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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 644. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 23rd January 1863, No. 3,918:—

1 I have the honor to forward a copy of a Statement of unadjusted balances for the years 1856-57, 1857-58, 1858-59, 1859-60, and 1860-61, submitted to this Office for verification, and to state that there appears to be no likelihood of any further information being elicited from Superintending Engineers, to enable this Office to adjust the amount remaining to be cleared up by bills.

2. From the Statement it will be seen that the largest balances are against the Tanjore* and Trichinopoly*
• Rupees 70,085-6-11 out of Rupees 73,737-0-4. Districts, which have been the cause of considerable correspondence, but with no satisfactory result. The Superintending Engineer can throw no light on them.

3. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to recommend that the whole of the outstanding balances, aggregating Rupees 73,737-0-4, be written off the books of this Office. I am convinced that no advantage can possibly be gained by their further retention, for the parties who made the original payments have either passed away, or cannot now be traced.

4. With reference to the outstanding balances of 1861-62 to 1863-64, I have to add that they have been reduced from Rupees 3,34,850-13-9 on the 30th June 1866 to Rupees 5,330-6-9 on the 31st December 1867; and, I have every reason to believe, that they will be shortly adjusted in full.

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Outstanding balances in the Public Works Department, as shown by the Accountant General, Madras, in his Statement No. 148, dated 6th April 1867, sent to the Controller's Office for verification.

	1856-57.	1857-58.	1858-59.	1859-60.	1860-61.	
Presidency	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Ganjam .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Vizagapatam .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Godavery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Kistna .....	.....	.....	.....	152 11 2	.....	Since adjusted, Rupees 70-15-6.
Nellore .....	.....	70 15 6	.....	.....	.....	
Cuddapah .....	.....	.....	1,526 0 11	.....	.....	
Bellary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Kurnool .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Madras .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
North Arcot .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 11 11	Since adjusted, Rs. 121-13-1, being in excess of balance by Rs. 59-1-2.
South Arcot	74 7 0	549 15 8	.....	54,978 1 1	.....	
Tanjore .....	.....	100 0 0	6,150 5 5	1,144 10 6	5,363 0 8	
Trichinopoly .....	.....	552 14 7	1,111 15 3	.....	1,237 6 0	Since adjusted, Rupees 482-14-7.
Madura .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Tinnevely	2,239 14 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Coimbatore and Wellington	2,145 14 2	.....	.....	.....	515 3 7	
Salem .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
South Canara .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Malabar .....	.....	.....	7 14 0	.....	.....	
Bangalore ...	.....	812 4 10	187 8 0	.....	.....	Pies 9 since adjusted.
Secunderabad and Jaulnah ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	9,460 3 9	2,016 2 7	8,983 11 7	56,275 6 9	7,178 6 2	--74,353 11 1
		100 0 0				
		1,916 2 7				
						616 10 9
						<u>73,737 0 4</u>

MADRAS,

23rd January 1868.

(Signed) P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 645. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1868, No. 330.

1. With this letter the Controller of Public Works Accounts submits a Statement of unadjusted balances for the years 1856-57 to 1860-61.

2. The Government gather from this Return that the total sum for which bills have yet to be submitted is Rupees 73,737-0-4, being only a very small fraction of the aggregate outlay* on Public Works during the period under notice.

* Rupees 229,34,000.

3. The subject of these outstanding balances having frequently been brought under the consideration of Government, His Excellency in Council is quite aware that the late Chief Engineer and the Controllor of Public Works Accounts have used their best exertions to clear off the arrears of former years, and having in view the great difficulty of obtaining vouchers for the outlay incurred during the earlier years referred to, as well as the large amount for which bills have been actually obtained and passed, the result appears to be on the whole not unsatisfactory.

