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Public Works
DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st October 1867.*

No. 443. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 11th October 1867, No. 96 :—

1 Letter in original from Agent.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter, No. 291 of the 4th instant, from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, referring to the subject of the Home expenditure of the Company, to which also paragraph 2 of Proceedings of the Madras Government of the 27th ultimo, No. 3,025, alludes.

2. The Secretary to the Company has given some particulars, but it will be noticed that the Board consider that the Madras Government have no right to call for particulars of, or to deal in any way with, expenditure made in England.

3. This office has no information as to whether the Company's expenditure in England is audited at the India Office. If it be so, the accounts furnished to the Secretary of State will no doubt suffice to enable this office to complete the statements of expenditure.

4. The information now furnished by the Directors is, as it stands, insufficient. The expenditure for English account requires to be classified, so as to admit of incorporation with the similar expenditure in India. The items on account of Agent's, Storekeeper's, and Engineer's salaries should be given for each quarter, in order that it may be ascertained that the payments in England correspond* with the deductions in India. The expenditure for India on stores and machinery, £ 36,349, does not agree with that Rupees 3,61,810-11-1 shown in the Indian Accounts to the same date, and, with reference to a similar discrepancy noticed by me before, the Agent stated that the difference was due to the stores received not agreeing with the invoices. If so, the discrepancy needs investigation and correction.

* So far as can be at present ascertained they do not correspond.

5. It appears to me to be necessary that all expenditure incurred by the Board of Directors should be periodically accounted for, and that the portion which has to be included in the Indian Accounts should be so exhibited as to render it easy to ascertain its correctness. With regard to the other portion, that on account of Home charges, it is of no consequence, provided the Secretary of State is satisfied, whether it be reported in lump sums under the heads "Salaries" and "Contingencies," or whether it be exhibited in greater detail. I have to point out, however, that the Board's opinion, now expressed, appears to be diametrically opposed to the assurance given to the Secretary of State, and quoted in paragraph 2 of the despatch printed in Proceedings of the Madras Government of the 6th April 1864, No. 965.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer, for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 4th October 1867, No. 291.

I. I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary has furnished a statement of the Home expenditure to the 30th June 1867, and I subjoin a copy of it for your information :—
Expenditure for English Account Current £ 32,631

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21st October 1867.

Expenditure for India, viz. :-

Agent's salary	£	305
Storekeeper's salary	„	3,053
Engineer's do.	„	4,102
Stores and Machinery	„	36,349
		<u>43,809</u>
Total Home expenditure ..		76,440

• Letter No. 72 of 13th June 1867.

2. I am afraid this statement does not contain the details which you require, * but the Secretary states it is all he is in a position to furnish, and he adds "it must be clearly and distinctly understood that these particulars are given solely to enable the Consulting Engineer to keep a Memorandum of the whole expenditure of the Company, and not in any way a recognition of a right on the part of the Madras Government to call for particulars of, or to deal in any way with, expenditure made in England, seeing that such expenditure is made with the sanction and approval of the Secretary of State."

3. In the event of your finding the particulars given above insufficient for your purposes, I shall be happy to forward to the Secretary of the Company any further communication which you may think it necessary to make to me on the subject.

No. 444. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1867, No. 3,266.

ACCOUNT, No. 44.

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in continuation of Despatch No. 45, of the 30th September 1867.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Consulting Engineer's Office
Irrigation and Canal Company
Madras, 11th Oct 1867.

N^o 96

From,
Captain, J. M. Pullin, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for I.C.C.
To,
The Secretary to Government
Department of Public Works.

Sir,
I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government a letter, N^o 291 of the 14th instant, from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, referring to the subject of the Home expenditure of the Company to which also para. 2 of Proceedings of the Madras Government of the 27th ultimo N^o 3025 alludes.

2. The Secretary to the Company has given some particulars, but it will be noticed that the Board consider that the Madras Government have no right to call for particulars of, or to deal in any way with, expenditure made in England.

3. This office has no information as to whether the Company's expenditure in England is audited at the India Office. - If it be so the accounts furnished to the Secretary of State will no doubt suffice to enable this office to complete the Statements of expenditure.

4. The information now furnished by the Directors is, as it stands, insufficient. The expenditure for English account requires to be classified so as to admit of incorporation with the similar expenditure in India.

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Sir,
 Your most obedient servant.
 Columbus Captain R.C.

Cons: Inc. for L.H. Company

* so far as can be at present ascertained they do not corrupt.

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Public Works Department.
No. 3266

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 24th Oct 1867

Read the following

From The Commr. Eng^r S. V. C. Esq. (Here enter No. 96 dated 11th October 1867)

Ordered that these papers be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in continuation of Despatch No. 45, of the 30th September 1867.

To The Commr. S. V. C. Esq. with one enclosure
Manager. Do

Sept 23/10/67

[Signature]

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No. 3266

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *of Madras*

Dated 21st October 1867

*Communicating to
the Home Govt. the letter
from the Consulting Engrs.
forwarding one from the
Company's Manager giving
some particulars of the Madras
Irrigation and Canal Company
Home Expenditure.*

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