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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,  
23th April 1868.*

No. 511. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th April 1868, No. 6:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, a copy of my letter as per margin, together with the Agent's reply.\*

No 305, dated 26th March 1868.  
\* No 7, dated 6th April 1868

2. In the letter addressed to the Agent it was noticed that the balance, Rupees 1,58,559, of guaranteed capital in his hands and in the Divisions, on the 31st December, was very large compared with the monthly expenditure, which is about Rupees 8,000, and he was asked whether there would be any objection to the return of so much, as might not be needed to meet the demands of the next three months, to the credit of Government.

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| Agent...         | ... | ... | ... | RS 1,51,960 |
| Nellore Division | ... | ... | ... | 355         |
| Bellary do       | ... | ... | ... | 6,244       |

3. Mr. Henslowe in his reply states, that as he is now supplied with funds by remittances from the Board in England, and as the expenditure on Construction is steadily increasing, he considers that to deprive himself of any portion of the balance now at his command would involve a responsibility

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| † September 1867, Rs | 27,417 |
| October " "          | 41,664 |
| November " "         | 68,038 |
| December " "         | 74,360 |
| January 1868, "      | 77,814 |
| February " "         | 60,330 |

which he does not feel justified in incurring.

4. I find from the accounts that the loan cash balance on the same date was Rupees 1,75,048. Also that the amount drawn in England by the Board up to the 30th November was £ 82,000, that brought into the Indian accounts up to the 31st December, as received by the Agent, being Rupees 6,13,437-11-9.

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| Agent ..     | ... | ... | ... | RS. 42,519 |
| Divisions .. | ... | ... | ... | 1,32,529   |

5. The Agent appears to me to have overlooked the fact that were the greater part of the guaranteed capital returned into the Bank to the credit of Government, he would be able, in the event of a failure of remittances, to obtain, through this office, such sums as might be needed for carrying on the works.

6. In connection with this subject I beg to bring to the notice of Government that the exchange being favorable for remittances from England, it is necessary that the gain by exchange should be regularly exhibited in the accounts, and I would request instructions as to the way in which the Government would wish this done. Were the amounts remitted regularly reported by the Board, and the rate of exchange quoted, this office would be able to keep a record of these transactions, and to check the entries in the Agent's account. Up to the present time, however, no such information has been furnished, nor have the Board supplied the

\* Proceedings Madras Government, No. 746, dated 5th March 1868.

accounts of expenditure in England which the Secretary of State, in a recent Despatch,\* said they had promised to furnish.

7. The latter part of the Agent's letter has been referred to the Accountant General.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
28th April 1868.*

From the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 26th March 1868, No 305.

I observe that the cash balance on the 31st December last, shown in the Capital Account Current, is Rupees 1,58,559-10-9, and as this would appear to be a very much larger sum than is required to provide for the new limited expenditure from capital, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether there would be any objection to that part of the balance, which will not be expended within the next three months, being paid into the Bank of Madras to the credit of Government.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 6th April 1868, No 7.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 305, of the 26th ultimo, to which I have given much consideration.

2. Our balance at the Bank of Madras on the 31st December last was, I admit, large, but that circumstance did not arise from my having needlessly or improvidently drawn upon the public treasury.

3. The accumulation of that balance was due to my having withdrawn the balances from the divisions, and replaced them by sums derived from sources independent of the guaranteed capital.

4. In July 1867 our balance at the Bank of Madras was only Rupees 40,822-12-5.

5. The funds with which I am now carrying on the works are remitted to me periodically, and looking to the various chances of delay or miscarriage to which such a mode of supply is liable, and to the fact that the amount of work, and consequently of the expenditure on the works, is steadily increasing, I feel that to deprive myself of any portion of the balance now at my command would involve a responsibility which I do not feel justified in incurring.

With every desire, therefore, to meet your wishes, I deem it my duty to refer the question to the Directors before I take action upon the suggestion you have made.

6. This appears to me to be a fitting opportunity for drawing your attention to a question in connexion with our mode of remitting to the divisions.

