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No. 311. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 31st
July 1865, No. 1,177 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying papers on the subject of certain tools, &c., missing in the Chendragherry Range, North Arcot District.
1. Extract from Captain Chrystie's report, dated 21st October 1863.
2. List of tools, &c.
3. Superintending Engineer's Memorandum, No. 4,843, dated 23rd December 1864.
4. Letter from Mr. Hayes, No. 240, dated 25th March 1865, with one enclosure.
5. Taken in original.

2. The loss of these articles was first brought to my notice on the 27th August 1863, by a member of the Office establishment of the late Cheddumbrum Moodelly, Sub-Engineer in charge of the Range, in a petition in which amongst other charges the latter was accused of having ordered Iyaccottah Moodelly, the Sub-Overseer of the Range, to falsely report by way of accounting for the missing tools that they had been broken up, and their iron used in repairing other tools.

3. The accompanying list, which has been prepared from returns originally made out by the Store-keeper attached to this Division, and subsequently revised by Mr. Hayes, who is now in charge of the Chendragherry Range, exhibits the number and description of the articles missing. On account of mathematical instruments lost, a sum of Rupees 19-7-1, calculated on prices given by the Secretariat Store Department, has to be recovered. In regard to tools belonging to Local and Imperial Funds, the value of those missing has been estimated at Rupees 148-14-4. This amount has been obtained by assuming the weight of the lost ones, and applying the market price.

4. Captain Chrystie however, who was deputed to investigate the charges, it will be seen, exonerates the Sub-Engineer from blame in respect to the missing tools, and would fix the responsibility on the Sub-Overseer. Though the latter produced documents containing pencil directions in the hand-writing of the Sub-Engineer, yet the fact of the missing tools having been found to be correctly exhibited in the Miscellaneous Account Book of the Range on an examination instituted without previous notice, and the circumstance of the Sub-Overseer's "No demand" certificate having been withheld from him by the Sub-Engineer on account of the deficiency of tools, go to corroborate the explanation of the Sub-Engineer, that the pencil directions were mere memoranda written by him on the Sub-Overseer's verbal account of how the implements had gone.

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5. As it thus appeared that Iyacottah Moodelly was the responsible party, he was called upon to show cause why he should not be made to pay for them. His petition in reply is enclosed. It will be observed that he entirely repudiates responsibility in the matter, though the facts related by him in detail, it is not easy now to verify. One reason advanced by him appears to carry some weight with it, viz., that as Overseer he was in charge of only a part of the Range, and of course of the tools in use only in that part. It would undoubtedly be unfair to hold him accountable for tools that might after all have been lost in quite a different part of the Range. In regard to the remark that "if the Sub-Engineer had really held the Sub-Overseer to be the responsible party, he would have taken measures for recovering the value of the missing articles," it must be observed that the Sub-Engineer in withholding the Sub-Overseer's "No demand" certificate, without which the latter could not draw his Security money, did a great deal towards effecting that purpose. Further action in the matter on the Sub-Engineer's part was very likely prevented by the investigation which followed soon after.

6. Iyacottah Moodelly does not deny the fact of the withholding of the certificate, though he professes to have remonstrated against the act in a Takced which is also enclosed. Captain Chrystie writes as follows regarding this Takced: "It is noticeable that the Sub-Overseer has sent in the lists in former years, and further that he submitted the list this year on the 1st July, whilst this letter is not written until the 16th September, after the charges had been brought against the Sub-Engineer."

7. Mr. Hayes, however, strongly supports the Overseer's case. He states that he has "been at some trouble in eliciting facts on this subject, and is of opinion that if the value of the missing articles is to be recovered from the Sub-Overseer's security money, his would be a very hard case." Mr. Hayes recommends that the amount be taken from the salary of the late Sub-Engineer now held in deposit. This recommendation I cannot support. The Sub-Engineer no doubt as the head, of the Range, would appear to be answerable for the missing stores, but it is evident they were distributed for use amongst his subordinates, and it does not seem just therefore to take the value of the articles from his Estate.

8. Looking to all the circumstances of the case, the evidence is not, I think, sufficient to bring home to either party the responsibility of the lost articles, and I would therefore recommend that permission may be given for writing off under the head of "profit and loss" the value of the missing tools, &c., which amount in the aggregate to Rs. 168-5-5.

	RS.	A.	P.
Missing tools	148	14	4
Do. Mathematical Instruments ..	19	7	1
Total ...	168	5	5

No. 312.

ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1865, No. 2,337.

ACCOUNT, No. 51.

Under the circumstances explained by the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, and seeing that it is impossible to fix the responsibility in connection with the loss of the mathematical instruments and tools referred to in this letter either on the late Sub-Engineer in charge of the Chendragherry Range, or on Sub-

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Overseer Iyacottah Moodelly employed under his orders, the Government direct that the value of the articles, viz., Rupees 168-5-5, be written off to "profit and loss."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with five Enclosures.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Officer in charge of the Store Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Superintending Engineers Office
4th Division Madras
31st July 1865.

From

Colonel A. J. Mc. Boileau R. E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr. Esq.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

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 - 3 Letter from Mr. Mc. Boileau
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Supr Engr's Office
4th Division }
Madras }
31st July 1865. }

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
A. B. Vileau Col R.E.
Supr Engr 4th Division

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Public Works Dept

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No 2337
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th August 1865
Recd the following

From the Superintending Engineer
J. H. Sep

Submits certain papers
on the subject of certain tools
missing in Chendragherry
Range and requests permission
for writing them off to Profit & Loss.

Here enter 31st July 1865
No 1177

Under the circum-
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the Superintending Engineer of the
4th Div, and seeing that it
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with the loss of the ma-
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and tools referred to in
this letter either on the
late Sub Engineer in
charge

W. W. W.

27th 1865
From the Secretary to Govt
The Secy to Govt
The Secy to Govt

The Secretary to Govt
C. H. B.

Recd 3rd
Recd 1st Aug 1865
B. S. M. 1177

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The Superintd 4th Div. H. H. S.

" Acct Genl ✓

Controller ✓

Officer in charge of
the line dept ✓

Leaff. 14th August

Enclosed

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D^y 12 Aug^t / 65

Authority granted
for the value Rs 168-5-5 of
certain mathematical
instruments and tools lying
in the Chudrasen Dargah
North Arcot District being
written off

N^o 311 & 312