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Dated

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No. 418. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 5th May 1866, No. 5:—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 2nd May 1866, No. 6.

1. I have the honor to forward for your perusal copy of a letter which has been addressed to me by Mr. Lowe, the Officer in charge at Kurnool, with reference to the payment by him, under the decision of the Chief Engineer, of a sum of Rupees 100.

2. I address you on the subject because from my knowledge of the facts, and they are better known to me than to the Chief Engineer, I am apprehensive that Mr. Latham's decision does not meet the justice of the case.

3. The individual who, in my opinion, is really culpable has left the service, and that I am right in this view I think the following statement of facts will show.

4. In or about February 1863 three or four cheques, (now properly termed cash orders,) each for Rupees 100, were issued payable in Madras to employes in Soonkasala Division, then in charge of Mr. Lowe, but some confusion arose from so many orders for a like amount being issued, and value was omitted to be received, or if received to be debited, in the case of one of the order.

5. Properly this omission ought at once to have been detected in the Agent's Office, but in the state of confusion and arrear which characterized the establishment at that time, it is not surprising that the omission passed unnoticed, and it was not, I believe, until the beginning of 1865 that attention was first drawn to it.

6. An enquiry was then sent to Mr. Dodson, Executive Engineer of Hindry Division, to which Soonkasala was subordinate, and Mr. Dodson, instead of investigating the accounts and records of his Office which would have cleared the matter up at once, satisfied himself with referring the matter to Mr. Lowe, who had long before been transferred to Bellary.

7. Mr. Lowe having no records at Bellary to refer to, gave the best explanation in his power from his recollection of the transaction, and this was transmitted to the Agent. The information so communicated proved inconclusive and unsatisfactory, and a fresh reference to Hindry became necessary. Much time was consumed in the correspondence, and before it could be brought to a certain issue Mr. Gilbanks left the service, and his claims against the Company were settled, thus depriving us of the power of recovering the 100 Rupees from him.

* Since dead

8. Here I may remark that although it has been assumed that Mr. Gilbanks*

cheque is the one which has not been covered, the Division records do not very clearly show which of the three or four cheques for Rupees 100 which were issued is the one in default.

9. I think you will agree with me that to enforce the payment of this money from Mr. Lowe would be neither fair nor reasonable, and, as we cannot recover from the person really in fault, that the ends of justice would be better answered by writing off the amount to "profit and loss."

From W. J. LOWE, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 24th April 1866, No. 43.

1. As the Chief Engineer has decided that the undebited cheque for Rupees 100 drawn by me in favor of Mr. Gilbanks, in the Soonkasala Division, (No. 48 of 12th February 1863,) should

be made good by me, in answer to your No. 1,573 of 9th instant, I have the honor to enclose a cheque for the amount, for which I request that you will kindly grant me a receipt, and let the Provisional Chief Engineer know that the amount has been cleared up.

2. At the same time I think it right to point out, as I have done before, that the Chief Account-Provisional Chief Engineer knew that the amount had been cleared up, that the error was not until after Mr. Gilbanks' security was paid in full by the Agent's leave, that the error was discovered. And not only so, but had the Executive Engineer of the Hindry Division examined the accounts with proper care, instead of writing to me in Bellary, where I had no records and could of course say nothing, the amount might have cleared up while Mr. Gilbanks was alive, as he worked for a long time as a Contractor in the Howanassey Division.

3. It was not until I returned from Bellary and examined myself the accounts of a Division with which I had then no connection, that any intelligible answer was made to a very simple question.

4. I may add here that a similar laxity appears to have prevailed with regard to another matter now before you, namely, the cheque of Rupees 436-6-0 sent to me in Bellary as payment of my salary* for June 1864. While temporarily acting during Mr. Cotton's late absence, I examined the accounts; and have submitted to the Provisional Chief Engineer a statement which it seems to me shows conclusively that Rupees 436-6-0 remain to this day undebited in the Soonkasala accounts. This question also was referred to me in Bellary!

* Less Income-tax and Stamp

1. Transmitted for the consideration of Government, with a recommendation that the debit to "profit and loss" of the amount, Rupees 100, which has been lost by the omission to enter, in the accounts of the Soonkasala Division, an order for Rupees 100 granted to an employe of the Company in 1863, may be allowed.

2. It will be observed that though Mr. Lowe was, in the first instance, responsible for the omission from the accounts, there would have been no difficulty in recovering the sum due, had the late Executive Engineer of the Hindry Division taken the trouble to ascertain the circumstances of the transaction, when his attention was called thereto at the beginning of 1865, and under these circumstances it would perhaps not be desirable to insist on Mr. Lowe refunding the amount.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain, R. E.,
Cons. Engr. for I. & C. Company.

No. 419. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1866, No. 1,573.

ACCOUNT, No. 43.

Under the explanation afforded, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the sum of Rupees 100, which is referred to in the papers above recorded, being written off to "profit and loss" in the accounts of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
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Manager for
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Endorsement to letter, No 6 of the 2nd instant, from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

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To incise Mr Lowe refunding the amount.

Engineer's Office, *Idem* *Idem* Captain, D. G.
Irrigation and Canal Company,
Madras, 5th May 1866. } Consulting for I. C. Company.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Department of Pub Works.

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2. 9. 17 May 1866. D. A. 11. 15.

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. regarding the refunding of the amount of Rs. 100 which is referred to in the papers above recorded being written off to profit and loss in the accounts of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 16th May 1866
Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer for the
Irrigation and Canal Company

(Here enter No. 5 dated 3rd May 1866)

Under the expla-
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Irrigation and Canal
Company.

The Chief Engineer for the Madras
Irrigation and Canal Company, with letter
Managers - &c. &c.

2. 9. 17 May.

P. W. 1866 Department.

No. of Govt for May.

No 1573.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT

Madras.

Dated

16 May 1866

Authority given for Refuse
is granted to an employee of the
company in 1863, being written
off in the accounts of the Coontasale
Division of the Irrigation Company
Canal.

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