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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th May 1864.*

No. 615. 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, 18th May 1864, No. 11:—

SIR,

1. Being about to leave Madras in order to inspect the Irrigation and Canal Company's works between Soonkasala and Kurnool, before the June freshes come down, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government a Memorandum showing the accounts due from the Agent's Office up to the present time.

2. It will be seen that whereas prior to the increase of the Agent's Office establishment in August 1863, the Government commented, on several occasions, on the accounts being more than ten months in arrears, the increase of establishment has done nothing as yet towards bringing up those arrears, and the accounts are two months more behind hand than before.

3. The inconveniences arising from the want of punctuality and regularity in the transmission of the accounts have so often been before Government that I need not dwell upon them, but it will be evident at once that the duties of this Office as one of Audit cannot in any case be carried on properly, and in some respects not at all, so long as such a wide interval elapses between the transactions and the examination of the accounts relating to them.

No. 616. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1864, No. 1,545.

Ordered to be communicated to the Secretary of State for India in view to the Board of Directors being addressed on the subject.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company.

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Exd: S. T. Augustin.

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Memorandum of the Accounts due from the Agents Office on the 10 May 1864.

Remarks

Description of the Accounts

Period for which due

Cash Accounts

General Account Current of Receipts and disbursements of Cash, with an appendix showing the adjustment of the sums debited to the head

For the 4 Quarters of the Official year 1863/64.

Insufficient Balances.
Statement of refunds by Cashier and Transfer of
Party Abstracts.

Dr: Dr: Dr:

Agents Office March and April 1864
Chief Engineer's Office February, March, and April 1864
Capt. Division November 1863, January, February, March, & April 1864
Military Division February, March and April 1864
Provost Marshal Dr: Dr:
Dumarsais Dr: Dr:
Nagasaki Dr: Dr:
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
Wm. Lumsden Captain R.E.
Consulting Engineer for I.C.B.

Wm. Lumsden

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