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No. 166. Read the following letter from Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer, for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 27th August 1864, No. 83:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request the orders of Government regarding the disposal of the following charges, which have been included by the Agent to the Irrigation and Canal Company, in a supplemental Statement of contingent expenses incurred in the Chief Engineer's Office between May and July 1860:—

Amount paid for the travelling expenses of Mr. D. Calder from						RS.	A.	P.
Kurnool to Madras	...	...	...	...	...	160	0	0
Do. do. of Mr. Calder alone from Madras to Kurnool, and from Kurnool to Madras with family for which no bills but letters were received	...	...	...	...	...	514	11	0
Total.						674	11	0

2. I should explain, with reference to the date at which these charges were incurred, that they were originally included under the head of Inefficient Balance, and nothing was known of them in this Office until the particulars of that account were furnished, and the charges came to be adjusted to their proper heads.

3. In auditing the statement of contingent expenses, the particulars of the expenditures were asked for and the authority under which the travelling expenses of Mr. Calder's family were defrayed by the Company, and the reply received states that "Mr. D. Calder was engaged by the Chief Engineer with the understanding that the travelling expenses of self and family were to be defrayed by the Company." The particulars of the charge Rupees 160 are given, they are—

						RS.
Provisions from Kurnool to Madras	...	...	...	...	...	25
Bullock hire do. do.	...	...	...	...	...	49
Carriage hire from Bangalore to Vaniambady	...	...	...	...	...	42
Railway charges myself and servant	...	...	...	...	...	9
Carriage hire at Madras	...	...	...	...	...	35

The bill which is receipted by Mr. Calder is dated Madras, 5th November 1860. The first item appears to me to be a most extraordinary charge, and the last may be reasonable or not according to circumstances, and of those this Office knows nothing, and probably the Agent's information is no better.

4. For the charge Rupees 514-11-0 there are no particulars or details whatever, and apparently the only information extant is some correspondence between Mr. Calder and the then Agent, in which the former asks for payment of bills submitted. In this correspondence the only sum actually named is the amount of one bill Rupees 57-10-6. The Interim Acting Manager on the 11th May last, letter No. 91, wrote as if the travelling expenses billed by Mr. Calder had only been partly paid, but this is a mistake, for although no actual payment was made, these charges go to make up the total amount outstanding to Mr. Calder's debit in the Statement of Inefficient Balance.

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5. It may be useful to show what was the total cost to the Company of Mr. Calder's services.

	RS.	A.	P.
Passage money from Rangoon to Madras	750	0	0
Pay from 16th January 1860, the date of leaving Rangoon, to the end of January at Rupees 250 per month	129	0	6
Travelling expenses, Madras to Kurnool	230	12	0
Pay for February, March, April and May	1,000	0	0
Do. for June	450	0	0
Pay from 1st to 14th July at (?)	158	1	0
Travelling expenses, Kurnool to Madras	160	0	0
Do. Madras to Kurnool and Kurnool to Madras.	514	11	0
Irrecoverable advance written off to profit and loss. Vide Proceedings Madras Government No. 630, of the 14th March 1863	300	0	0
Total	3,692	8	6

Mr. Calder was the Chief Accountant in the Central Office, and as, including the passage from Rangoon and four journies between Madras and Kurnool, he was in the employ of the Company only six months, and was then dismissed for intemperance, I am afraid that the above statement of expenses represents a great waste of money.

6. I am unable to make any recommendation except to suggest that the Agent should be desired to place the matter before the Board of Directors, and to communicate their reply for the information of Government.

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1864, No. 2,609.

Under the circumstances represented by the Consulting Engineer, the Government have no alternative but to request that the Agent will adopt the course recommended in paragraph 6 of this letter.

(True Extract)

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

To the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company, with six enclosures.

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Dated 24th August 1864.
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Requests orders regard-
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With an Order.

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