at Chetwye which was ordered to be abandoned.

2. The submission of these Bills was delayed till now, pending the result of the enquiry made regarding the sum of Rupees 8,378-10-6,† which is stated to have remained unaccounted for by Major Selby, who had the executive charge of the work.

3. It must here be explained that the above sum of Rupees 8,378-10-6 is the difference

	RS.	A.	P.
Value of work executed.....	11,554	0	6
Do. of materials at Chetwye.....	1,284	15	5
Do. do. at Quarries.....	5,474	9	9
Do. of plant at Chetwye exclusive of 3,000 Rupees the value of 3 pumps.....	3,986	0	4
Do. do. at Yellianconnoo.....	4,332	11	6
	26,732	5	6
Difference.....	8,378	10	6
Total expenditure.....	35,111	0	0

between the total expenditure incurred on account of the work from its commencement to 30th April 1857 and the valuation estimate made by Lieutenant Tennant of the actual work executed and materials, &c., on hand, the particulars of which are given in paragraph 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th November 1857, No. 2,097, and which are repeated in the margin for ready reference.

4. The District Engineer of Malabar, while forwarding Lieutenant Tennant's report on the examination into the accounts of the Chetwye Dam, observes as follows:—

In letter dated 25th August 1857, No. 1,095.

“ With regard however to his valuation

“ and the measurement of the Dam itself, I may observe that as soon as the work and baling was stopped, the water necessarily rose over the work, and when he visited Chetwye in July last, there were three feet depth of water on the body, and though his measurements were carefully taken I do not consider that under such circumstances correct dimensions could have been obtained, and sufficiently so to justify any great faith being placed in their accuracy.”

5. It will be observed that the total amount of the first two Bills, herewith submitted, is less than the total expenditure up to 30th April 1857, by Rupees 36-9-11,† which Captain Bean explains is made up of the balance in Major Selby's hands and an error in addition to the credit of the work.

	RS.	A.	P.
‡ 35,111	0	0	
35,074	6	1	
Difference.....	36	9	11

6. The total amount of expenditure accounted for by the three Bills for the period ending 30th April 1858, is Rupees 35,477-11-2, which agrees with that shown in paragraph 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 25th June 1858, No. 1,202.

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10th November 1862.*

7. Though the accounts were irregularly kept during the time Major Selby was in charge of the Dam works, the District Engineer was able to ascertain the actual expenditure from them and prepare Bills the aggregate amount of which agrees with the expenditure shown in the Collector's statement, but as remarked by Captain Bean, there are certain items of advances included in them which were made to work people without any vouchers to show how such sums were accounted for.

In letter dated 12th March 1859, No. 63.

8. After a lengthy correspondence that had taken place between this Office, Major Selby and the District Engineer of Malabar, Colonel Lawford, the late Deputy Chief Engineer of the Southern Circle, who had the primary disposal of the subject from time to time, recorded the accompanying Memorandum dated 29th June 1859, No. 13, which he concludes by saying that "a fair review of all the circumstances connected with this work, I am constrained to state that Major Selby's defence has not changed my opinion, that his executive management was marked by great laxity, irregularity, and neglect, and that the accounts were so loosely and carelessly kept as to afford no true or reliable statements of the actual expenditure, but I consider that no stain rests on Major Selby's personal integrity."

9. After the above Memorandum of Colonel Lawford's was drawn up, the examination of the Bills with the detailed accounts and vouchers sent with them, was commenced upon in this Office, whereupon it was found necessary to make a reference to the District Engineer regarding an apparent discrepancy between the amount of Major Selby's receipts for 1855-56 and that shown in Lieutenant Tennant's Accounts Current, with a request that he would prepare a statement showing the particular items in the Bill* in which Major Selby's detailed expenditure is exhibited. In

* For 1855-56.

November 1861, Captain Bean pleaded his inability to furnish the statement called for owing to a press of business in his Office, and in February 1862, he was requested to re-transmit the original papers which were returned to enable him to prepare the statement in question. After the receipt of those papers the whole of the correspondence and accounts had to be again carefully gone through, before the bills could be submitted to Government.

10. Considering, first, the length of time that has intervened since the expenditure under notice was incurred; secondly, the opinions expressed by Captain Bean and Colonel Lawford which are recorded above, and thirdly, that further enquiries are not likely to lead to better results than are now laid before Government, I beg to suggest that Major Selby may be held to be relieved of any liability for the sum of Rupees 8,378-10-6 above alluded to, and that permission may be accorded for this Office to pass the Bills in question.

