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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th October 1867.*

No. 79. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 28th September 1867, No. 85 :—

* No. 3,383.

1. In their Order* of the 25th November 1864, Government declined to pass certain hotel charges, amounting to Rupees 188-11-0, which had been incurred by the late Chief Engineer, Colonel Cotton; and, as these charges continued to appear in the Inefficient Balance Statement, the Agent was, in Memorandum of audit No. 65 of the 4th June last, requested to explain why the requisite recovery was not made on the receipt of that Order, and I have the honor to

* No. 270, 23rd September 1867.

submit, for the consideration of Government, Mr. Henslowe's reply* to that reference.

2. The Agent states that "Colonel Cotton was duly advised of the decision arrived at by the Government, and requested to refund the retrenched amount, but, disapproving I suppose of the principle of the retrenchment, he left India without adjusting the account, and the amount has ever since remained in suspense."

3. The Agent appears to have overlooked the circumstance that he was himself responsible for the recovery of the amount retrenched. It would appear that four months' pay was disbursed to Colonel Cotton after the order of retrenchment was passed. The late Chief Engineer

Agent's No. 95 of the 20th February 1865.
Transmitted for the information of Government with this Office Endorsement, No. 212, of the 22nd idem.

was at Madras at the time six months' sick leave were granted to him by the Agent, and it was entirely within the

competence and power of the latter to require the adjustment, while at the same time it was as clearly his duty to require it.

4. The Agent now suggests that Government should either cancel the retrenchment or allow the amount retrenched to be written off to "profit and loss." It is very possible that ultimately such a course will be necessary, but I beg to recommend that the original order be allowed to stand until at least the Board of Directors have expressed their disapproval of the neglect of the Agent in not effecting the adjustment of the advance at the proper time.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 23rd September 1867, No. 270.

1. I have the honor to address you with reference to the retrenchment of the bulk of Colonel Cotton, the late Chief Engineer's, bill of extra expenses, incurred on an official visit which he paid to Madras in 1864.

2. Colonel Cotton was duly advised of the decision arrived at by the Government in this case, and requested to refund the retrenched amount, but, disapproving I suppose of the principle of the retrenchment, he left India without adjusting the account, and the amount has ever since remained in suspense.

3. Without attempting to express an opinion as to the propriety or otherwise of the retrenchment, I beg to point out that had the existing rules with regard to travelling expenses been in force at that time, Colonel Cotton would have received a larger sum than he originally claimed.

Amount has ever since remained in suspense
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4. Under the existing rules he would have been entitled to—

Railway—Arconum to Madras and back	RS. A. P.
... ..	9 1 0
Kurnool to Arconum and back, 482 miles, at 3 Annas	* 90 6 0
Coach hire in Madras	82 8 0
Thirty-two days' allowance at Rs. 5	160 0 0
Total...	341 15 0

* Much more if travelling by palkee.

while his original claim was only for Rupees 271-3-0.

5. The present Chief Engineer, whose allowances are on a more liberal scale than Colonel Cotton's, would be paid in similar circumstances, under the lately sanctioned rules, a sum at least equal to that which I have set down, and probably more.

6. I beg to suggest that, if the bill as originally presented cannot be passed, the retrenched amount be written off to "profit and loss."

7. I may add that the Board would, I am satisfied, be very averse to making an application to Colonel Cotton for this money, and that the course I have suggested is one which would meet their approval.

No 80. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1867, No. 3,085.

ACCOUNT, No. 13.

The Government decline to cancel the retrenchment in question, or to allow the sum retrenched to be written off to "profit and loss." The retrenchment should have been carried into effect when pay was next drawn by the late Chief Engineer, and the responsibility to see that this was done rested with the Company's Manager.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

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

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No 85.

Consulting Engineer's Office
Irrigation and Canal Company
Madras 28 September 1867.

From,

Captain John, Mullins R.E.
Consulting Engineer for I.C.C.

The Secretary to Government,
Department of Public Works.

Sir,

No 3,383.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Wm. L. Mullins Captain R.E.
Consulting Engineer S.E.C.C.

No 270
Maoras Dr. & Co.
Maoras 23rd Sept 74
From.

The Agents Maoras
Dr. & Co.
To.
The Consulting Engineer
Dr. & Co.

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From
 The Agent & Treasurer
 of the
 J. W. W. Co.
 113 N. 3rd St.
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT
Under date the 28th Sep 1867

Read the following

From the Commg Engineer
D. R. Campy: (Here enter No. P^s dated 28th Sep/67)

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The Commg Engr 14000.
Manager - Do.
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Copy in letter to England
of 22nd Oct 1867 of 1867.

28th 1867
D. R. Campy
Comm. 13/15

The Commg Engineer
D. R. Campy

The Secretary to Govt
D. P. P.

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Submits for the consideration of Government a letter from the Commg Engineer regarding orders for disposing of the retrenched amount of Colonel Cotton. Hotel expenses incurred on an official visit to Madras in 1867.

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Copy in a Letter to England
of 22nd Oct. No. 55 of 1867.

P. W. 1867. Department.

Pro. of Govt. for October
No. 3085

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. of Madras

Dated 4th October 1867

Declining the proposals
of the Agent Madras Irriga-
tion and Canal Company for
the adjustment of the hotel
charges incurred on an official
visit to Madras in 1866 by
Colonel Cotton late the Company's
Chief Engineer.

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