Upon the bills which we obtain from the Accountant General we pay a uniform premium of half per cent, whereas I have been informed that in the case of other parties the usual practice is to receive tenders for the bills, that half is the maximum premium paid, and that in some instances (when the Government are desirous of relieving the Mofussil treasuries of surplus specie without expense) the bills are issued at par.

If this be so, I am sure the Government will see the justice of placing us upon the same footing as the general public

No. 512.

ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1868, No. 1287.

IRRIGATION, No. 21.

1. The Government are of opinion that as funds required for the prosecution of the Company's works may at any time be obtained through the Consulting Engineer, there is no necessity for unnecessarily large cash balances being retained, either in the Divisions, or in the hands of the Company's Manager.

2. The Secretary of State will be addressed upon the subject of paragraph 6.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company  
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Exd S. T. Augustin.

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I have the honor to be  
 Yours most truly  
 R. Hartwell Clarke  
 Agent Manager

To Govt Secy 6/78 Office/68-

The Agent Manager  
 To P.M. 1320/68  
 The Consulting Engineer  
 29/6/68  
 The balance of the Bank  
 of Madras for the 31st Decr  
 1867  
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 Consulting Engineer's Office  
 Irrigation and Canal Co.  
 Madras 26<sup>th</sup> March 1868

From  
 Captain John Mullins R.E.  
 Consulting Engineer I & C Co.  
 The Agent and Manager I & C Co.  
 Sir,

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 31<sup>st</sup> December last shown in the Capital account  
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 Credit of Government.

I have the honor to be  
 Sir,  
 John Mullins Captain R.E.  
 Consulting Engineer I & C Co.

(True Copy)  
 Wm Mullins Captain R.E.  
 Consulting Engineer I & C Co.

Compd

Consulting Engineer's Office  
Irrigation and Canal Co.  
Madras 8<sup>th</sup> April 1868

No. 6  
Sir

Captain John. Mullins R.E.  
Consulting Engineer Land & C.C.  
Colonel C. H. Orr R.E.  
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,  
I have the honor to submit for the information of Government a copy of my letter as per margin together with the Agents

1:305 dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 1868.  
\* N. 7 of 6 April 68 reply.

Agents - Rs. 1,57,960  
Bellary Dist. - 6244

2 In the letter addressed to the Agents it was noticed that the balance, Rupees 15,559, of Guaranteed Capital in his hands and in the Divisions, on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, was very large compared with the monthly expenditure, which is about Rupees 8000-- and he was asked whether there would be any objection to the return of so much, as might not be needed to meet the demands of the next 3 months, to the credit of Government.

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1868

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I have the honor to be,  
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Whitburnians Captain R. E.

Consulting Engineer I. & C. Co.

P.M. 9. 18746  
of 5<sup>th</sup> March 1868

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Public Works Department

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1868

Read the following

From the Com: Engineer  
S. P. Company. (Here enter No. 6 dated 8<sup>th</sup> April/68)

1322

The Government are of opinion that as funds required for the prosecution of the Company's Works may at any time be obtained through the Consulting Engineer, there is no necessity for unnecessarily large cash balances being retained, either in the Division or in the hands of the Company's Manager.

The Secretary of State will be addressed upon the subject of para b.

To Com: Engr S. P. Co.  
Manager.

Resp: 24/4/68

Handwritten signature

Copy in letter to Engr  
of 30.4.1868 A. 16.

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The Com: Engr  
To the Secretary to Govt.  
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Subsidiary information  
copy of this letter to the  
Agent of this reply  
here to regarding the cash  
balance at the branch  
of Madras on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
1867  
1287-287 April 1868

17 April 1868 A. 21

Copy in a letter to England,  
of 16 April 1868 No. 168

P. W. 1868. Department.

Proc. of Govt for April  
No. 1287

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. of Madras.

Dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 1868

Passing orders on a  
letter from the Commr Engg. 1466  
relative to the large cash  
balances returned in the  
Divisions and the non-receipts  
of the accounts of the Company's  
Home expenditure &c.

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No. 511-512