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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Public works* **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th August 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 588. From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th August 1867, No. 159.

1. Having, in accordance with the Proceedings of Government, dated 11th June 1864, No. 995, furnished to the Accountant General a statement of the value of timber supplied to Government Departments during 1866-67, supported by original vouchers from the Departmental Officers, I have the honor to inform you that from the total amount, viz., Rupees 90,266-11-10, exhibited in the statement referred to, Rupees 549-9-0 was subsequently deducted, as the requisite vouchers had not been obtained. A further sum of Rupees 14,012-14-2 for timber supplied to the other departments noted in the margin* being excluded, there remains Rupees 75,704-4-8 to be credited to the Forest Department in the accounts of the Controller of Public Works Accounts. This Officer has, however, admitted only Rupees 72,698-3-4, and so credited it in his books, which were closed on the 6th ultimo; omitting a sum of Rupees 3,006-1-4 for adjustment in his accounts for the current year. The full amount of Rupees 75,704-4-8 is carried to credit of Forest Revenue in the accounts for 1866-67, submitted by me to the Board of Revenue for audit, and supported by duplicate vouchers, from the Executive Engineers, in lieu of cash payments, agreeably to the Proceedings of Government of India in G. O., dated 23rd September 1863, No. 1,742; I cannot now make any alteration in the books of this Office with respect to the sum of Rupees 3,006-1-4, excluded by the Controller of Public Works Accounts for want of information from Public Works Officers, more especially as the Annual Report for 1866-67, giving details of timber credited in the Forest Accounts, has already been printed.

2. Under these circumstances, I request that you will move Government to instruct the Controller to credit the difference (Rupees 3,006-1-4) remaining unadjusted between the two departments.

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

19th August 1867.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for early report.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

20th August 1867.

No. 589. From the Acting Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts, in charge, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 21st August 1867, No. 1,627.

1. In returning the letter No. 159, dated 17th August 1867, from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, sent to this Office for report, I have the honor to submit a copy of a communication No. 1,409, dated 13th instant, to the Deputy Conservator in charge, from which

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after the official year expired when it was

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it will be observed that the differences were being enquired into, and would be adjusted in Account in 1867-68.

"I should further observe that while adjustments should be made whenever the necessity for making them becomes known, there is no greater need to make them in the last month of the year than in any other month. The idea, therefore, that there should be a comprehensive adjustment at the end of the year before the books of the year are closed should be abandoned, and the books, as a rule, should be closed in the manner prescribed by the Code, immediately after the accounts for April (now March) are posted. It is of course very desirable, all other things being the same, that the accounts of the year should show all the charges that have occurred accurately recorded against the grants, but it will be far better that the accounts should be somewhat incomplete in this respect, than that the accounts of all India should be kept waiting for those of one Province."

2. The Accountant General, Public Works Department, in Circular 14 of 1866, paragraph 3, directs that the Public Works Accounts should be closed immediately after the accounts for April (now March) are posted, for to wait till adjustments of accounts are made between Departments before closing would be to delay them for months.

No. 590. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1867, No. 2,601.

ACCOUNT, No. 68.

Ordered that the letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts above recorded be communicated to the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 13th August 1867.

N^o 1409

From
The Controller of Public Works Accounts

To, The Deputy Conservator of Forests
in charge of the Central Office

Sir,

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1 Letter
1 Statement
N^o 231 dated 16th July 1867
" 287 dated 9th August 1867

With reference to your letter marginally quoted, I have the honor to observe that the difference between the amounts credited to the

Forest Department in the Public Works Accounts, and those charged in your Accounts rendered to the Accountant General at Madras upon receipts of the Public Works Officers, cannot now be accepted and adjusted in the Public Works Accounts for 1866/1867, as these Accounts were closed on the 6th of July last. Moreover, the vouchers in support of your Accounts were only received from the Accountant General with his letter N^o 1065 dated 23rd May 1867, nearly two months after the official year expired when it was too

for 1866/1867

too late have expected Public Works Officers to make up for omissions in their Accounts for the past year.

2. You are aware that this Office has taken the necessary steps to enquire into the differences of the Public Works Officers concerned, and explanations have been received from all but one officer, the particulars of which will be duly communicated to you, shortly.

3. I have to observe that the difference must stand in either your Accounts or those of this Office, for adjustment in the Accounts of the current official year, and that the proposal made in the concluding part of your letter is not only contrary to the rules for the present system of Accounts, but it will not bring about an immediate settlement of the difference sought for by the Accountant General, Madras, in his letter to your address which, together with its enclosure, is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) W. A. Stark
Atty. Dy. Controller of Madras Works
(True Copy)

W. A. Stark

Atty. Dy. Controller of Madras Works

Confid. J. W.

to 159.

Office of Conservator of Forests
Madras. 17th August 1867.

From.

