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17th November 1861.*

No. 343. 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 of Public Works, dated Madras, 2nd November 1861, No. 136 :—

SIR,

1: I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying Account Current of cash receipts and disbursements for the quarter ending 31st July 1863.

2. The Account* Current and Statement P were received from the Agent on the 6th September 1861, my Memoranda of audit thereon were sent on the 15th and 22nd idem, his reply to them were received on the 5th and 28th ultimo.

3. During the quarter the amount drawn from the Government Treasury was Rs. 4,74,253 ; the amount received in cash, as refund from the past expenditure, was Rupees 7,219-15-4, and that received under "Deposits" on account of security and cheques granted on the Agent, but not paid before the end of the quarter was Rupees 6,862-7-6, making a total of Rs. 4,88,365-6-10 ; which, added to the balance of cash in hand on the first day of the quarter, viz., Rs. 3,27,717-12-10, makes the total of the receipts Rupees 8,16,113-3-8, deducting from this sum the actual expenditure in cash, viz., Rupees 3,72,620-7-1, the balance of cash on the last day of the quarter was Rupees 4,43,492-12-7.

4. Out of the sum of Rupees 2,513-9-4 appearing under transfer entry, both on the Debtor and Creditor sides of the Account Current, Rupees 483-14-6 shew the adjustment made in rectification of errors in the previous accounts, and Rupees 2,029-10-10 represent the value of stores purchased and brought to account, but not paid for during the quarter.

5. The total expenditure both by cash and adjustment amounted to Rupees 3,88,380-12-9, which is debited to the following heads :—

	Cash.			Adjustment.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. General Management	17,662	9	8				18,014	5	8
Steamer "Thistle"	351	12	0						
2. Construction	2,93,318	9	6	13,071	9	3	3,12,390	2	9
3. Stores	15,276	5	3	2,051	5	11	17,327	11	2
4. Store charges	13,130	4	5	153	8	0	13,283	12	5
5. Manufacture of stores	14,297	1	1				14,297	1	1
6. Insufficient balance	8,460	7	4				8,460	7	4
7. Deposits	4,002	5	10	423	14	6	4,426	4	4
8. Stores lost and damaged, &c.				60	0	0	60	0	0
9. Revenue account	121	0	0				121	0	0
Total...	3,72,620	7	1	13,760	5	8	3,88,380	12	9

6. The detailed Statements, shewing the particulars of the sums under these heads, have been audited and examined in this Office, and the points requiring notice are as follows.

7. The head "Revenue Account" appears for the first time in the Account Current under review. The amount debited to it consists of the cost of the Irrigation and Conservancy Establishment of the Soonkasala Anicut. The Agent was desired by my predecessor to keep this and all similar subsequent expenditure under that head, until the settlement of the question as to the source from which funds are to be provided, pending the receipt of revenue, and when this has been settled, the expenditure will be debited to a separate Irrigation Revenue Account, and the Capital Account will be reimbursed.

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8. Mr. Johnston, Sub-Assistant Engineer in the Nagavore Division, was on leave from the 27th to 30th April 1863, but his allowance for that period, Rupees 8, was drawn in the pay abstract and charged in the Account Current under review. The Agent, however, has promised to have that sum recovered and credited in the next accounts.

9. In the abstracts of the Hindy Division from February to June 1861, a sum of Rupees 50 was drawn as the salary of the Surveyor attached to that Division, but it was paid to cover the horse allowance of a Dresser in the Hospital at Kurnool. This irregularity the Chief Engineer has stated has been since discontinued, and provision for the allowance of the Dresser has been made in the revised Statement of the Engineering Establishment, sanctioned in the Government Order, No. 814, dated 17th March 1861. General Ludlow passed the above sum of Rupees 50 in a contingent bill as a special case.

10. On reference to the Agent, it was found that the sum of Rupees 50 was drawn as the salary of the Surveyor attached to that Division, but it was paid to cover the horse allowance of a Dresser in the Hospital at Kurnool. This irregularity the Chief Engineer has stated has been since discontinued, and provision for the allowance of the Dresser has been made in the revised Statement of the Engineering Establishment, sanctioned in the Government Order, No. 814, dated 17th March 1861. General Ludlow passed the above sum of Rupees 50 in a contingent bill as a special case.