4. The Statement now before Government shows that of the amount still remaining unadjusted, no less than Rupees 66,391-7-2 appertain to the Tanjore District, where, in consequence of high freshes in the Cauvery and Coleroon rivers during the year 1859-60, the embankments sustained considerable damage, and a very large expenditure was hurriedly incurred on the closing of breaches, without the needful precaution being taken of supporting the outlay *in all cases* by proper and satisfactory vouchers. This circumstance, coupled with the absence of the Executive Officers by whom the payments were made, and the length of time which has elapsed since the transactions occurred, renders it hopeless to expect that bills will now be submitted for the amount remaining unadjusted up to the 30th April 1861, and being satisfied that nothing would be gained by pursuing the subject further, His Excellency in Council resolves to direct, in compliance with the Controller's recommendation, that the abovementioned sum of Rupees 73,737-0-4 be written off to "Profit and Loss."

5. The Government are gratified to learn from paragraph 4 of Colonel O'Connell's letter that, with the exception of the small sum of Rupees 5,330-6-9, which it is expected will be shortly adjusted, the whole of the expenditure† incurred from 1861-62 to 1863-64 has been duly accounted for by bills.

6. As the present system of audit provides for the *monthly* adjustment of Public Works expenditure, the exercise of proper and efficient checks in the Office of the Controller, and ordinary care and attention on the part of Range Officers, will obviate the necessity for any adjustment of outlay such as that sanctioned in these Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
 „ Superintending Engineers.
 To Captain Kennedy.
 „ the Accountant General.
 Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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N^o 3918. / Office of the Controller of Public
Works Accounts.
Madras, 23rd January 1868.

The (acting) Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To, The Secretary to Government S. W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. Enclosure. Have the honor to forward a copy of a Statement of inadequated balances for the years 1856.57, 1857.58, 1858.59, 1859.60, and 1860.61, submitted to this Office for verification, and to state that there appears to be no likelihood of any further information being elicited from Superintending Engineers, to enable this Office to adjust the amount remaining to be cleared up by bills.

2. I now the Statement, it will be seen, that the largest balances are against the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts, which have been the cause of considerable correspondence, but with no satisfactory result. The Superintending Engineer can throw no light on them.

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6.11 out of Rupees
73,737.0.4.

3. Under these circumstances I have the honor to recommend that the whole of the outstanding Balances, aggregating Rs. 73,737.0.4, be written off the Books of this Office. I am convinced that no advantage can possibly be gained by their further retention for the

the parties who made the original
fragments have either passed away or
cannot now be traced.

4. With reference to the
outstanding Balances of 1861. 62 to 1863. 64,
I have to add, that they have been
reduced from Rupees 3,354,850. 13. 9 on the
30th June 1866 to Rupees 5,330. 11. 9 on the
31st December 1867; and I have every reason
to believe that they will be shortly
adjusted, in full.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt servant.

Wm. H. H. H. H.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Unlimited copy of oil
of testament of private
balance for the
years from 1856. 57
to 1860. 61, and reem-
-mended that our
-standing balance
of \$276.37.04 be
written off to Profit
& Loss.

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 The Secretary to
 the Senate of the
 U. S. Government
 Washington
 D. C.
 Dear Sir:
 I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt
 of your letter of the
 17th inst. in relation
 to the proposed
 amendment to the
 Constitution of the
 United States.
 I am sorry to hear
 that you are unable
 to attend the meeting
 of the Convention.
 I am, Sir, very
 respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. M. McKim

standing Balances in the P.W.D. as shown by the Accountant General, Madras in his Statement No. 11,8. dated 6th April 1867 sent the Controller's Office for verification.

