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19th December 1864.*

No. 398. 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, 29th November 1864, No. 159:—

SIR,

1 Letter from the Agent, No. 1,967 of the 25th November 1864, with copies of correspondence.

1 Statement.

1 Letter from the Chief Engineer, to the late Agent, No. 141, dated 16th June 1863.

* Letter No. 1,967 of the 25th November, with extract from Secretary's letter and Chief Engineer's letter, No. 751, of the 13th September last, with one Statement.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, an application* from the Agent and Manager, Irrigation and Canal Company, for authority to adjust to "Engineering, Chief Engineer" a sum of Rupees 7,312-9-4, which forms part of the remittances made to

the Chief Engineer, but the particulars of the expenditure of which are not forthcoming.

2. The Agent has, it will be seen, obtained the sanction of the Board of Directors to the arrangement, and the Chief Engineer has formally stated that the amount unaccounted for, or, perhaps more correctly, which cannot now be accounted for, has been expended on the Company's account.

3. This sum forms part of the unadjusted expenditure under inefficient balance which is mentioned in paragraph 18 of my letter of the 13th August, No. 73, as "Suspense for 1860, to be accounted for by the Chief Engineer." The

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† Chief Engineer's No. 141, 16th June 1863.

letter† to which I then alluded as affording but little prospect of the proper adjustment of the amount, is now enclosed, and it will be seen that it would not be practicable, and it might possibly be unjust to hold the Chief Engineer responsible, because it would appear that instead of requiring him to show how the money had been spent, and to have the vouchers and accounts, supposed to contain the information, examined under his own orders, these documents were taken by the Accountant to Madras, and whatever their original condition, they would seem now to be in a state practically worthless.

4. Should Government consider it advisable to permit the adjustment in a lump sum of this amount, it will be necessary to debit the expenditure to "General Management, Chief Engineer's Department," as the accounts show no head of charge "Engineering, Chief Engineer."

No. 399. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1864, No. 3,630.

1. In this letter the Consulting Engineer to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company requests instructions as to the adjustment of a sum of Rupees 7,312-9-4, forming part of the remittances made to the Chief Engineer between November 1859 and December 1860.

2. Colonel Cotton represents his inability to afford any explanation of the manner in which the amount in question was expended, as the condition of the books and vouchers which are supposed to furnish this information, is at present such as to render those documents practically useless for the purpose. The Board of Directors, who have been addressed on the subject by the Company's Agent, have authorized the amount to be written off the books on the Chief Engineer furnishing a declaratory statement that the money has been expended on the Company's account. This Colonel Cotton has done. The books and vouchers which are forthcoming and supposed to contain details of the expenditure, are represented to be confused and "imperfect compilations." They appear to have been taken to Madras by Mr. Calder, the Accountant, who was appointed to revise the forms of accounts, and subsequently returned to the Chief Engineer in their present condition.

3. The Government consider the explanation submitted to be very unsatisfactory, but as it seems hopeless at the present time to obtain any details of the expenditure of Rupees 7,312-9-4, they will not object to the proposal for adjusting the sum by debiting it to the head of "General Management, Chief Engineer's Department." They wish it however to be distinctly

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understood that they will not allow the present sanction to be referred to as a precedent in any case that may hereafter arise, and Colonel Cotton's attention will be drawn to the necessity of the accounts being kept clearly and in due form to obviate any difficulty of reference.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer, for Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Manager for do. do.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 159.

Consulting Engineer's Office
Irrigation and Canal Company
Madras 29th November 1864

From, Captain J. Mullins R.E.
Consulting Engineer
To, The Secretary to Government
Department of Public Works

Enclosure 3
1. Letter from the Chief Engineer of the 25th Nov. 64
with the Chief Engineer's correspondence
2. Letter from the Chief Engineer of the 13th Sept. 64
with the Chief Engineer's correspondence
3. Letter from the Chief Engineer of the 13th Sept. 64
with the Chief Engineer's correspondence
4. Letter from the Chief Engineer of the 13th Sept. 64
with the Chief Engineer's correspondence

I have the honor to forward for the order of Government an application from the 25th Nov. 64 with extract from Secretary Agent and Manager Irrigation and Canal Company letter and Chief Engineer's letter No. 73 of the 13th Sept. last. a sum of Rupees 7312-9-4, which forms part of the permissances made to the Chief Engineer, but the particulars of the expenditure of which are not forth-coming.