10. On reference to the Agent it is found that the sum of Rupees 26.12.0, referred to in paragraph 11 of my letter No. 73 of the 13th August 1861, was twice charged in the contingent bills, viz., once in the bill for December 1862 and again in that for January following; consequently the bill for December has been cancelled and returned to the Agent, the amount having been actually expended in January 1863.

11. Rupees 50 which were expended on

11. Rupees 50 which were expended on account of Store charges and passed by this Office in a pay abstract, and which ought to have been entered at once in the accounts under review, to the debit of Store charges, are inadvertently kept under "Insufficient Balance" the Agent has promised to adjust this sum in the next accounts.

12. In like manner Rupees 218 7 10, which

12. In like manner Rupees 218.7-10, which were advanced by the Agent for the purchase of Ordnance maps, and which ought to have been kept under "Insufficient balance." The actual receipt of the maps, are by mistake debited to the head "Deposits," it however appears on reference to the Agent that the maps have been since received, and he has promised to adjust in his next accounts the sum of Rupees 218.7-10 to the credit of "Deposits" and to the debit of "Stores."

13. The difference between the sum of Rupees 1,000.00, as shown in the statement in paragraph 20 of the report, and the sum of Rupees 1,000.00, as shown in the statement in paragraph 21 of the report, is Rupees 1,000.00, which is the sum of Rupees 1,000.00, as shown in the statement in paragraph 20 of the report, and the sum of Rupees 1,000.00, as shown in the statement in paragraph 21 of the report.

13. The difference between the sums in the Cash Accounts and Progress Reports, noted in paragraph 20 of my letter No. 73, dated 15th August 1961, being a debit against the Agent was requested to state whether there was any probability of its being settled at least in the next accounts then under preparation; he replied that the attention of the Agent to this matter has been called thereto, and that the adjustment of this difference will be quickly effected.

14. The head "Deposits" in the Account Current of the Contractor's deposits, Income tax, &c., which has been

14. The head "Deposits" in the Account Current is designed for such general items, such as Contractor's deposits, Income tax, deductions from the salaries of the Company's employees &c., which as before remarked, have nothing to do with the work of the contract which require to be examined by this Office, and they should be kept entirely distinct from the accounts rendered to Government. This has been pointed out to the Agent, and he has agreed to take measures for avoiding similar entries in the future, and he has agreed to report to the Board of those in the past accounts.

15. The balance outstanding under the head of "Bills and bills receivable" at the close of the preceding quarter was Rupees 66,014 2/11. The advance was made during the quarter amounting to Rupees 8,400 7/4, and the adjustment to Rupees 17,800 2/11, leaving the balance at the close of this quarter Rupees 56,612 8/0. The Agent's attention has been called to the necessity of the early adjustment of long outstanding debits to the temporary books, and in order that it may be seen in what Divisions the adjustments are not being effected by the Agent has provided forward with the accounts for the quarter ending 30th April 1914. He has also provided the balance outstanding in each Division and the dates on which the adjustments were made. He also says that "the cause of the delay arises from the fact that the Agents are not provided with the necessary books and stationery, and the Agents are not provided with the necessary books and stationery."

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The Agent was also asked for his opinion as to the proper working balance of advances under this head, with reference to the amount of the monthly expenditure, but he states that he cannot give an opinion. It may, however, be remarked that had all advances of more than six months standing been adjusted, and so removed from the account, the balance on the 31st

- This is in excess of the actual, because one item Rupees 15,900 is all entered as recent expenditure, though incurred between October and April, because the portions belonging to successive months are unknown.

July would have been Rupees 39,017,* instead of Rupees 56,602, and probably therefore it would not be difficult to obtain all the useful results, intended by this temporary head of the monthly expenditure.

account, with an unadjusted balance of one-sixth the monthly expenditure.

