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No. 456. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Camp, Kurnool, 3rd September 1866, No. 57 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 30th August 1866, No. 207.

No. 2,685 of 24th August 1866.

1. I have the honor to draw your attention to the Government Order upon your report upon my Store Accounts for the quarter ending the 30th April 1866.

2. In paragraph 2 of that Order the Government request the *speedy* adjustment of the balance of store charges exhibited at the above date, viz., Rupees 1,04,964-8-2, and this request, if it does not imply a censure, undoubtedly conveys the idea that I am responsible for the existence of the balance, and that it rests with me to extinguish it.

3. You of course are well aware, that the balance of store charges is an essential part of the system of accounts which has been established by the Government; that in accordance with that system a proportion (a regular per-centage) of the amount is charged away upon the value of the stores which are issued; that the unappropriated balance bears a fair proportion to the value of the unissued stores; that items of expenditure are constantly occurring, which go to swell the balance as fast as it is reduced by the issue of stores; and that so long as the present system of accounts, initiated and enforced by the Government, is maintained, and the Company retain a stock of stores, which will probably be so long as their operations continue, the balance of store charges will not be and cannot be extinguished.

4. As this Order has undoubtedly been passed by the Government under a misapprehension, it is proper that the foregoing facts should be submitted to them, and when it is perceived that the order which has been passed conveys an inaccurate and unfavorable impression, and that it is not in my power, as the Government seem to suppose, to advance or retard the adjustment of this balance; and, moreover, that in the mode which has been adopted of dealing with the store charges their own regulations have been strictly complied with, I trust the Government will see fit to rescind this order, and pass another more in accordance with the facts.

1, Agent's letter in original, dated 30th August 1866, General No. 339.

1. Submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to their Order No. 2,685 of the 24th ultimo.

2. The Agent in this letter points out that paragraph 2 of the Order referred to was written under the misapprehension that the balance, remaining under the floating head of store charges, could be adjusted at an early date; whereas, under the rules in force, the adjustment is effected as stores are issued and debited to construction, and while in every quarter a proportional adjustment is made, at the same time further charges are incurred, so that, as long as any stock of stores remains, there will be an unadjusted balance of store charges.

3. Mr. Henslowe is perfectly correct in what he has stated, and it will be observed, by a reference to previous reports on the quarterly store accounts, that the circumstances of store charges at the close of April last were similar to those which existed at the end of previous quarters, and that the arrangements in force

were duly carried out, and adjustments effected in the last quarter of 1865-66 as far as was practicable.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer, I. & C. Company.

No. 457. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1866, No. 2,989.

ACCOUNT, No. 42.

The explanations of the Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, are satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 207 Madras Irr. & C. Co.
Madras 30th aug 1866.

From
The Agent and Manager
M. Irr. & C. Co.

To
The Consulting Engineer
Irr. & C. Co.

Sir,

I have the honor to draw your attention to the Government Order upon your Report upon my Store Accounts for the Quarter ending the 30th April 1866.—

No 2685 of 24 aug 66.

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3 You of course are well aware that the Balance of Store charges is an essential part of the system of accounts which has been established by the Government that in accordance with the

with that system a proportion of a regular percentage of the Amount is charged away when the value of the Stores which are issued from the unappropriated balances leaves a fair probability to show that the issued Stores that should of Expenditure are constantly occurring which go towards the balance as fast as it is reduced by the issue of Stores and that in taking as the present system of account is maintained, and the Company retain a stock of Stores, which will probably be so long as their Operations continue, the balance of Stores charges will not be quite Cancelled the extinguished.

4 As this Order has undoubtedly been passed by the Permanent under a misapprehension of it is proper that the foregoing facts should be submitted to them and when it is perceived that this Order which has been based on an inaccurate and unfounded

impression, and that it is not in my power, as the Permanent seem to suppose, to withdraw or retard the adjustment of this Balance, and moreover that in the mode which has been adopted of dealing with the Store charges their own regulations have been strictly complied with I trust the Permanent will see fit to rescind this order and pass another more in accordance with the facts.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant
W. Hartwell Newlove
Chief Accountant

Asst to Managers

No 57.

Consolidated No a letter, No 204 of the
30 th August 1866, from the Agent and Manager
Madras Irrigation and Canal Company,
Submitted for the consideration of
Government, the reference to their address
2685 of the 24 th Ultimo

The Agent in his letter dated 30th August
last, addressed to the Board of Revenue,
an estimate, amounting to Rupees
for the completion of his effected as above
and submitted to consideration,
and requesting an early grant of the
said amount, as the Manager
Trichinopoly Branch, is
Government, by reference to the
Chief Engineer, for report,
Chief Engineer, in his
Agent's estimate, No
Agent, to the
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Cons: Engrs Office M.C.
Camp Hurnool
3rd September 1866

Robt Rumlins Captain R.E.
Consulting Engineer M.C.

To

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Copy sent as Letter to England
No 25. Sept. No. 48 of 1866.

P. W. 1866 Department
From Secy to Govt. Fort St. George
No. 3712
The Consulting Engineer
P. W.

To,
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

Dated 3rd
Rec. 8th September 1866
No. 57
Enclosure one

C.R. 2989 - 18th Sept. 1866

Submits with reference to the Proceedings of Govt No. 2685 of the 24th Ultimo, Letter from the Agent dated 1866 explaining the cause for the unadjusted Balance of Stores exhibited in the A/C for the Quarter ending 30th April 1866.
With an Order

Received
Mr. Trecker

Received

C.R. 2989

The explanations of the Manager of the Madura Irrigation and Canal Company contained in his letter above recorded are satisfactory

W.O.L.

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E Madura H/Co
Manager - do - C.S.

Fort St. George
18th Sept. 1866

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