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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th May 1865.*

No. 259. Read the following letter from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 12th April 1865, No. 3,008.—

SIR,

* No. 3,010, dated 12th April 1865.

1. Since closing my report* on the Superintending Engineer's letter to Government, No. 299, dated 30th March 1865, regarding certain sums written off to "profit and loss" in the Coimbatore accounts for February last, I have received the accompanying letter† from Lieutenant-Colonel Walker to your address, reporting on the irrecoverable advances of that District amounting to Rupees 24,558-13-1 and Rupees 2,367-13-3 respectively.

† No. 305, dated 7th April 1865.

2. The figures therein exhibited have been duly examined and verified in this Office, and it only remains for me to report that, under the circumstances detailed by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, the above mentioned sums can be written off the Coimbatore accounts for April 1865, in accordance with that Officer's recommendation if this is approved of by Government.

3. It appears that Government authorized the advance of Rupees 2,367-13-3 for a specific purpose, but this design has been abandoned as described by Major Farewell in his letter, but upon what authority I am unable to say.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 7th April 1865, No. 305

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report upon the two items of outstanding advances in my accounts of Coimbatore District which are both irrecoverable.

	RS	A	P.
I. Irrecoverable portion of the old Wellington advances	24,558	13	1
II. Ootacamund Buckfield advance	2,367	13	3

2. No 1 item On the subject of the Wellington advances the Controller of Public Works Accounts submitted a report to Government in paragraph 20 of a letter printed with Government Order No. 1,918 of 16th July 1863, and forwarded a Memorandum containing certain proposals for the adjustment of these advances; of which adjustment however nothing further is known except that Government Order No. 3,000, of 16th October 1863, has disposed of only the Moodoomallay Timber item of Rupees 48,372-2-4.

The Statement with which the Controller commenced his Memorandum above alluded to stood thus :—

	Ledger balance on the 30th April 1861.			Recoverable balance			Profit.			Loss		
	RS	A	P.	RS	A	P.	RS	A	P.	RS	A	P.
Advance list	4,580	6	0	4,520	6	0				60	0	0
Moodoomallay timber	48,177	14	4	52,212	4	2	4,034	5	10			
Saw mill	8,785	7	9	30,109	3	0	21,323	11	3			
Bucks and tiles	62,456	1	10	22,640	1	4				39,816	0	6
Stores	38,043	11	2	53,637	8	5	15,593	13	3			
Ootacamund timber	9,014	0	8							9,014	0	8
Timber wastage	12,648	10	0							12,648	10	0
Total	1,83,706	3	9	1,63,119	6	11	40,951	14	4	61,538	11	2
										40,951	14	4
										Net loss	20,586	12 10

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12th May 1865.

From this net loss	RS	A.	P.
	20,586	12	10
Deduct amount transferred to advances re-payable under new orders and adjusted under that head	62	7	2
	20,524	5	8

Add amount of profit on Moodoomallay Timber item, to which credit was given under "profit and loss," under Government Order No 3,000 of 16th October 1863	4,034	7	5
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Total to be written off 24,558 13 1

Since 1st May 1861 the following recoveries have been made by sale of stores and transfer of materials, viz. —

	RS	A.	P.
In 1861-62	20,561	9	5
In 1862-63	7,880	2	9
In 1864-65	56,428	5	2

Total .. 84,870 1 4

Leaving a balance of Rupees 74,277-5-4 at the end of April 1864 thus disposed of viz. —

Added up to Coimbatore District advances under the new sub-heads of Stock	RS	A.	P.
	30,054	1	10
Value of unserviceable stock disposed of under Government Order No. 2,729 of 19th September 1864	18,482	8	7
Do. of old buildings do do No 3,236 of 12th November 1864	13,628	7	2
Value of articles written off to the new head "Tools and Stores," &c.	12,112	3	9

Total balance on 1st May 1864 98,836 2 5

Irrecoverable 24,558 13 1

3. Item No 2 In Order No 407 of 28th February 1861, Government authorized this advance, Rupees 2,367-13-3, for purchase of the Brickfield at Ootacamund from the Inspector General of Jails, on the understanding that the same must be recovered eventually from local works Lawrence Asylum, then in contemplation, was one of the chief works that were suggested. But I have now received from Major Farewell a letter No 189 of 16th November 1864, (copy herewith enclosed,) that these fields cannot be advantageously opened as more favorable Brickfields have already been opened on the Lawrence Asylum ground, and to wait till a work is sanctioned in the vicinity of these fields in order to utilize them is out of the question.

4. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to authorize both the items Rupees 24,558-13-1 and 2,367-13-3 being written off to "profit and loss" in my accounts of April 1865, so that these may be settled in the account of 1864-65.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1865, No. 1,295.

ACCOUNT, No. 43.

* Rupees 26,926-10 1.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report on the expediency or otherwise of disposing of the Kandal Brickfield.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
Controller of Public Works Accounts
Accountant General

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No. 189

Executive Engineer's Office Neilgherry
Ootacamund 16th November 1864.

From

Major W. Farewell
Executive Engineer

To

Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Div

Sir

With reference to your Memo No. 55 dated 17th October 1864, I have the honor to inform you, that I am unable to suggest any measures by which the advances outstanding against the Ootacamund Brickfields can be struck out from the advance List, for the following reasons.

1. Large Brickfields, situated at only a very short distance further than the Kandal Brickfields from the center of Ootacamund, having already been opened on the Lawrence Asylum grounds whence the Bricks required for building in Ootacamund can be obtained at the same, if not less cost than they can be made for in the Kandal brickfields, it would be inadvisable to reopen these fields and the expense necessary for this purpose with this to be saved besides supervision of.

2. The extent of Clay in the Kandal brickfields is very small and Moulders and Cart men cannot be got except at exorbitant wages.

3. You are aware that it was not this my suggestion that the Kandal brickfields were purchased, and unless any buildings are to be erected in the vicinity of these fields, they are of no use whatever.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Farewell Major
Executive Engineer.
(True Copy)

W. Walker Lieut Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Div

Through the Controller
No 305

Superintending Engineers Office
Coonoor - 7th April 1865
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From Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer
To Colonel Charles A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.D.W.
Madras

Sir
I have the honor to report upon the
2 items of outstanding Advances in my accounts
of Coimbatore District which are both irrecoverable
I Irrecoverable portion of the old Wellington
Advances Rupees 24558. 13. 1
II Cotacaimund Brickfield Advance " 2367. 13. 3
2 No 1 Item. On the subject of the Wellington
advances the Controller of Public Works Accounts sub-
mitted a report to Government in para 20 of a letter
printed with Government Order No 1918 of 16th July 1863
and forwarded a Memorandum containing certain
proposals for the adjustment of these advances, of which
adjustment however nothing further is known except
that Government Order No 3000 of 16th October 1863 has
disposed of only the Moodomally Timber item of
Rupees 48372. 2. 4

The statement with which the Controller commenced
his Memorandum above alluded to stood thus:-

	order Balance in the 305 of 1864	Receivable Balance	Propst	Loss
Advance List	4520 6	4520 6		60
Moodomally Timber	48177 1/4	43222 4 2	4034 5 10	
Law Hill	3795 9	30109 3	21323 11 3	
Brick and Tiles	62456 1	22640 1 4		39816
Stores	28043 11	25363 9 5	15593 10 3	
Cotacaimund Timber	9014	"	"	9014
Timber Wharfe	12648 10	"	"	12648 10
	180706 3 9	163119 6 11	40951 14 4	61538 11 3

Arch Loss 6556 12

Copy of the original
letter regarding the
irrecoverable advances
submitted to the
Government of Madras
in 1863

17/10/1865

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The above is the
copy of the letter
to the Secretary
of the Government
of Madras dated 1863

From this Sub Voss Rupes 20586 12 10
 Deduct amount transferred to Advances and
 Repayable under New Orders and adjusted
 under that head 62-7-2
20524-5-8

Add amount of Profit on Hoodoomallay Timber
 Item to which credit was given under Profit
 and Loss under Government Order No. 3000 of
 16th October 1863. 4034 7 5
Total to be written off Rupes 24558 13-1

Since 1st May 1861 the following recoveries have been
 made by Sale of Stores and transfer of Materials viz.