16. It is not necessary again to refer to the observations on the items of the Inefficient balance contained in paragraph 18 of my letter Procs. Madras Govt. No. 2,409, 30th August 1861. No. 73 of the 13th August last, transmitting the accounts of the preceding quarter. I hope that as soon as the difficulties arising from insufficient care in keeping the past accounts have been overcome, there will be very few irregular items requiring notice, and for the present it will, I think, suffice, if all errors as they come under notice are pointed out once, and not specially referred to again until the Agent has had an opportunity of making the requisite corrections.

17. From the particulars of cash in hand at the end of the Account Current, it will be seen that the balance at the close of the quarter was very nearly equal to the quarter's expenditure, and on referring to the quarterly Abstract Statement, it will be found that the balances in the Bowanassy and Kándár Divisions were much in excess of what was necessary. This subject has been repeatedly noticed when passing for payment the Agent's monthly drafts, and it has been found very difficult to obtain from the Agent information, as to the balances, to a date sufficiently recent to be of any use. I hope, however, that Mr. Henslowe will, after the visit to the Divisions on which he is now absent from Madras, be able to make such arrangements, with regard both to this and other matters, as will enable him to exercise a closer control than appears hitherto to have been practicable.

18. The Statement P required by Rule 54 is submitted herewith, from which it will be observed that the total amount drawn from Government from the commencement up to 31st July 1863, was 35,94,028 5 4

The value of stores supplied by the Board of Directors and brought on the Indian Accounts up to the same date was	2,19,876 10 1
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The amount remaining to the credit of the head "Deposits" on account of undischarged securities cheques on the Agent, &c., was ... 16,455 12 4

Total... 38,80,360 11 9

This sum was disposed of, or accounted for by the Agent as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Total Indian expenditure up to 31st July 1863	29,18,623	15	6
Value of stores not issued or stock on hand on the 31st July 1863...	3,88,243	15	8
Cash in hand with the Engineers in the Divisions and the Agent at Madras on the same date	4,13,492	12	7
Total...	38,30,360	11	9

13. The Return Q shewing the progress made in each sanctioned section of the Company's project, as required by Rule LVI, is forwarded for the information of Government, but, as was the case with the similar returns of previous quarters, it is too much in arrears to be of any value.

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17th November 1954.

No. 344.

ORDER TAKEN ON, 17th November 1961, No. 3207.

1. The Government pass the accounts of the Irrigation and Canal Company for the quarter ended 31st July 1903.
2. The particular attention of the Manager will be requested to paragraphs 8 and 11 to 17 of the Consulting Engineer's letter.
3. The Accounts for subsequent quarters should be submitted without further delay.

(True Name)

(3) CHAIRMAN, A COMMITTEE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

To the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company.
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Exl. S. T. Argentina.

Consul General's Office,
Irrigation & Canal Comp.,
Madras, 2nd November 1866

K. 136.

From
 Captain J. Mulline R.
 Councils for D.C.C.
 The Secretary to Government
 Department of Pub. Works.

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the accompanying Account Current of each receipts and disbursements for the quarter ending 31st July 1863. -

* partly on the 23rd Aug^r. The Account & Current Land Statement & P^{er}manently do. 6th Sept^r. more, received from the Agent on the 6th September 1864, my memoranda of audit there and were sent on the 15th and 22nd idem, his reply to them were received on the 5th and 28th ult^{imo}.

3. During the quarter the amount drawn from the Government Treasury was Rupees 476.253; the amount received in cash, as refund from the past expenditure, was Rupees 7249-15-4, and that received under "the grants" on account of security and cheques granted on the Agent but not paid - before the end of the quarter was Rupees 6862.76 - making a total of Rupees 480365-6-10, which added to the balance of cash in hand on the 1st day of the quarter viz. 327747-12-10, makes the total of the receipts Rupees 808113-3-8; deducting from this sum

the actual expenditure in each year up to 1871, the balance of each on the last day of the month was Rspees 1,242 12 7.

4. Out of the sum of Rspees 2513 4 6 appearing under transfer in the last on the 31st Dec 1870, the balance of the Account Current, Rspees 1,242 12 7 being the adjustment made in rectification of error in the previous account, Rspees 2513 4 6 is present the value of Rspees 2513 4 6 was purchased in the account, but not paid for during the year.