2. The agent has, it will be seen, obtained the sanction of the Board of Directors to the arrangement, and the Chief Engineer has formally stated that the amount unaccounted for or, perhaps more correctly, which cannot now be accounted for, has been expended on the Company's account.

3. This sum forms part of the unadjusted expenditure under inefficient balance which is mentioned in para. 18 of my letter of the 13th August No. 73 as "suspect" for 1860 to be accounted for.

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for by the Chief Engineer. The letter, to which I ^{Chief Engineer's No. 141}
then alluded as affording but little prospect of the ^{16 June 1863.}
proper adjustment of the amount, is now enclosed
and it will be seen that it would not be
practicable, and it might possibly be unjust,
to hold the Chief Engineer responsible, because
it would appear that instead of requiring him
to shew how the money had been spent and to
have the vouchers and accounts supposed to contain
the information examined under his own orders, these
documents were taken by the Accountant to
Madras and whatever their original condition
they would seem now to be in a state practically
worthless.

4. Should Government consider it
advisable to permit the adjustment in a lump
sum of this amount, it will be necessary to debit
the expenditure to General Management Chief
Engineer's Department, as the accounts shew
no head of charge "Engineering Chief Engineer".

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

Whitcomb Captain R. E.

Consulting Engineer &c.

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Gov. of the Madras Government
 Under date the 19th December 1864
 Read the following

From the Chief Eng^r. 1866.

Forwarding for the orders,
of Govt an application from the
Agent S. B. Co. for authority to
adjust to the head "Genl Manage-
ment": "Chief Eng^r" a sum of
Rs 7312-9-4 remaining to be
accounted for by the Chief
Eng^r now included under the
head "Insufficient balance"

Here enter 29th Nov 44 No. 1591

In this letter the Consult-
ing Engineer for the Madras I.
& Canal Company requests in-
structions as for the adjustment
of a sum of Rs. 7312. 9-34, form-
ing part of the remittance
made to the Chief Engineer between
November 1839, & December 1860.

2. Col. Colburn represents his inability to afford any explanation ~~in respect to the manner in which the amount in question was expended as the condition of the Books, & vouchers~~ which ^{are supposed to} furnish this information is at present such as to render those documents practically useless.

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of 14 January 1865 p. 6.

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St^d forwarding for the order of
 Fort an application from the

Spent whole day on authority

to adjust to the lead centering

Chief and a dam of May 312-94

Remains of the account for by
the Chief Capt. now made under
the head of sufficient balance.



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2. 6th Dec 1866 A. 247

for the purpose. The Board of Directors who have been advised in the subject by the Company's Agent have authorized the amount to be written off the books on the Chief Engineer furnishing a declaratory statement that the money has been expended on the Company's account. This Col. Cotton has done. The Books & vouchers which are forthcoming & supposed to contain details of the expenditure, are represented to be "confused & imperfect compilations". They appear to have been taken down by the Auditor, the Accountant who had been appointed to revise the forms of accounts, & subsequently returned to the Chief Engineer in their present condition.

Under these circumstances the Govt see no alternative but to direct the adjustment of the sum of Rs 7512-9-4 by debiting it, as proposed, to the head of "General Management Chief Engineer's Dept".

3. The Govt consider the explanation submitted to be very unsatisfactory, but as it seems hopeless at the present time to obtain any details of the expenditure of Rs 7512-9-4, they will not object to the proposal for adjusting the sum by debiting it to the head of "General Management Chief Engineer's Dept". They make it however to be distinctly understood that they will not allow the present sanction to be referred to as a precedent in any case that may hereafter arise, & Col. Cotton's attention will be drawn to the necessity of the accounts being kept clearly in due form to obviate any difficulty of reference.

To The Commr Engrs S.C.C. West 3/4/05
The Engrs Engrs S.C.C. West 3/4/05
for 21

Sept. 20th December

Copy in a Letter to England
of 21st January 1865 No. 6.

9th 1864 Dept
No. of Govt for Dec

No. 3630

No. of the Account
of 19 Decr 64

Authority granted
for a sum of Rs. 7012.9.4
forming part of remit-
tances made to the Chief
Officer Maonis M.C.C.
between Novr. 1859 &
Decr. 1860 being debited
to the heads General
Management & Chief Officer
Department.

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