H. C. leghorn Esq. M. D.
Conservator of Forests

To

W. Huddleston Esquire
Secretary to Government. P. O.
Fort Saint George.

Sir;

Having in accordance with the Proceedings of Government, dated 11th June 1864 No 995, furnished to the Accountant General a Statement of the value of timber supplied to Government Departments during 1866-67 supported by original vouchers from the Departmental officers. I have the honor to inform you that from the total amount, viz Rupees 90,266. 11. 10 exhibited in the Statement referred to, Rs 549. 9. 0 was subsequently deducted, as the requisite vouchers had not been obtained. After this sum of Rs 11,012. 11. 2 for timber supplied to the other Departments noted in the margin, being excluded, there remains Rupees 75,705. 11. 8 to be credited to the Forest Department in the accounts

Inclosed in a letter
from the Conservator of Forests
to Government, to the effect:
to Govt. P. O. 9. 21. 54. 1.
- Aug 21/1867. W. H. C.

W. H. C.

Government Plantations.
Amount Deposited.
Commisariat Department & Military
Ordinance Departments of
Madras and Bombay.

Accounts of the Controller of P. M. Accounts. This officer has however admitted only Rs 75,000-0-0 and so credited it in his books, which were closed on the 6th ultimo; omitting a sum of Rs 3000-1-4 for adjustment in his accounts for the current year. The full amount of Rs 75,000-0-0 is carried to credit of Forest Revenue in the accounts for 1866-67 submitted by me to the Board of Revenue for audit; and supported by duplicate vouchers, from the Executive Engineers in lieu of cash payments, agreeably to the Proceedings of Government of India in G.O. dated 23rd September, 1863. to 1742

I cannot now make any alteration in the books of this office with respect to the sum of Rs 3000-1-4 excluded by the Controller of P. M. Accounts for want of information from P. M. officers, more especially as the Annual Report for 1866-67 giving details of timber credited in the Forest Accounts has already been printed.

2. Under these circumstances, I request that you will move Government to instruct the Controller to credit the difference (Rupees 3000-1-4) remaining unadjusted between

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 From
 The Conservator of Forests
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 The Secretary to Government
 For Sd George
 1867/65/67
 Dated 17th August 1867
 Received 20th August 1867
 Referred to the
 Controller of P. M.
 Accounts for early
 report
 Major - R.E.
 Under Secy to Govt
 20 August 1867
 2601-262 August 1867
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N. 1627. Office of the Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Madras, 21st August 1867.

From,

The Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

2 Enclosures.

In returning the letter No. 159 dated 17th August 1867 from the Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department, sent to this Office for report, I have the honor to submit a copy of a communication No. 1409 dated 13th instant to the Deputy Conservator in charge, from which it will be observed, that the differences were being enquired into, and would be adjusted in Accounts in 1867/68.

2.

The Accountant General P.W. Department in

Circular 14 of 1866, para. 3 directs, that the P.W. Accounts should be closed immediately after the Accounts for April / now March / are posted, for so much till adjustments of Accounts are made between Departments before closing would be to delay them

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"I should further observe that while adjustments should be made whenever the necessity for making them becomes known, there is no greater need to make them in the first month of the year than in any other month. The idea therefore that there should be a comprehensive adjustment at the end of the year before the Works of the year are closed should be abandoned, and the Works as a Rule should be closed, in the manner prescribed by the Code, immediately after the Accounts for April / now March / are posted. This of course very desirable, all other things being the same, that the Accounts of the year should show all the charges that have occurred accurately, recorded against the grants, but it will be further that the Accounts should be somewhat incomplete in this respect, than that the Accounts of all India should be representing for those of one Province."

The Revenue Department

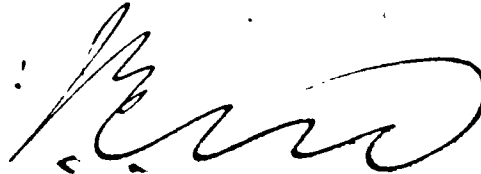
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for months..

Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t. servant.
W^m A. Stark
Adjy Controller of P^W. Accounts in charge.

Compd: 

Cd 589

Public Works Department.

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No 2601

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26th August 1867

Read the following

From the Conservator of Forests. Hereafter No 1598/17 Aug 1867.
" " Controller of P.W. Accounts (Here enter No 1597 dated 25th ")

Ordered that the letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts above recorded be communicated to the Conservator of Forests.

To the Conservator of Forests.
" Rev. District
" Controller

Sept 27/67

[Signature]

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To the Secretary to Government.
From the Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Dated 21st August 1867.
Recd: 22nd " " " "
Per: 25th 1867.

Report that the difference between the amount of Forest Accounts of 1866/67 will be ascertained in 1867/68.

No 2601 - 26th August 1867

[Signature]

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Pub: Works 1867 Department

Pro: of Govt. for August

No. 2601

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Of 26th August 1867

Furnishing the Com-
missioner of Forests with a Copy
of a letter from the Controller
of Forests intimating that the
difference between the P. & F.
Accounts for 1866/67
will be adjusted in 1867/68.