5. The total expenditure laid by each and adjustment amounts to Rspees 20,358 12 7 which is debited to the following heads:-

	Rs.	As.	Pais.	Total
1 General Management	17,662	7	0	17,662 7 0
2 Construction	251	12	0	251 12 0
3 Stores	3,778	10	9	3,778 10 9
4 Other charges	15,276	5	3	15,276 5 3
5 Manufacture of stores	10,120	4	5	10,120 4 5
6 Sundry balances	14,377	1	1	14,377 1 1
7 Deposits	2,564	7	4	2,564 7 4
8 Stores lost and damaged for	2,007	5	10	2,007 5 10
9 Revenue Account	121	7	0	121 7 0
Total Rspees	57,630	7	1	57,630 7 1

6. The detailed statements, showing the particulars of the sums under these heads, have been audited and examined in this office, and the points requiring notice are as follows:-

7. The head Revenue Account appears for the first time in the Account Current, and the amount debited to it consists of the cost of the irrigation and conveyance.

the Sontakala Anient. The Agent was directed by my predecessor to keep this and all similar subsequent expenditure under that head, until the settlement of the question as to the source from which funds are to be provided, pending the receipt of Revenue, and when this has been settled, the expenditure will be debited to a separate Irrigation Revenue Account, and the Capital Account will be reimbursed.

8. Mr. Johnston, Sub Assistant Engineer in the Revenue Division, was on leave from the 27th to 30th April 1863, but his allowance for that period, Rspees 2, was drawn in the pay abstract and charged in the Account Current under review.

The Agent however has promised to have that sum recovered and credited in the next account.

9. In the abstracts of the Medical Division from February to June 1863, a sum of Rspees 50 was drawn as the salary of the surgeon attached to that Division, but it was paid to cover the horse allowance of a dresser in the Hospital at Kurnool. This irregularity the Chief Engineer has stated has been since discontinued, and provision for the allowance of the Dresser has been made in the revised statement of the engineering establishment sanctioned in the Government Order No. 811, dated 17th March 1864. General Ludlow passed the above sum of Rspees 50 in a contingent bill as a special case.

10. On reference to the Agent's form that the sum of Rspees 26-12-0 referred to in para 11 of my letter No. 73 of the 13th August 1863, was twice charged in the contingent bills viz: once in the bill

CCP. 2499/100 my letter No. 73 of the 13th August 1863, was twice charged in the contingent bills viz: once in the bill

for December 1862 and again in that for January fol-
lowing, consequently the bill for December has been
cancelled and returned to the Agent, the amount
having been actually expended in January 1863.

11. Rupees 58 which were expended on account
of store charges and passed by this office in a pay
abstract, and which ought to have been entered at
once in the accounts under review, to the debit
of store charges, are inadvertently kept under
"Insufficient balance"; the Agent has promised to
adjust this sum in the next accounts.

12. In like manner Rupees 210-7-10 which
were advanced by the Agent for the purchase
of ordnance maps and which ought to have
been kept under "Insufficient balance" till the
actual receipt of the maps, are by mistake de-
bited to the head "Deposits" it however appears
on reference to the Agent that the maps have
been since received and he has promised to adjust
in his next accounts the sum of Rupees 210-7-10
to the credit of "Deposits" and to the debit of "Store-
charges".

13. The difference between the sums in the last
accounts and Rupees 210-7-10 is noticed in para 20
of my letter of 11th dated 13th August 1862 being
still left unadjusted, the Agent was requested to
state whether there was any probability of its
final settlement at least in the next accounts.
In answer to this question, he replies that the at-
tention of the Executive Engineer has been called
thereon and that the adjustment of the difference
will be speedily effected.

14. The head "Deposits" in the Account Current
under review includes several items such as
contractors' deposits, income tax, deductions from
the salaries of the Company's employees, &c. which,
as before remarked, have nothing to do with the
works, the accounts of which require to be ex-
amined by this office, and they should be kept in-
tively distinct from the accounts rendered to
the Government. This has been pointed out to the
Agent and he has promised to adopt measures
for avoiding similar entries in the future -
accounts, and to carry out a speedy adjustment
of those in the past accounts.

