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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th April 1864.*

No. 147.

Read the following papers:—

From J. H. DOPPING, Esq., Civil Engineer, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Royal Hotel, 29th March 1864.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that I have this day received a letter from Colonel Hemery, Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, in which he states that he has placed on record that the accounts of my late Range had given him more trouble than the accounts of any other Range in his Division; I therefore hasten to lay before you a copy of my letter No. 129, 4th September 1863, to Colonel Hemery, and trust you will see that in my absence, either permanent or temporary, blame is not laid at my door for such an unsatisfactory state of the Kurnool Range accounts.

2. I must further mention that, foreseeing that the contingent charges or accounts would be a source of continual trouble, I repeatedly asked Colonel Hemery's permission to abolish the entry entirely so far as the regular Public Works accounts were concerned, and gave as an additional reason that as Range Officers had charge of public money and were allowed to make advances ("recoverable") any outlay of a contingent character could be recovered by a regularly passed bill, and that no permanent advance for that purpose was really necessary. With my view Colonel Hemery did not agree, hence all the trouble now existing.

3. In taking over charge of the Range from Captain Beatty there was no cash balance of contingent advance, nor was I then even aware that there was such a fund for Range Officers, as there was none for the old Executive Officers. However, sometime after small sums began to pour in by dribs and drabs (excuse the term pray) on account of parts of contingent bills which had been submitted by Captain Beatty, as District Engineer, and also as Executive Engineer.

4. On enquiry I found part of these sums was due to the contingent fund and part to numerous individuals who had advanced the money partly from public funds and partly from their private resources.

5. Of course I could not take simple verbal assertions, unsubstantiated, as sufficient authority for paying over these latter sums, and had in each case to obtain Colonel Hemery's sanction, who in turn had to apply to Captain Beatty at Vizagapatam, consequently there was a very vast delay in the adjustment of these exceedingly troublesome accounts.

6. In taking over charge of a Range there must be always more or less difficulty for the "relieving Officer," but my troubles were very much increased indeed by Captain Beatty, who took with him to Vizagapatam the Accountant who had been in charge of the Kurnool Range accounts, and put in his place an Accountant who was withdrawn from the Nundyal Range, and he of course could render me but little information.

7. In addition to this the Store-keeper who had been in charge of the District store had been allowed to pay large sums out of his own pockets some so far back as May 1862, and had not had his accounts adjusted by Captain Beatty, but waited until after that gentleman had taken his departure.

8. Even so lately as February last Rupees 86-0-11, which had been paid by Captain Beatty for the Kistna Water Register in the early part of last year, was sent to me by the Executive Engineer of Bezwadah. This, however, was a mistake as I had already recovered the money in September or October.

9. I mention this latter fact merely to show that it is most unjust to imply that these arrears are in any way due to me.

10. I had done my very utmost to square all these, and had I had an Office Establishment suited to the Range would probably have succeeded, but as it was I was obliged to conduct nearly all the Office work myself, and as will be seen by my Inspection Report had to work on Sundays and holidays.

11. Another vast source of trouble was the irregular manner in which "District Stores" were charged to works upon which they had never been used and for which they never were intended.

points therein adverted to

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12. I would in conclusion request you will obligingly lay this letter before Government with a view to clearing away any clouds which may have been gathered by any reports sent in by Colonel Hemery, and may I further ask you to be so good as to favor me with a copy of this letter as I have not been able to keep a copy of it for myself.

No. 148. Endorsement of the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, dated 30th March 1864, No. 2,857.

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, dated Cuddapah, 21st March 1864, No. 1,872.

SIR,
1. In forwarding at this late date my Account Current and Form O. for Kurnool for January, and revised accounts for the same District for November and December, I have the honor to forward the following explanation, and to request that if you have been put to any inconvenience by the non-receipt of the Account Current for January, you will be so good as to submit this letter to Government.

2. I was obliged to return Mr. Dopping's Account Current for November three times for explanation, and even when Mr. Dopping admitted an error in the account, he still sent it back to me unaltered.

3. I was absent from my head quarters from the 19th January to the 22nd February, and finding on my return that Mr. Dopping had carried on the error in his Account Current for December, I was again obliged to call upon him for revised Accounts Current for November and December, but Mr. Dopping has left Kurnool without obeying my orders.

4. Mr. Dopping's accounts have given me more trouble than those of all the other Ranges in this Division put together.

Letter No. 1,872, dated 21st March 1864, from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, is herewith forwarded for the information of Government, with reference to the remarks in the report of expenditure on Public Works in two parts for the month of January 1864.

(Signed) C. V. WILKIESON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Controller and Auditor of P. W. Accounts.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1864, No. 964.

1. Mr. Dopping's letter dated 29th March 1864, will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, for such remarks as he may desire to offer on the several points therein adverted to.

2. The second of the papers recorded above will be disposed of on the receipt of Colonel Hemery's reply to the reference made in these Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 1872.

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Cuddapah

Supd. Engrs' Office

21 March 1864

From

Lt. Col. C. Hemery R.E.

Copy: Engrs.

3rd Division

To

The Controller and Auditor of

P. W. Accounts.

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I have &c

(Signed) Lt. Col. C. Hemery

Supd. Engineer 3rd Division
offer on the several

points therein adverted to

P. M.

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OFFICE
OF THE
TREASURER
OF THE
UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON

For the Treasurer
of the Department

Sept.

Sept 21st 1885
Hon. E. C. Barker

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of the United States
Department of the
Interior
Washington
D. C.

Sept 14th 1885

offer on the several
points therein advertised

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date 6th April 1864.
Read the following

from J. H. Dopping Esq. Civil Engineer

Stating that, for the reasons
given, he is not to be blamed for
the unsatisfactory state of the
Murnool Range Accounts.

From the Controller & Aud^r of P^W Accounts

Submitting letter from the Sup^r
Eng^r 3rd Divⁿ explaining the cause of
delay in the submission of the accounts
current and Term O. for Murnool
for January 1864. and the revised
accounts for the same District for
Nov^r & December 1863.

H.E. dated 29th March 1864

H.E. dated 30th March 1864
No 2857.

Mr. Dopping's
letter dated 29th March
1864 will be communi-
cated to the Super-
intending Engineer
3rd Divⁿ for such remarks
as he may desire to
offer on the several
points therein adverted to.

Copy in as letter to Eng^r 25th May
No 148

9th May 1864 Dupte
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of No 1400
From the Controller
& Aud^r of P^W Accounts
Dated 20th March 1864
Received 1st April
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for Nov^r & Dec^r 1863.

1864-6th April 1864

No 2857
Letter to 10th March 1864 from the Sup^r
intending Engineer 3rd Division is herewith forwarded
for the information of the Government, with reference
to the remarks in the Report of the
on 11th March 1864 in the Report of the
Mr. Dopping
Contractor and Aud^r of P^W Accounts.
1864-6th April 1864

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W.B.

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The Sup. Judge 3rd Dec
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P.W. Acctos
Dec 7th April.

Copy in & delivered to England
by 25th May 1849 from

27th 1849 & 28th
of no. of your letter
right
of no. of the 28th
of the 28th 1849

Noting that
for the reasons given,
he is not to blame
for the unsatisfactory
state of the Bureau
Range account
& to the duty. Engrs.
3200 for his remarks.

27th 1849. 28th 1849.