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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 3—10— — 1866.

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No. 73. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Nagatoor, 11th September 1866, No. 60:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter, No. 208 of the 30th ultimo, from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, asking for permission to write off to "profit and loss" a sum, Rupees 9,044-1-11, being the value of stores lost in transit, or despatched and not accounted for. Appended to the Agent's letter is a statement of the stores so lost, in which the total value is entered as Rupees 9,030-2-6, and, had I been at Madras, I would have obtained the correction of this discrepancy, which, however, can readily be adjusted, should Government approve the proposed arrangement, by sanctioning the debit to "profit and loss" of the smaller sum, leaving the difference, if necessary, to be passed by this Office when the detail is furnished.

1 Letter in original from Agent, No. 208, of 30th ultimo, General No. 340.

2. Mr. Henslowe shows that the value of the missing stores should have been recovered from the Cart Contractors; that this was not done at the time, and that the transactions occurred before he took charge of the agency. He also states that means have been adopted for preventing any similar loss for the future, and I therefore beg to recommend that the adjustment proposed be sanctioned.

3. Notice of the fact that stores of considerable value had remained for a long time under the head "In transit," and that some of these were undoubtedly missing, has been frequently given in the Quarterly Store Reports, and in paragraph 10 of my letter, No. 15 of the 4th June last, it was mentioned that the—

Proceedings Madras Government, 22nd June, No. 1,961.

Value of Stores wholly lost was ... ... Rupees 6,661
And it then seemed probable to the Agent that the value recoverable of Stores lost would be... ... ... ,, 3,122

but of this latter sum it would appear that only a small part has been found recoverable.

4. Of the stores now shown as lost, Rupees 2,237-5-11 belong to a contract entered into by Wheelan & Co., for the conveyance of a quantity of iron to Bowanassy. The Contractors in this case appropriated and sold the iron; proceedings were instituted against them, and Mr. Wheelan, who seems to have been the firm, absconded. Besides the loss of these stores, the Company had to pay demurrage to the Railway for the time during which the part of the iron not sold was left at the Railway Station, and also law expenses, Rupees 105. The defalcation of Wheelan & Co. was noticed in paragraph 10 of letter No. 154 of the 1st March last, Proceedings Madras Government, 15th March, No. 859.

* Rupees 141-11-0.

5. Much time has been taken up, it will be observed, in ascertaining whether stores which had not been acknowledged as received in the Divisions had been really lost, and, during these enquiries, very many stores supposed to have been lost have been traced, and the Agent implies that probably some of those, now to be considered as lost, were really received, but are not traceable from the omission to place them on the Division records; and of these, if the supposition be correct, some may have been used on the works, and others misappropriated.

From the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 30th August 1866, No. 208.

1. Enclosed I beg to hand you a Statement of Stores despatched from Madras, and not delivered at destination, or, to speak more correctly, not accounted for by the Divisions to which they were consigned.

2. The amount, Rupees 9,044-1-11, is large, but it must be borne in mind that these losses, *assumed* losses I should say, range over several years, dating from the very commencement of the Company's operations, and although I propose to ask you to deal with these stores as "lost in transit," I have very little doubt that no small proportion of them were actually delivered at destination, and, only through carelessness, or perhaps fraud, not accounted for.

3. Of those which have not been delivered, all I can say is that the carriers ought to have been debited with the value of them, and that this rule is strictly acted upon under the present Store management, but the accounts of the carriers who were responsible for these stores had been settled before my connection with the Company, and I therefore am not in any way responsible for those losses.

4. You will observe, that one large item in this account, Rupees 2,237-5-11, is the value of the iron entrusted to Wheelan & Co. for conveyance to Bowanassy, and fraudulently appropriated by that firm.

5. I do not know that this account calls for any further remark from me, or that I can throw any more light upon it. As we have now, after infinite trouble, arrived at a knowledge of the items of stores which remain unaccounted for, and no good purpose can be served by delay, I beg to recommend that the value of these stores, Rupees 9,044-1-11, be at once written off to "profit and loss."

Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Statement of Stores despatched from Madras, and not accounted for from the commencement.

No. of Invoice.	Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Remarks.
	To Kurnool.		RS. A. P.	
62	Chairs, Railway, Iron ... lbs.	2,870½	38 15 10	
.....	Iron Hoop ... ... ,,	299	15 15 5	
.....	Do. flat 2½ × ½ ... ... ,,	3,585	151 9 7	
76	Mamooties, country, 8 lbs. No.	152	219 15 3	
95	Picks, English, 7 lbs. ... ,,	354	934 12 3	
.....	Do. do. do. ... ,,	3	7 14 6	
81	Screws, Wood, 2⅛ to 3 inches Doz.	12	3 0 3	
117	Bar, Railway, No. 1 ... lbs.	150	5 14 7	
.....	Steel, cast square ... ,,	1,389½	383 8 11	
143 & 70	Paper tracing, ... Quire	2¾	12 11 4	
48	Forges, portable ... ... No.	1	140 10 11	
17	Meiners Bars, 40 lbs. ... ,,	160	530 1 4	
17, 49, & 5	Do. do. 28 ,, ... ,,	920	2,754 4 10	
.....	Do. do. 12 ,, ... ,,	81	110 1 4	
1	Mamooties, country, 7 and 8 lbs. ,,	75	93 12 0	
54	Do. English, 5 and 6 lbs. ,,	66	87 4 2	
48 & 49	Picks, English 8 lbs. ... ,,	22	35 1 6	
140	Iron, round ¾ inch ... lbs.	397	23 0 5	
94 & 140	Do. do. 1 ,, ... ,,	1,397¾	79 12 7	
88	Do. do. 1¼ ,, ... ,,	17	0 15 3	
.....	Do. flat 1 × ¼ inch ... ,,	15 3/16	1 3 8	
135	Do. sheet ... ... ,,	2,440	153 2 10	
83	Iron, old, Rilway Chairs ... ,,	15,240½	206 12 7	
49	Forms, Store Day-Book ... No.	8,000	133 14 0	
86	Do. Time and Pay ... ,,	200	12 0 0	
46	Screws, wood, ⅜ to ¾ inch... Doz.	12	0 6 0	
10	Cart, country ... ... No.	1	49 0 0	