No. 172.

ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1862, No. 2,691.

In consideration of the reasons urged in the foregoing letter, the Government authorize the Officer in charge of the Audit Department to pass the Bills for the Chetwye Dam. They must remark at the same time that Major Selby's proceedings in connection with that work are characterized by a want of system and accuracy which has entailed a larger expenditure of public money than was necessary. As that Officer does not, however, now belong to the Department; as his personal integrity is not impugned, and as at this distance of time it would be difficult to determine to what extent he is personally liable for the extra expenditure, especially as there is reason to doubt the perfect accuracy of Lieutenant Tennant's measurements and valuation of work actually covered by water, the Government do not deem it necessary to pursue the matter further.

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

Central Office of P.W.D.
Chennai

No. 3824

23rd October 1862

From Lieutenant H. Gilloch R. E.
In, Ch. of the Audit and Account Department.
Colonel H. P. Birdwood R. E.
Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.

Sir,
I have the honor to submit herewith the accompanying four bills amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 35,563. 13. 4, being the expenditure incurred in building a Dam at Chetwye which was ordered to be abandoned. The submission of these bills was delayed till now pending the result of the enquiry made regarding the sum of Rupees 8,378 - 10. 6, which is stated to have remained unaccounted for by Major Selby, who had the executive charge of the work.

It must here be explained that the above sum of Rupees 8,378. 10. 6 is the difference between the total expenditure incurred on account of the work from its commencement to 30th April 1857 and the valuation estimate made by Lieutenant Tennant

1855/56 - 26,354. 8. 4
1856/57 - 8,416. 13. 4
1857/58 - 35,074. 6. 7
1858/59 - 403. 5. 1
1859/60 - 35,477. 11. 2
1860/61 - 80. 1. 10
1861/62 - 25562. 13. 4
Grand Total 110,003. 13. 4
Bills submitted 35th June 1862 No. 1292.

Paras of Extracts:
Minutes Consultation
dated 13th November
1857 No. 2097.

of the actual work executed and materials &c on hand, the particulars of which are given in para 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13. November 1857 N: 2097 and which are repeated in the margin for ready reference.

Value of work executed	11,554	.. 6
do of materials at factory	1284	15.5
do do at Annam	5474	9.7
do of plant at factory exch.		
do of 3000 Rupees the value of 3 Camps	3986	.. 4
do do at Gulianconco	2332	11.6
	20732	5.6
Difference	8378	10.6
Total expenditure	35111	

4 The District Engineer of Malabar, while forwarding Lieutenant Tennant's report on the examination into the accounts of the Dam observes as follows: "With regard however to his valuation and the measurement of the Dam itself, I may observe that as soon as the work and boring was stopped, the water necessarily rose over the work and when he visited the Dam in July last, there were three feet depth of water on the Body, and though his measurements were care-fully taken, I do not consider that under such circumstances correct dimensions could have been obtained, and sufficiently so to justify any great faith being placed in their accuracy."

5 It will be observed that the total amount of the first two bills, herewith sub-mitted is less than the total expenditure

In letter dated 25. August 1857 N: 1095.

35111 -
35074 - 6.1
Difference 35 - 9.11

up to 30 April 1857 by Rupees 35.9.11 which I apprehend is made up of the balance in Major Selby's hands and an error in addition to the credit of the work.

6 The total amount of expenditure, accounted for by the three bills for the period ending 30 April 1858 is Rupees 35477.11.2 which agrees with that shown in para 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 25 June 1858 N: 1202.

7 Though the accounts were irregularly kept kept during the time Major Selby was in charge of the Dam works, the District Engineer was able to ascertain the actual expenditure from them and prepare bills the aggregate amount of which agrees with the expenditure shown in the Collector's statement but as remarked by Captain Bean there are certain items of advances included in them which were made to work people without any vouchers to show how such sums were accounted for.

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File Proceedings
of Government dated
18th February 1862
No 175.

bills in question.

Chapman
23^d October 1862

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours Most Obedient Servant

Wm. S. Sientgen R.E.

In Charge of the Audit & Account Dept.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Copies
J. R. Pomeroy

doubt the perfect accuracy of St. John's
measurements & valuation of work actually
covered by water, tho' you do not deem it
necessary to pursue the matter further.

Chapman
10th November 1862

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To the Officer in charge of the Audit Dept. with 8 Encls. Recd. 11.

13. " Dep. Chief Engineer S. Service

Accountant-General

3. " X. 287.