In 1861-1862 20561-9-5

In 1862-1863 7880-2-9

In 1864-1865 5668-5-2

Rupes 84870-1-4

leaving a Balance of Rupes 74277-5-4 at the end of
 April 1864 this disposed of viz.

Added up to Coimbatore District Advances under the
 New Sub heads of Stock 30054-1-10
 Value of Unserviceable Stock disposed of under
 Government Order No. 2729 of 19th September
 1864. 18482-8-7

Ditto of Old Buildings Do. Do. No. 32369
 12th November 1864. 13628-7-2

Value of Articles written off to the New head
 "Tools and Stores" &c. 12112-3-9
74277-5-4

Total Balance on 1st May 1864. 98836 2 5
Irrecoverable Rupes 24558-13-1

3. Item No. 2. In order No. 407 of 28th February 1861 Govern-
 ment Authorized this advance Rupes 2367-13-3 for
 purchase of the Brickfield at Ootacamund from
 the Inspector General of Sails. on the understanding
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 24558 - 13-1

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 to wait till a work is sanctioned in the vicinity of
 these fields in order to utilize them is out of the
 question.

Under these circumstances, I have the honor
 to request that Government will be pleased to au-
 thorize both the items Rupes 24558-13-1 and 2367-13-3
 being written off to Profit and Loss in my accounts
 of April 1865, so that these may be settled in the
 Accounts of 1864-65.

I have the honor to be
 Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Charles Lintholpe R.E.
 Superintending Engineer 72 D

Recd of the Controller of PW
Accounts

Madras 12th April 1865

N^o 3008.

From
Captain J. F. Fischer R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts

To
Colonel P. A. Barr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Fort Saint George

Sir,
Since closing my report on the
Superintending Engineer's letter to Government
N^o 299 dated 31st March 1865 regarding certain
sums written off to "Profit and Loss" in the
Coimbatore Accounts for February last. I have
received the accompanying letter from Lieut.
Colonel Walker to your address reporting on the
irrecoverable advances of that District amount-
ing to Rupees 24,558-13-1 and Rupees 2307-13-
3 respectively.

2 The figures therein exhibited have
been duly examined and verified in this
Office and only remains for me to report
that under the circumstances detailed
by Lieut. Colonel Walker the abovementioned
sums can be written off the Coimbatore Ac-
counts for April 1865 in accordance with that
Officers recommendation if this is approved
of

N^o 3010 dated 12th
April 1865.



At O.S.M.

The Superintending Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

P.W.D.

Madras

Ordered by
J. F. Fischer

At O.S.M.

At O.S.M.

The Secretary to Government

P.W.D.

Madras

At O.S.M.

The Superintendent has been brought to my
notice upon a certain part of the
above account - I cannot understand
what further action could be taken
except for the purchase of the
the same as a loan above and by
the order of the Superintendent

W. J. N.

of by Government

3. It appears that Government
authorized the advance of Purpus 2364-13-3
for a specific purpose, but this design has
been abandoned as described by Major
Farwell in his letter but upon what
authority I am unable to say.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

Captain

of McNeill

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Account
no 1295 6

Under the Circumstances
stated; the Government authorize
26926-10-1. the irrecoverable advances referred
to in this letter to be written off
on Mr Walker Profit and Loss
Michfield's account. The Superintendent Engineer
will report on the expediency or other
disposal of the scandal brick
& unsatisfactory
field.

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Fort St George
12th May 1865

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To
The Supg Engr 7th Div
Controller of Works
Accountant General
13th May

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authorized the advance of Purpees 2364-13-3,

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From
The Controller of P.W.
Accounts

To The Secy. to Govt. (MD)
J. M. St. George

Dated 12th } April 1865
Recd 15th }

No. 3008.

Enclosures 2.

Reporting upon
the irreconcilable items in
the Comptrolrs Accounts

No 259-265

200, 1295. 12th May 1865.

1st May 1865-20.55

With an order

(MD)
J. M. St. George