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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th March 1866.*

No. 296. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer,
8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works,
dated Madura, 1st March 1866, No. 2,358 :—

1. I have the honor to report that there being some old timber remaining
from the stores of the District Engineer, the Superintending Engineer in January
1865 ordered it to be sold by public auction, the value of the timber was recorded
as Rupees 56-11-0, but the sale proceeds amounted to Rupees 40-4-0: this latter sum
was paid into the Treasury, and wrongly credited to Miscellaneous Public Works
receipts, instead of the whole amount being adjusted under the head District Stores.

2. On the 7th August 1865, the Controller wrote "that in some of the Range
"account particulars, charges for tools and stores have been debited to the head
"District Stores; but according to recent orders, they should at once be written off
"as a final charge in the accounts current, and vouchers submitted in support
"thereof." In reply to this, a Memorandum of alterations in the account particulars
of advance and stores for May 1865 was furnished to the Controller, in which there
was entered a recovery of Rupees 56-11-0, with a note "this was sold by auction
"and proceeds paid into the Treasury to the credit of Public Works Department in
"January 1865."

3. The Controller not finding this transaction in the accounts for January,
asked for explanation; and the mistake was then discovered, of Rupees 40-4-0
having been paid into the Treasury as Miscellaneous receipts, instead of the full
sum Rupees 56-11-0 having been made a final charge in the account current.

4. Lastly, the Controller writes that in consequence of the errors above
pointed out, the sum of Rupees 56-11-0 stands in the books of this Office against
the Madura Range under the head of Stock, and no credit can be afforded for the
same unless the sanction of Government be obtained for writing off the amount to
profit and loss.

5. Thus a mistake was made in the (then) account branch of this office,
upwards of a year ago, which was not clearly brought to light till some months
had elapsed; and fresh accounts having been opened between the Controller and the
Range Officers, it was too late to adjust a transaction of the past year. While then
at present, the sum of Rupees 40-4-0 has been wrongly paid to the Treasury, and
the difference Rupees 16-7-0 simply removed from the accounts, I have to request
that Government will, with the above explanation, now give sanction for the full
amount, Rupees 56-11-0, being written off to profit and loss; this being the only
means of adjustment, as pointed out by the Controller.

No. 297.

ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1866, No. 840.

ACCOUNT, No. 34.

* Rupees 56-11-0.

Under the explanation afforded,
the Government grant authority for
the value* of the timber which is refer-
red to in this letter being written off
to profit and loss.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

.. Accountant General.

.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2358 Sup^d Engineer's Office S^t 27
Madras 1st March 1866

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Captain H. S. Spendergast R.E.
Off^{ce} Superintending Engineer S^t 27

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

Sir,
I have the honor to report that there being some old timber remaining from the stores of the District Engineer, the Superint^d Engineer in January 1865, ordered it to be sold by public auction; the value of the timber was recorded, as Rs 56-11-0, but the sale proceeds amounted to Rupees 18-14-0; this latter sum was paid into the Treasury and wrongly credited to Miscellaneous Public Works receipts, instead of the whole amount being adjusted under the head District Stores.

On the 7th August 1865, the Controller wrote "that in some of the Range account particulars, charges for tools and Stores, have been debited to the head, District Stores, but according to recent orders, they should at once be written off as a final charge in the Account Current, and vouchers submitted in support thereof." In reply to this a Memo of alterations in the Account particulars of advance and Stores for May

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1865 was furnished to the Controller. in which there was entered a recovery of Rs 56-11-0; with a note this was sold by auction and proceeds paid into the Treasury to the credit of, P.W.C. in January 1865.

The Controller not finding this transaction in the accounts for January, asked for explanation; and the mistake was then discovered, of Rs 40-11-0 having been paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, instead of the full sum Rs 56-11-0 having been made a final charge in the Account Current.

Lastly, the Controller writes that in consequence of the errors above pointed out, the sum of Rupees 56-11-0 stands in the books of this Office against the Madura Range under the head of stock, and no credit can be afforded for the same unless the sanction of Government be obtained for writing off the amount to Profit and Loss.

This mistake was made in the (then) Account branch of this Office, upwards of a year ago, which was not clearly brought to light, till some months had elapsed, and fresh accounts having been opened between the Controller and the Range Officers, it was too late to adjust a transaction of the past year. While then at present, the sum of Rs 40-11-0 has been wrongly paid to the Treasury, and the difference Rs 16-7-0 simply?

Simply removed from the accounts, I have to request that Government will, with the above explanation, now give sanction for the full amount Rs 56-11-0 being written off to Profit and Loss; this being the only means of adjustment, as pointed out by the Controller? —

I have &c

Hendrick de Vries Captain R.E.
Off^r Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

27 March 1866. D. 18m

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Reports that the sale proceeds of old timber which were in the Madras Stores were wrongly paid in to the Treasury in last Official year instead of crediting to the head of timber which it was outstanding & that the Controller proposes that it should be written off to Profit & Loss as this is the only means of adjustment.

Under the explanation afforded, the Government grant authority for the value of the timber which is referred to in this letter being written off to profit and loss.

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Public Works Department

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Undated the 14th March 1866. To the Offg Supg Engineer of the 8th Division. Read the following

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Pro. of Govt for March
No. 840.
Pro. of the Madras Govt.
Of 14 March 1866

Timber sold by auction
at Madras in January
1865 - Authority granted
for the value (£56. 11. 0 -)
being written off.