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19th July 1865.*

No. 486. 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 of Public Works, dated Madras, 10th July 1865, No. 51 :—

SIR,

- 2 Letters in original from Major Flint, General Nos. 218 and 256.
1 Copy of letter to Major Flint, No. 26.
7 Lists.

*From Major Flint, No. 88, dated 23rd June 1865.
To do. " 26, " 29th "
From do. " 90, " 5th July "

† No. 7.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of Government, the correspondence as per margin,* which has taken place between Major Flint and myself on the subject of the remuneration fixed for the stock taking of stores, belonging to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, which that Officer was, in Government Order No. 885 of the 31st March 1865, instructed to carry out.

2. I also beg to enclose the lists as per margin,† from which the nature and extent of the stock in the several stores will be seen.

3. The stock of the Central Stores, including a large quantity of timber, must, as Major Flint states, have required the devotion of a great deal of time and attention. The stock of the Divisions examined was in no case very large, though,

‡ Between 60 and 70 tons.

as Major Flint points out, there was a very great quantity‡ of iron of one sort at Bowanassy, but this sort of stores with an efficient weighing machine would take very little time to examine. The description of weighing machine in use is not, however, mentioned, and the degree of labor is entirely dependent upon this point.

4. On the whole, it is probable that Major Flint has some grounds for asserting that the amount of remuneration fixed for the stock taking entrusted to him was small in proportion to that allotted for some other stores, and probably also the

The Presidency stock list has been sent to the Agent, and those of other Divisions have not been received.

amount of trouble was greater in proportion to the stock examined than was the case at the Presidency, though I think the number of items at the latter stores was greater.

5. The payments sanctioned for stock taking this year amount to Rupees 300 more than was allowed last year, the cause being the increase of the number of stock-takers. The remuneration for the several stores being an addition to the ordinary pay of the Officers selected for stock-taking, the determination of the amount payable to each was not made with reference to any very accurate estimate of the quantity of stores at each place, but round sums supposed to be roughly proportioned to the labor were recommended, and perhaps a little more accuracy will be advisable and attainable next year.

6. I must leave it to the Government to decide whether the remuneration, Rupees 350, fixed for the examinations made by Major Flint is absolutely, as well as relatively, too small. From the 3rd paragraph of that Officer's letter, No. 90, it appears that the work commenced on the 8th May and terminated at the end of June, and therefore, deducting from the 54 days, thus included, 7 Sundays and, say, 10 days for the few days he was obliged to devote to his own work, about 37 days were occupied in counting stores.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1865, No. 2,070.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 59.

The remuneration, viz., Rupees 350, granted to Major Flint for taking stock of the stores of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company at Kurnool, and in the Hindry, Nagatoor, and Bowanassy Divisions being irrespective of, and in addition to his pay and allowances in the Public Works Department, the Government consider that it was sufficient for the work performed.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Enclosures.

2 letters in my

from Major

Flint No. 2184, 286

No. 51

1. Copy of letter

to Major Flint

No. 2

Captain, J. Mullins, R.E.

Consulting Engineer for I & C. Co.

The Secretary to Government,

Department of Pub Works.

Sir,

From Major Flint No. 882
To do - 23rd June 65
From do - 90th July 65

1. I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government the correspondence as per margin, which has taken place between Major Flint and myself on the subject of the remuneration fixed for the taking of stock, belonging to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, which that officer was, in Government Order No. 225 of the 31st March 1865, instructed to carry out.

* No. 7

2. I also beg to enclose the Lists as per margin from which the nature and extent of the stock in the several stores will be seen.

3. The stock of the Central Stores, including a large quantity of timber, much as Major Flint states, have required the devotion of a great deal of time and attention. The stock of the divisions examined was in measure very large, though, as Major Flint points out, there was a very great quantity of iron of one sort at Bowanassy, but this sort of stores with an efficient weighing machine would take very little time to examine.

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5. The payments sanctioned for Stores taking this year amount to Rupees 300 more than was allowed last year, the cause being the increase of the number of Storekeepers - The remuneration for the several Stores being an addition to the ordinary pay of the officers selected for Stores taking, the determination of the amount payable to each was not made with reference to any very accurate estimate of the quantity of Stores at each place, but round sums supposed to be roughly proportioned to the labor were recommended, and perhaps a little more accuracy will be advisable and attainable next year.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Wm. Miller, Captain, R.E.
Comd'g for S. J. C. Co.

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March 10th } July 1865
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No. 123 of 1865
The Consulting Engineer
to the Secretary to Govt. 1865

For consideration
the correspondence within men
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Major Flint & himself on the
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fixed for the stock taking of
stores belonging to the Company.

Public Works Department
No. 2070

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 9th July 1865

Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer
for Irrigation & C. Co.

Forward for consideration
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(Here enter 10th July 1865 No. 5)

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The fund is \$400 with two checks
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Wm. of Gootfo.

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D. 19 July 1865

The Consulting Engineer
Mr. & Co. informed that
the remuneration of \$350 granted
to Major Flint for taking stock
of the Co's stores at Huron
in the Army & Co's Division
was sufficient for the work
performed

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