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4th March 1862.*

No. 45. Read the following letter from Major H. W. RAWLINS, for Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 24th January 1862, No. 9,774:—

SIR,

From District Engineer, 6th February 1861, No. 398.
To do. 24th April " " 640.
From do. 14th May " " 484.
To do. 22nd do. " " 64.
From do. 6th June " " 1,255.
To do. 29th do. " " 52, with 2 enclosures.
From do. 24th July " " 3,023.
To do. 3rd December " " 409, with 2 enclosures and one packet of vouchers.
From do. 24th December 1861, No. 8,784.
To do. 11th January 1862, " 502, with one enclosure.

1. I have the honor to forward herewith the correspondence as per margin, connected with the expenditure in constructing a new head to, and repairing breaches in the Nunja-poogooloor channel in the Coimbatore District.

2. The above work was sanctioned by the Chief Engineer in October 1859, and as the estimate of Rupees 4,390 for the same had been exceeded by Rupees 1,109 or more than 25 per cent., the District Engineer was called upon in February last for explanation of the cause of excess. In reply, the District Engineer reported that no records were forthcoming to enable him to afford the required explanation; that the late Mr. Wright had been called upon both by himself and the late District Engineer to do so, but no reply had been received, and that since Mr. Wright's death, Mr. Lowry had conducted an investigation into the matter, but without avail, as no vouchers were forthcoming beyond those upon which a bill had been prepared and which accounted for an expenditure of only Rupees 3,417-11.

3. The parties whom Captain Goddard considered responsible for neglect of duty in the case, were Mr. Bush, the late Serjeant Wright and Sub-Overseer Ananthariah. The matter was accordingly referred, through the District Engineer, Trichinopoly, to Mr. Bush, who explained that Sub-Overseer Ananthariah was in charge of the work, and that vouchers were regularly kept for every work done in the Range, and that when he left Coimbatore on Sick Certificate he sent the records of his Range Office, after careful examination, in charge of his Accountant, to the District Engineer. Mr. Bush added that the work in question gave much trouble, as the head of the channel, which was necessarily constructed of nanel and sand, was carried away by every fresh that came down the Cavary; that the work was incomplete when his connection with the Range ceased, and that he considered that the Sub-Overseer was the party who should be able to afford all the necessary information. On receiving this explanation Captain Goddard was requested to call upon the Sub-Overseer and the Accountant (since dismissed) for the necessary information.

The Sub-Overseer explains that during the period of his employment on the work all accounts were sent to the Range Office. The Accountant can give no information. The District Engineer does not attach any weight to the statements of these individuals, as he considers them untrustworthy.

4. The late Mr. Wright appears to be the person who is responsible for the irregularities reported above; but as he is now dead, I recommend that the sum of Rupees 2,080-6-2, being the difference between the expenditure and the amount for which a bill has been already received and passed, may be authorized to be

	RS.	A.	P.
Total expended	5,498	1	2
Bill passed on regular vouchers	3,417	11	0
Balance said to be expended but no vouchers ..	2,080	6	2

written off to Profit and Loss, as the assets of Mr. Wright's estate (Rupees 1,615-11-4) will not admit of this and of the other losses reported in letter No. 8,437, dated 16th December 1861, being fully met.

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5. In conclusion I deem it proper to inform Government that from a Statement* received

* Statement of works performed in the Caroor Range in the year 1860-61, during the time of the late Mr. Wright.

from the District Engineer (now under scrutiny in this Office) it appears that Ramiah, late a Sub-Overseer, declared that vouchers in the late Accountant's hand-writing for Rupees 1,217-6 of the expenditure on the work under notice were fictitious and "that not a single cooly charged therein was employed an hour on the work of which he (Ramiah) was then Superintendent." It does not seem necessary now to notice the testimony of a dismissed servant whose own complicity in the matter is not an unlikely circumstance, seeing that though aware of the fraud, he was not sufficiently alive to his obligations to bring the subject to notice at the time though charged with the superintendence of the work.

No. 46.

ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1862, No. 355.

Under the circumstances stated in this letter, especially in paragraph 4, the Government grant sanction for writing off to Profit and Loss the sum of Rupees 2,080-6-2 being the difference between the amount of a passed bill (Rupees 3,417-11-0) and the actual expenditure Rupees 5,498-1-2) in constructing a new head to, and repairing breaches in the Nunjapoozaloor channel in the Coimbatore District, the sanctioned estimate for which (Rupees 4,390) has thus been exceeded by more than 25 per cent.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

From District Engineer	6 th February 1861.	398
do	24 th April "	640
To do	14 th May "	484
From do	22 nd do "	64
To do	5 th June "	1255
From do	29 th do "	52
To do	24 th July with 2 Encl.	3023
From do	3 rd December "	407
To do	with 2 Encl. & 1 packet of Encl.	8784
From do	24 th December 1861	502
To do	11 th January 1862 with 1 Encl.	

in the Nunjapoozaloor Channel in the Coimbatore District.