Statement of Stores despatched from Madras, &c.,

No. of Invoice.	Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Remarks.
			RS. A. P.	
32	Coke ... ... lbs.	11,200	132 8 0	
58 & 59	Cans, tin, for oil, 5 gallons .. No.	41	41 0 0	
16	Cases, packing, Dealwood ... ,,	60	88 13 2	
32	Gunny bags ... ... ,,	100	20 0 0	
143	Cases, tin, for plans and drawings ,,	2	1 4 0	
10	Rope, coir, thin ... ... lbs.	40	2 8 0	
143	Do. do. scaffolding ... No.	416	8 5 4	
10	Do. oiled, Bengal ... lbs.	150	92 11 0	
58 & 59	Tar coal ... ... Gallons.	205	77 0 0	
.....	Cases, packing, tin ... No.	2	4 9 8	
7	People's Almanac ... ,,	1	2 8 0	
125	Paper, medium, plain ... Quire.	30	30 0 0	
52	Gauges, marking ... ... No.	2	1 7 3	
.....	Nomenclature, supplement ,,	1	0 14 0	
.....	Stamps, figure, wood ... ,,	9	26 1 0	
.....	Gun-powder ... ... lbs.	34½	21 9 0	
	To Bowanassy.			
67	Iron, flat, 2½ × ½ inch ... lbs.	39,953	2,237 5 11	Wheelan & Co.
182	Chisels, mortice ... ... No.	45	34 4 10	
.....	Gauges, firmer ... ... ,,	12	6 2 4	
.....	Files, ½ round, 2nd cut, 16 In. ,,	12	6 10 0	
.....	Do. flat, rough, 1 side, safe do. ,,	6	6 3 0	
.....	Do. do do. 2nd, cut, 16 do. ,,	1	1 3 0	
.....	Paint, White lead ... ... Kegs.	4	17 15 4	
.....	Drum, W. J., 10 gallons ... No.	2	6 1 4	
.....	Oil, boiled Linseed ... ... Gal.	20	40 5 0	
	Rupees...	.....	9,030 2 6	

(Signed) C. A. BADHAM,
Chief Accountant.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1866, No. 3,144.

ACCOUNT, No. 9.

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	RS.	A.	P.
Value of Stores according to the Manager's letter	9,044	1	11
Do. do. to Statement appended to do.	9,030	2	6
* Difference...	13	15	5

2. On the requisite details being furnished, the difference* between the sums mentioned in paragraph 1 of the first of the letters above read may also be written off under the sanction of the Consulting Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, Manager for do. do.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Memorandum

The Original Enclosure sub-
-mitted with the Consulting Engineer's
Letter No 60 of the 11th September 1866
not having been returned with the
Proceedings of Government thereon
No 3144 of the 3 October 1866; the
undersigned requests the Chief
Assistant and Registrar Government
Office (B. P. W.) will be good enough
to forward the same for reference
in this Office.

Consulting Engineer's Office
5th Feb
Messrs Manders
&c.

W. Scott Lant
Manager

The Chief Assistant and Registrar
Govt Office (B. P. W.)

Consulting Engineer's Office
Irrigation and Canal Co.
Camp Nagatoor 11th September 1866.

No 60.

From

Captain John Mullins R.E.
Consulting Engineer I. and C. Co.

To

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

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Public Works Department

No 3144

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 3rd October Sept 1866

Read the following

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The Consulting Engineer

for Irr: & Canal Comp^y (H.E. No 60 d/11 Sept 1866)

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Do Do Statement appended — Rs 9,030-2-6

Difference Rs 15-15-5

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

John Cullins Captain R.E.

Consulting Engineer S.M.C^y

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort St George

22nd June 1866 No 1961

15th ditto ditto 859

P.B. Egerton Esq^re

Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government

Public Works Department &c &c &c

Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed letter No 208 dated 30th ult from the Executive Engineer Trichinopoly Division I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to take such steps as may be necessary to write off the sum of Rs 15,944-15-5 as lost.

I have &c

(Signed) J. Cullins

5-3-66.

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Executive Engineer Trichinopoly Division No 208 dated 30th ult reporting the loss of Stores to the value of Rs 15,944-15-5 and to request that you will be pleased to move Government to write off the amount.

I have &c

(Signed) J. Cullins

Consulting Engineer S.M.C^y

No 3144 dated 8th October 1866

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— Manager for Do —

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Prop. of the Lieut. Govt

Dated 3rd October 1866

Authority granted for certain Land Enlargement of Irrigation and Canal Conveyance Areas which were either lost in Marsh or Irrigable and not Enlarged for in the Certificate Book being written off.

No. 7 C. 704

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