	1856.57	1857.58	1858.59	1859.60	1860.61.	
Residency —	"	"	"	"	"	
Muzim —	"	"	"	"	"	
Lagapatam —	"	"	"	"	"	
Lawerij —	"	"	"	"	"	
Pistna —	"	"	"	152	112	
Elloe —	"	70.166	"	"	"	Since adjusted -70-16-6.
Adapala —	"	"	"	"	"	
Ellary —	"	"	1526	"	"	
Ernool —	"	"	"	"	"	
Madrad —	"	"	"	"	62	Since adjusted -121-13-1 being in L. of Balma by Rs 59-1-2
At the Aroet —	"	"	"	"	"	
At the Aroet —	74	7	549	158	"	
Agore —	"	100	6150	55	54978	11
Chhopoly —	"	582	47	1111	153	1144
Aduma —	"	"	"	"	"	"
Amuelly —	7239	147	"	"	"	"
Arbatne and						
Wellington —	2145	142	"	"	"	"
Am —	"	"	"	"	"	51537
At the Canara —	"	"	"	"	"	"
Alalabar —	"	"	"	"	"	"
Agulore —	"	"	7	14	"	"
Underabad and						
Amulrah —	"	812	440	187	8	"
	9460	39	2016	27	100	
	1916	27	8993	1175	6275	69
				4178	1.2	74363-11-1
						Deduct since adjusted - 616-10-9
						73,737.0.4

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 P.W. Accounts,
 Madras 23^d January
 1868.

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Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 30th January 1868

From the Controller of P.W. Accounts: *[Signature]* 23rd Jan'y 1868

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Read the following:

With this letter the Controller of Public Works Accounts submits a statement of undischarged balances for the years 1856/57 to 1865/61.

The Government gather from this Return that the total sum of which bills have yet to be submitted is Rs. 73,737.4, being only a very small fraction of the aggregate outlay on Public Works during the period under notice.

Rs. 229,34,000.

3. The subject of these
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sideration of Govt.
His Excellency in Council
is quite aware that the
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and the Controller of Pub-
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used their best exertions
to clear off the arrears
of former years and
having in view the
large amount for which
bills have been actually
obtained and passed
the result cannot be
regarded as otherwise
than satisfactory.

great difficulty of obtaining
vouchers for the outlay in-
curred during the earlier
years referred to, as well
as the large amount for
which bills have been
actually obtained & passed,
the result appears to
be on the whole not
unsatisfactory.

4. The Statement now
before Govt. shows that
of the amount still
remaining

remaining unadjusted,
no less than Rs. 6639/-7-2
appertain to the Tanjore
District, where, in con-
sequence of high freshes
in the Cauvery and
Coleroon rivers during
the year 1859/60,
considerable damage and
a truly large expenditure
was hurriedly incurred
on the closing of breaches
without the needful pre-
caution being taken
of supporting the outlay
in all cases by proper
and satisfactory vouchers.
This circumstance, as
explained by the absence
of the Executive Officers
in charge of the payments
in the district, and the
length of time which
has

has elapsed, since the transactions occurred, renders it hopeless to expect, that bills will, now, be submitted for the amount remaining unadjusted up to the 30th April, 1860, and being satisfied, that nothing would be gained by pursuing the subject, further, His Excellency in Council resolves to direct, in compliance with the Controller's recommendation, that the above mentioned sum of Rs. 73,737.00 be written off to "Profit and Loss".

The Govt. are gratified to learn from financial of Colonel Connel's letter that, with the exception of the small sum

Rs. 11,770.000

sum of Rs. 5330.6.9 which it is expected will be shortly adjusted, the whole of the expenditure incurred from 1861/62 to 1863/64 has been duly accounted for by bills.

6 As the present system of audit provides for the monthly adjustment of Public Works expenditure, the exercise of a proper and efficient checks in the Office of the Controller, and ordinary care and attention on the part of Range Officers, will obviate the necessity for any adjustment of outlay such as that

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To
4 The Controller ✓
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4 Capt Kennedy ✓
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Prof. J. J. Van Hook.
The University of Chicago.

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Pro of Govt for January

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Pro of the Madras Govt

10/30th January 1868

To the
Honble Secy
to the Govt

Passing orders on a letter
from the Controller of P.W. Accounts
submitting a statement of unadjusted
balances for 1856-57 to 1860/61.

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