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11th January 1864.*

No. 175. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th December 1863, No. 2,129 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter* from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, relative to the adjustment of the outstanding balances of the Madura District, being one of those referred to in paragraph 5 of Proceedings of Madras Government, dated 16th July 1863, No. 1,918.

1 Letter, dated 24th November 1862, with 1 Enclosure.
1 Do. " 18th " 1863, 3 do.
1 Do. " 9th December " 16 do.
1 Do. " from the Deputy Collector, dated 6th Oct. 1862.
* Dated 18th November 1863, No. 1,210.

2. The balances shown as irrecoverable in paragraph 18 of my letter of 20th June 1863, No. 857, were those given in an Abstract Statement which accompanied a letter from the District Engineer Madura, dated 24th November 1862, No. 1,043, and these amounted to Rupees 3,135-8-0 for the years from 1856-57 to 1859-60. The balances shown to be irrecoverable in the

	RS.	A.	P.
+ 1850-57	213	8	3
1857-58	5	3	10
1858-59	1,240	4	11
1859-60	1,057	9	8
	2,516	10	8
Since adjusted...	618	13	4

Balance as shown in the Order of Government, dated 16th July 1863 3,135 8 0

Balance up to 1859-60 2,516 10 8
Do, do, in 1860-61 585 4 8

Already sanctioned included in Rs. 462-12-4. 3,101 15 4
342 12 4
3,444 11 8

are less in amount, viz., Rupees 2,516-10-8, as noted in the margin,† the difference having been subsequently adjusted. The Superintending Engineer adds to the sum of Rupees 2,516-10-8 the irrecoverable balance of the year 1860-61, viz., Rupees 585-4-8, making a total of Rupees 3,101-15-4 requiring the sanction of Government which with the balance of the year 1855-56, viz., Rupees 342-12-4, already sanctioned in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government under reference, makes a total of Rupees 3,444-11-8, deemed actually irrecoverable, out

of the expenditure of the Madura District during the six years from 1855-56 to 1860-61.

3. The difference between Rupees 462-12-4 sanctioned in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government already alluded to, on account of the year 1855-56 and Rupees 342-12-4 noticed above, is owing to a sum of Rupees 120 added in this Office to the unadjusted balance, representing an item for which a bill is stated to have been submitted, but cannot be traced. The Superintending Engineer did not include this item as he takes credit for all bills submitted.

4. The letters from the District Engineer of Madura, dated 24th November 1862, and that of the Superintending Engineer now submitted, give all the explanation which those Officers can now afford respecting the nature of the advances and the reasons why they are considered to be irrecoverable, and I request that under the circumstances stated, sanction may be accorded to the sum of Rupees 3,101-15-4 being written off as recommended by Captain Moberly.

5. That Officer particularly desires it to be brought to the notice of Government (in paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter) that he has allowed the Contractors, by whom balances are still due, to have the benefit of the prices now ruling, as the only means of effecting a recovery from them of the portion of the balances he considers to be recoverable, these are shown in the Abstract he forwarded. This recommendation is submitted for the consideration of Government. The Superintending Engineer in a letter dated 9th instant, No. 1,435, submits through this Office instead of direct to Government drafts of several plaints of suits which he proposes to institute, because he failed to have the whole of the irrecoverable balances worked out. It appears from his letter that Rupees 1,222-6-2 have been recovered by him by the means adopted, and that Rupees 17-8-9 will have to be added to the irrecoverable balances, but he does not state to what year's account the last item relates. The draft of each plaint is accompanied with the deeds of contract and security obtained on stamp paper, and it is for the Government to decide whether the suits proposed to be instituted can be commenced.

*orders of Govt. in appraisement are
Balance of Rs 3135-8 has been*

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ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1864, No. 84.

1. In Proceedings dated 16th July 1863, No. 1,918, the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts was requested to obtain and submit explanations connected with certain advances, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 4,624-4-2, which were represented to be irrecoverable. Colonel Wilkieson now reports with reference to Rupees 3,135-8-0 of that sum, outstanding in the Madura District and relating to the transactions of the years 1856-57 to 1859-60.

