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29th August 1865.*

No. 650. 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, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 21st August 1865, No. 1,018 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of Captain Moberly's letter printed with G. O. of the 18th instant, No. 2,407, in which that Officer says I should explain the cause of delay in accounting for cer-

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tain expenditure incurred in the Bellary Range whilst I was in charge, I beg to submit the accompanying letter from him to my address, acquitting me of the responsibility in this matter. Without returning to Bellary I am unable to give any further account of the expenditure, for which Captain Moberly says not a single voucher had been submitted up to the middle of last October, but if the Government wish it I am quite prepared to return there for this purpose. In the meanwhile I would only remark the quarterly bills for works as they were due were punctually received in this Office whilst Colonel Hemery was in charge of the Division, and not a single one had been sent in since he went to England until very lately. If the Range Officers had not submitted their vouchers to Colonel Hemery, as Captain Moberly would lead the Government to suppose, I do not see how that Officer could have accounted for his expenditure as regularly as he did, the balance against his Division up to the 30th April 1864 being as below shown much less than that on the 30th April 1865 :—

	Balances of 1864-65.	1863-64.	1862-63.	1861-62.	Total.
* Reduced in the 1st quarter to 30th April 1864, ...	Rupees 18,250.	77,516	1,503	8	*79,027
30th April 1865,	2,41,414	7,968	565	..	2,49,538

2. As Captain Moberly's letter No. 655, dated the 5th ultimo, was transmitted by me to Government, and is actually printed with G. O. of the 15th July last, No. 2,013, I wonder he can suppose the Government intended to allow me "to twist and add" thereto. I regret to find I had misapprehended partly the purport of paragraph 5 of that document, but I see now he intended to retain his present Account establishment until such time as he can clear off the arrears to end (*sic*) of 1864-65, without fixing any limit for their entertainment.

3. No application has ever been made to me to account for the expenditure said to have been left by me unaccounted for in Bellary, I purposely abstained when leaving that station from taking a No demand Certificate from the Overseer who took charge from me, so that in the event of anything occurring the Government could still hold me responsible. Captain Moberly does not say directly no vouchers are forthcoming for the expenditure incurred by me, and he has allowed ten months to elapse since I came away without once hinting that this was the cause of the delay in submitting the bills; I can therefore only repeat what I said above, I will return to Bellary if the Government wish it to clear up this matter.

No. 651. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1865, No. 2,502.

ACCOUNT, No. 91.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd S. T. Augustin

To the Controller of P. W. A. Works, Madras.

N^o 1018.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 21st August 1866.

From Captain J. F. Frischer. R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts.
To Colonel C. A. Carr. R.E.
Secretary to Government. D.M.

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Balances of 1864/65	1863/64	1862/63	1861/62	Total
30 th April 1864. — " — 77,516. — 1,503. — 8. — 79,027.				
30 th April 1865. — 24,414. — 7,968. — 156. — " — 24,570.				
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I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Wm. R. E. Captain R. E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Wm. L. George
29 August 1965

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