2. The above work was sanctioned by the Chief Engineer in October 1859, and as the Estimate of Rupees 4,390 for the same had been exceeded

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Central Office of P.W.D.
Chennai 24 January 1862

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From Colonel W. Birdwood
Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle

To Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort Saint George

Below is a list of bills

I have the honor to forward herewith the correspondence as per margin, connected

with the expenditure in constructing a new head to, and repairing breaches

exceeded by Rupees 1109 or more than 25 per cent; the District Engineer was called upon in February last for explanation of the cause of excess. In reply the District Engineer reported that no records were forthcoming to enable him to afford the required explanation; that the late Mr. Wright had been called upon both by himself and the late District Engineer to do so, but no reply had been received, and that since Mr. Wright's death, Mr. Cowry had conducted an investigation into the matter but without avail, as no Vouchers were forthcoming beyond those upon which a Bill had been prepared and which accounted for an expenditure of only Rupees 3417. 11. ..

3. The parties whom Captain Goddard considered responsible for neglect of duty in the case, were Mr. Bush, the late Sergeant Wright and Sub Overseer Ananthanah. The matter was accordingly referred, through the District Engineer

Tichinopoly

From Dist. Eng. 29th June 1861, P. 52
Tichinopoly, to Mr. Bush, who explained that Sub Overseer Ananthanah was in charge of the work, and that Vouchers were regularly kept for every work done in the Range, and that when he left Coimbatore on Sick Certificate he sent the records of his Range Office, after careful examination, in charge of his Accountant, to the District Engineer. Mr. Bush added that the work in question gave much trouble as the head of the Channel, which was necessarily constructed of Stone and Sand, was carried away by every fresh that came down the Cany, that the work was incomplete when his connection with the Range ceased, and that he considered that the Sub Overseer was the party who should be able to afford all the necessary information. On receiving this explanation Captain Goddard was requested to call upon the Sub Overseer and the Accountant (since dismissed) for the necessary information. The Sub Overseer explains that

24th July 1861 - 3023

that during the period of his employment on the work all accounts were sent to the Range Office. The Accountant can give no information. The District Engineer does not attach any weight to the Statements of these individuals, as he considers them untrustworthy.

4. The late Mr. Wright appears to be the person who is responsible for the irregularities reported above; but as he is now dead, I recommend that the sum of Rupees 2080. 6. 2, being the difference between the expenditure and the amount for which a Bill has been already received and passed, may be authorized to be written off to Profit and Loss as the assets of Mr. Wright's Estate (Rupees 1615. 11. 4) will not admit of this and of the other losses reported in letter No. 8437 dated 16th December 1861, being fully met.

5. In conclusion I deem it proper to

Total expended Rupees 5498. 1. 2
Bill passed on regular Vouchers ——— 3417. 11. "

Balance said to be expended but no Vouchers ——— 2080. 6. 2

* Statement of work performed in the Caroor Range in the years 1860/61 during the time of the late Mr. Wright.

to inform Government that from a Statement received from the District Engineer (now under scrutiny in this Office) it appears

that Ramiiah, late a Sub Overseer, declared that Vouchers in the late Accountant's handwriting for Rupees 1217. 6. " of the expenditure on the work under notice were fictitious and that not a single Cooly "charged therein was employed an hour on the work "of which he Ramiiah was then Superintendent." It does not seem necessary now to notice the testimony of a dismissed servant whose own complicity in the matter is not an unlikely circumstance, seeing that though aware of the fraud, he was not sufficiently alive to his obligations to bring the subject to notice at the time though charged with the superintendence of the work.

Central Office of P.W.D.
Depant 24 January 1862.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
H. W. Rawlinson Major
for Deputy Chief Engr South India

To, Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Forsley
Chief Engr and Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort Saint George

L. H. H. H.

1862 Department
No. 3555-1-1
1863

From
Colonel M. J. Bunker
Army of the Pacific
to
Lieutenant M. J. Bunker
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to
Lieutenant M. J. Bunker
Army of the Pacific

March 24/5
Received 24/5
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Army of the Pacific

No 3555-

Under the circumstances stated in
the letter, especially in para 4, the
most grant sanction for putting off the
costs the sum of \$2080-6-2 being the
difference between the amount of a
bill (Quar 3414-11-2) and the actual
expenditure (Quar 5498-1-2) in construct-
ing a new head to, and repairing head
in the Humphreys Channel in the
Coastal and District, the sanctioned
made for work (Quar 390) has thus been
exceeded by more than \$2080-6-2
to
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