2. Since the date of the Orders of Government above quoted it appears that the balance of Rupees 3,135-8-0 has been reduced to Rupees 2,516-10-8, by an adjustment of Rupees 618-13-4, but adding Rupees 585-4-8 the balance appertaining to 1860-61, the total of irrecoverable advances is Rupees 3,101-15-4. From the explanations submitted, it is observed that no documents are forthcoming to show the parties by whom these advances were made. Captain Moberly, however, enters the names of the Officers who had charge of the Ranges in which the works for which the advances were made, are situated. These are Major Marshall and Captain Scott, who are dead, Supervisor Vencataramaiah and Mr. Oakes, who have left the Department, and Mr. Dudgeon, who is now on leave in England. As it appears from a consideration of the circumstances brought to notice that there is no probability of any of the advances being recovered or worked out, the Government has no alternative but to sanction the sum of Rupees 3,101-15-4 to be written off to "profit and loss."

3. Captain Moberly also reports about a sum of Rupees 3,568-3-10, for the recovery of the greater portion of which it will be necessary to institute legal proceedings. He explains that the delay in the adjustment of this sum is to be ascribed to the practice which obtained at the time when works had to be stopped, of neglecting to see that the amount of the outstanding advances was at once worked out, and of allowing the money to remain in the hands of the Contractors until the resumption of the works. To prevent losses which may possibly result from such an arrangement, Captain Moberly induced some of the Contractors to perform work to the extent of the advances made to them, giving them, however, the benefit of the prices now prevailing in the

Rs.	A.	P.
3,568	3	10
1,222	6	2
2,345	13	8

District. By this means he has been able to effect an adjustment of Rupees 1,222-6-2, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,345-13-8, for the recovery of the greater portion of which he submits sixteen drafts of plaints, and requests

the necessary authority to file them. These draft plaints will be forwarded to the Government Pleader, who will be good enough to report whether there is sufficient reason for believing that the prosecution will prove successful.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Accountant General.
" Government Pleader with plaints.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Pro. of S. T. Augustin
1863*

*From
The Contr. and Audr. of
Mr. Accounts
To
The Secy. to Govt. Mr. C.
Chapman.*

*Dated 18th December 1863
Recd. 19th December 1863
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Submitting an Original letter from the Superintending Engineer 8th Division relative to the adjustment of the outstanding balances of the Madura District.

N^o 84-11th January 1864

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Wilkieson now reports with reference to Rs 3135-8-0 of that sum, outstanding in the Madura District & relating to the transactions of the years 1856/57 to 1859/60.

Since the date of the order of Govt. it appears that the balance of Rs 3135-8 has been

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Submitting an original
letter from the Superintending Engineer
relative to the adjustment
of the outstanding balances
of the Madras Dept

18 Dec 63 No 2127.

Int. Pro. of 16 July 63, to
1913, the Controller & Auditor of
P. W. Accounts was requested to
obtain & submit explanations con-
-cerned with certain advances, amount-
-ing in the aggregate to Rs
4626-11-2, which were represent-
-ed to be irrecoverable. Col.
Watkinson's now reports with refer-
-ence to Rs 5135-8-0 of that
sum, outstanding in the Madras
District & relating to the
transactions of the years 1856/7
to 1859/60.

Since the date of the
above quoted
order of Govt it appears that the
balance of Rs 5135-8 has been

Reduced to Rs 2516-10-8 by
an adjustment of Rs 518-13-4,
but adding Rs 585-4-8, the
balance appertaining to 1860/1,
the total irrecoverable advances is
Rs 3101-15-4. From the explanations
submitted, it is observed that
no documents are forthcoming
to show the parties by whom
these advances were made. Capt
Broderly, however, enters the
names of the Officers who had
charge of the ranges in which
the works for which the advances
were made, are situated. These
are Major Marshall & Capt
Scott, who are dead, Inspector
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have left the Dept., & Mr
Dudgou, who is now on leave
in England. As it appears
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that there is no probability
of any of the advances being
recouped or worked out, the
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to be written off as Profit & Loss.

Capt Broderly also
reports about a sum of
Rs 3568-3-10, for the recovery
of the greater portion of which
it will be necessary to institute
legal proceedings. He explains
that the delay in the adjustment
of this sum is to be ascribed
to the practices which obtained
at the time when works had
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District. By this means

he has been able to effect an
 adjustment of Rs 1222 6 2,
 leaving a balance of Rs 234 5 13,
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 submits ¹⁶ drafts of plaints, &
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 to file them. These draft plaints
 will be forwarded to the Govt.
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Rs 3568-3-10
 1222-6-2
 2345-13-8

W. L.

Rs 175-176

To
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 Accd. Genl.
 Govt. Secy withd. min. for letters with
 Pleader
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Wm. W. Doane
M^r. of Hartford Conn.

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