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No. 159. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 24th June 1864, No. 239 :—

SIR,

No. 1,735, of 15th June 1864.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Govern-
ment as per margin, I beg to offer the following explanatory
and other remarks.

2. The figures which in the Order in question stand against the 1st Division, as unad-
justed expenditure, are as follows :—

Districts.	1861-62.	1862-63.	1863-64.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam	80	705	86,121	86,906
Vizagapatam	224	11,949	1,25,404	1,37,577
Godavery	12,301	31,966	4,22,578	4,66,845
Upper Godavery	4,529	5,38,374	...	5,42,903
Total ...	...	...	...	12,34,231

3. This apparently is a very large sum.

4. I beg, however, to observe that I know nothing of Captain Haig's expenditure in former
years ; that I am in no manner accountable for it, and that I see no reason why the Controller
should mix up Captain Haig's unadjusted expenditure with mine.

5. Striking off the five and a half lacs standing against the Upper Godavery, the apparent
liabilities of the 1st Division were on the 1st of May last, 6,91,528 Rupees.

6. I must state that this sum does not represent the amount unaccounted for by me, but
includes large amounts for which Bills have been sent in from time to time, but not disposed
of in the Controller's Office.

7. Numerous bills sent in from this Division from October to April were not disposed
of by the 1st of May at Madras, but this is surely no reason why this Division should not take
credit for their amounts.

8. Between the 1st of May and the submission of the Controller's Administration Report

certain of these Bills to the amount of 26,930 Rupees were

* On the 7th and 12th May 1864.

passed* by him, but no intimation to this effect would appear
to have found a place in the report, and thus Government have been led to suppose that the
expenditure of this Division unaccounted for, is much greater than it really is.

9. The real liabilities of the Division on the 1st of May were as follows :—

Districts.	1861-62.	1862-63.	1863-64.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam.	80	625	82,701	83,406
Vizagapatam.	224	11,949	1,19,349	1,31,522
Godavery.	...	5,177	4,01,854	4,07,031
Total ...	304	17,751	6,03,904	6,21,959

Of these 6½ lacs, the expenditure of one lac is a book transaction ; it is the amount placed at
the disposal of the Collector of the Godavery for the payment of certain Infundars.

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10. This leaves 5½ lacs to be accounted for.
11. Now the actual expenditure in the 1st Division for 1863-64 is between 8 and 9 lacs of Rupees, out of this expenditure a disproportionate amount is provided for the last months of the financial year, and can therefore be no measure of account be adjusted in accounts which close on the 1st of May.
12. The expenditure in the 1st Division in 1863-64 was Rupees 27,223 in the month of March, and Rupees 1,71,223 in the month of April.
13. Taking the above into consideration, it is evident that the real amount which was to be accounted for on the 1st of May was not more than Rupees 2,72,223, which with a yearly expenditure of 8½ lacs is not a remarkable expenditure.
14. Since the 1st of May, Bills to the amount of Rupees 2,72,223 have been sent in with the accounts for that month and those for April, and reduced the total of unaccounted expenditure shown in the table of paragraph 9 to Rupees 2,72,223.
15. In conclusion I beg to assure Government that there is no want of system in preparing Bills in this Division; bills are at once made out on the receipt of station books and vouchers, and what little delay does take place, takes place in the receipt from which station books are constantly being called for, and from which explanation has sometimes to be sought regarding items entered in these station books.

No. 160.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1864, No. 1,381.

1. Communicated to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, with reference to Proceedings No. 1,733, dated 15th June 1864.
2. The Government are glad to receive the assistance contained in paragraph 13.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engin^r Office
No 239. 1st Division Waltham
24th June 1864.

From
Lieutenant Col. Chambers R.E.
Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

In acknowledging the receipt
of the order of Government as per
margin, I beg to offer the following
Explanatory and other remarks.

2. The figures which in the order
in question stand against the First
Division, as unadjusted expenditure, are
as follows.

	1861-62	1862-63	1863-64	Total
Ganjam	80	705	86,121	86,906
Vijagapatam	224	11,949	1,25,404	1,37,577
Godavery	12,301	31,966	4,22,578	4,66,845
Upper Godavery	4,529	5,38,374	—	5,42,903
				21 12,34,231

3. This apparently is a very large sum.
 4. I beg however to observe that I know nothing of Captain Haig's expenditure in former years; that I am in no manner accountable for it; and that I see no reason why the Comptroller should mix up Captain Haig's unjustified expenditure with mine.

5. Striking off the five and a half lacs standing against the upper Godavery, the apparent liabilities of the First Division were on the 1st of May East 6,91,328 Rs.

6. I must state that this sum does not represent the amount unaccounted for by me, but includes large amounts for which Bills have been sent in from time to time but not disposed of in the Comptroller's Office.

7. Numerous bills sent in from this from October to April were not disposed of by the first of May at Madras, but

but this is surely no reason why this Division should not take credit for their accounts.

On the 7th and 13th May 1864.

8. Between the 1st of May and the submission of the Comptroller's Administration Report certain of these Bills to the amount of 2,69,30 Rs. were passed by him, but no intimation to this effect would appear to have found a place in the report, and thus the Government have been led to suppose that the expenditure of this Division unaccounted for, is much greater than it really is.

9. The real liabilities of the Division on the first of May were as follows.

	1861-62	1862-63	1863-64	Total
Ganjam	80	625	82,701	83,406
Nizagapatam	224	11,949	11,934	13,107
Godavery	0	5,177	46,154	51,331
	Rs. 304	17,751	603,904	621,959

of these 6 1/2 lacs, the expenditure of one

one lac is a book transaction; it is the amount placed at the disposal of the Collector of the Godavery for the payment of certain Enamdars.

10. This leaves $5\frac{1}{4}$ lacs to be accounted for.

11. Now the actual expenditure in the First Division year by year is between 8 and 9 lacs of Rupees, and of this expenditure a disproportionate amount is crowded into the last months of the official year and can therefore by no manner of means be adjusted in accounts which close on the 1st of May.

12. The expenditure in the 1st Division in 1863-64 was Rs 80,663 in the month of March and Rs 171,223 in the month of April.

13. Taking this into consideration it is evident that the real amount which was to be accounted for on the 1st of May was not more than Rs 27,000 which.

Expenditure on
1863-64
Rs 87,477
in 1863-64
Exclusion of one
lac for Enamdars
Rs 8,42,489

521,959
minus
251,886
Expenditure
in March
and April.

which with a yearly expenditure of $8\frac{1}{2}$ lacs is not a remarkable unadjusted balance.

Since the 1st of May, Bills to the amount of Rs 2,25,589 have been sent in with the accounts for that month and those for April and reduce the total of unaccounted expenditure shown in the table of para 9 to Rs 3,28,370.

In conclusion I beg to assure Government that there is no want of system in preparing Bills in this Division; bills are at once made out on the receipt of Station books and vouchers; and what little delay does take place, takes place in the Range from which Station books are constantly being called for, and from which explanation has sometimes to be sought regarding items entered in these Station books.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant

M. Chambers Esq
Superintending Engineer, &c.

J. H. Newman Esq
Manager

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