15. The balance outstanding under the head
of "Insufficient balance" at the close of the pre-
ceding quarter was Rupees 6602-2-11. The
advances made during the quarter amount to
Rupees 8460-7-6 and the adjustments to Rupees
17,096-2-3, leaving the balance at the close of this
quarter Rupees 56602-8-0. The Agent's attention
has been called to the necessity for the early ad-
justment of long outstanding debts to this -
temporary head, and in order that it may be seen
in what divisions the adjustments are not
being attended to, the Agent has promised to for-
ward with the accounts for the quarter ending
30th April 1863, a memo. showing the balances
outstanding in each division and the dates on
which the expenditures were incurred. He also
states that the cause of the delay arises from
the incorrectness of the Returns furnished by the
divisions.

divisions heretofore

The Comptroller was also asked for his opinion as to the proper working balance of advances under this head, with reference to the amount of the monthly expenditure, but he states that he cannot give an opinion. - It may however be remarked that had all advances of more than £100 remained standing, the balance on the 31st July would have been 11,900 1/4, instead of 11,900 1/4, and probably there fore it would not be difficult to obtain all the useful results intended by this temporary loan of £100,000, with an unimpaired balance of 1/6 the monthly expenditure.

16. It is not necessary again to refer to the variations on the items of the insufficient balances contained in para 10 of my letter of 12th of the 15th August last of transmitting the amounts of the preceding quarter. I hope that as soon as the difficulties arising from insufficient care in keeping the past accounts have been overcome, there will be very few irregular items requiring notice, and for the present it will, I think, suffice, if all errors as they come under notice are pointed out once, and not especially referred to again until the Agent has had an opportunity of making the requisite corrections.

17. From the particulars of each line have at the end of the Account Current I shall be seen the balance at the close of that week was very nearly equal to the quarterly report. In this manner referring to the quarterly statement I shall be found

Emancipation Club 129050
 3 months exp. fee 95163
 Emancipation Club - 27986
 3 months exp. fee 12769

Emergency Rule 12/9/50
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 Budget - 27/9/51
 Demand for 1952/53

that the balances in the Bombay and Hindia
 Divisions were much in excess of what was ne-
 cessary. - This subject has been repeatedly noticed
 when passing for payment the Agents' monthly-
 drafts and it has been found very difficult to ob-
 tain from the Agent information, as to the balance,
 at a date sufficiently recent to be of any use. I
 hope however that Mr. Stenhouse will, after the
 visit to the Divisions on which he is now absent
 from Madras, ~~will~~ be able to make such arrange-
 ments, with regard both to this and other matters,
 as will enable him to exercise a closer control
 than appears hitherto to have been practicable. -

12. The Statement P. required by Rule 54 is sub-
 mitted herewith from which it will be observed

The value of taxes supplied by the Board of Directors and brought on the Indian Accounts up to the same date was Rs. 219076-10-1
The amount remaining to the credit of the head deposits on account of undischarged securities & cheques on the Agent Genl was Rupees 16455-12-4
Total 3030360-4-9

This sum was disposed of or accounted for by the Agents as follows.

Total Indian Expenditure up to 31 July 1863. 2990633-15-6
Value of stores not issued or stock on hand
on the 31 July 1863. 108243-15-0
Cash in hand with the Engineers in the Divi-
sions and the Agent at Madras on the same
date. 143142-12-0

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 sanctioned section of the Company's project, as re-
 quired by Rule 257 is forwarded for the information
 of Government, but as was the case with the si-
 milar returns of previous quarters, it is deemed
 in arrears to be of any value.

Yours truly,
 Wm. Mackenzie
 Secretary
 (and for the Company)

Recd. of Mr. J. J. Dwyer
 Secy of the Govt. of India
 20th July 1864
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1. The Govt. since the accounts of
 the Irrigation and Canal Company for the
 Quarter ended 31st July 1864.
 2. The particular attention of the Manager
 will be requested to paras 8 and 11 to 17 of the
 letter. The accounts for subsequent quarters
 should be submitted without further delay.

Wm. Mackenzie
 3297-17 Dec 1864