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3rd October 1867.

No. 36. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 25th September 1867, No. 83 :—

6 letters in original from Agent.
4 ,, in ,, ,, Consulting Engineer.
Letter No. 273, 13th October.

1. In October last the Agent applied for sanction, to the extent of Rupees 850, for the removal of stores from the old Store-yard at Kurnool to the new buildings which had been erected near the canal. The weight of the stores to be removed was stated to be 400 tons.

2. It was proposed to lay down a tramway for the purpose, and in replying to the Agent's letter I gave my reasons for considering why a tramway would be more costly than the use of carts, but at the same time I intimated that, provided the cost per ton were reasonable, the Chief Engineer was quite at liberty to make whatever arrangements he preferred.

No. 171, 16th October.

3. A considerable amount of correspondence ensued, which I enclose, but I have not thought it worth while to fair copy my letters. I endeavoured to aid in determining what the fair cost per ton of removing the stores would be, the distance being stated to be 1,200 yards; but, finding that my letters were not likely to be of any service, I left it to the Company's officers to make their own arrangements, requesting at the same time that the actual expenses incurred might be clearly shown.

From Agent, No. 279, 18th October.
To ,, ,, 175, 26th ,,
From ,, ,, 328, 23rd November.
To ,, ,, 214, 27th ,,
From ,, ,, 319, 30th ,,
,, ,, ,, 390, 21th January.
To ,, ,, 255, 26th ,,

4. I have now received information of the amount paid for the carriage of the Stores, and it appears that this has been contracted for at the rate of Rupees 1-5-6 per ton, and that the total weight of the stores was 957½ tons.

Letter from Agent, No. 269, 21st instant.

I consider that as the distance was but 1,200 yards, and as there was a good road, this charge is very far from reasonable, and indeed that it is about three times what would have sufficed. In addition to the charge for cartage, Rupees 830-2-5 have been expended on coolies and superintendence.

5. The above expenditure is debitable to Store charges, and will ultimately form a part of the cost of works, but I have felt that it would not be right to pass these charges without at the same time reporting to Government the circumstances of the expenditure incurred.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1867, No. 3,064.

ACCOUNT, No. 6.

The Government sanction the expenditure which is reported to have been incurred in the removal of the Company's stores from the old Store-yard to the new Store buildings erected at Kurnool, but they are constrained to remark that, so far as the voluminous correspondence

before them enables them to judge, the rate of Rupees 1-5-6 per ton, which has been paid for conveying the stores over a distance of 1,200 yards, seems unnecessarily high.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, with fourteen Enclosures.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Consulting Engineer's Office
Irrigation & Canal Company
Madras, 25th Sept. 1867.

No. 83.

From,

Captain J. Mullins, R.E.
Consulting for I. & C. Co.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Department of Public Works.

Sir,

No. 273-13 Oct. In October last the Agent applied for sanction, to the expenditure of Rupees 850, for the removal of Stores from the old Store yard at Kurnool to the New Buildings which had been erected near the Canal—The weight of the Stores to be removed was estimated to be 400 tons.—

1-16 Oct. 2. I was proposed to lay down a Tramway for the purpose and in replying to the Agents letter, I gave my reasons for considering why a Tramway would be more costly than the use of carts, but at the same time I intimated that, provided the cost per ton were reasonable, the Chief Engineer was quite at liberty to make whatever arrangements he preferred.—

3. A considerable amount of correspondence ensued

Enclosed which I enclose, but I have not thought it worth while to fair copy my letters. I endeavoured to aid in determining what the fair cost per ton of removing the Stores would be, the distance being stated to be 1200 yards; but finding that my letters were not likely to be of any service, I left it to the Company's officers to make their own arrangements, requesting at the same time that the actual expenses incurred might be clearly returned.

From Agent 11th 279-18th ult.
To — " — 175-20th —
From — " — 328-23rd Ins.
To — " — 211-27th —
From — " — 349-30th —
— — " — 370-2nd Inst.
To — " — 355-26th —

4. I have now received information of the amount paid for the carriage of the Stores, and it appears that this has been contracted for at the rate of Rupees 1-5-6 per ton, and that the total weight of the Stores was 957½ tons.—

Letter from Agent 11th 269-21st Instant.

I consider that, as the distance was but 1200 yards, and as there was a good road, this charge is very far from reasonable, and indeed that it is about 3 times what would have sufficed. In addition to the charge for cartage, Rupees 230-2-5 have been expended on coolies and Superintendence.—

5. The above expenditure is debitable to Store charges, and will ultimately form a part of the cost of works, but I have felt that it would not be right to pass these charges without at the same time reporting to Government the circumstances of the expenditure incurred.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Colm Mullins Captain H.C.
Commg. for H.C. Company.

Enclosed

Rec'd 1867 No. 83. Dept'te

From No. 3694

The Secretary for Govt. of India

To

The Secretary to Govt. of India

Dated 25th Sept. 1867.

Rec'd 27th Sept. 1867.

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No. 3064 - 3rd Octr. 1867

Forwards certain correspondence which has passed between himself & the Agent relating to the removing of the Stores from the Old Store yard to the New Buildings near the Canal & reports the circumstances of the expenditure incurred. — William Ogilvy

No. 36-37

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2. Com Sup for Dr & Comp with 14 Enclosures

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