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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd January 1869.*

No 450. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 17th December 1868, No 97 —

1 In paragraph 6 of the letter from this Office, submitting the Store Accounts for the quarter ended the 30th September 1867, it was mentioned that, at the stock-taking of 1866-67, the differences found in the stores of the Kunder Division were—

2 Letters from Agent in original
1 Copy of letter from Consulting Engineer
1 Statement

Proceedings Madras Government, 10th December 1867, No 3,847

	RS	A	P
Stores deficient	1,604	9	4
Do surplus	292	14	11

and I have now the honor to submit the letter as per margin,* from the Agent

* No. 337, 4th December 1868

and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, showing the result of the examination into these differences, and recommending an arbitrary adjustment of the portion of the difference remaining unexplained

2 Of the differences above mentioned, it will be seen that the whole of the surplus is capable of regular adjustment, and the several heads mentioned can at once be credited with their respective portions† of this surplus. On the other hand, of the deficiency

	RS	A	P
† Works	240	14	0
Executive Department	41	6	1
Store charges	10	10	10
	292	14	11

	RS	A	P
179 7 8 are debitable to the Executive Department.	121	4	7
Do. do Works.	8	11	3
Do. do Store charges.			

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Also stores of the value of Rupees 457-1-10 are reported to have become unserviceable, and regarding others, valued at Rupees 838, no explanation can be given.

3. The further correspondence on the subject of the two last-mentioned sums shows that the Agent is satisfied that the unserviceable stores have really become so from sundry causes, and that

To Agent, No 230, 9th instant
From „ „ 349, 14th „

they are not missing; and this being the case their value, Rupees 457-1-10, may be debited to Profit and Loss, the sale proceeds, when they shall have been disposed of, being credited to the same head

4. Regarding the unexplained deficiency, Rupees 838, it will be seen from the enclosed Statement that it consists chiefly of—

Pickaxes, 5 and 6 lbs., No. 578,	Rupees	807	6	11
„ 7 and 8 „ „ 3, „		6	0	0
„ 9 and 10 „ „ 1, „		2	0	0

and the Agent has found it impracticable to account for their absence. The value of stores in the Division on the 30th April 1865, the date of the previous examination, was only Rupees 4,116-8-2, and of the issues to works, during the interval between the two stock-takings, Rupees 147-9-8, so that there was but little oppor-

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tunity for mistakes Mr. Henslowe considers that neither the Divisional Engineer nor the Storekeeper should be held responsible, because, during the discontinuance of operations, all staff was withdrawn from the Division. At the time however of the withdrawal, the stores should have been examined, and a list of them sent to the Agent's office, and then not only would there have been no doubt as to the stores actually in stock at that time, but any differences which may have then existed would have been susceptible of explanation, and probably of adjustment, whereas, after two or three years, it is impossible to say whether the deficiency occurred before the Engineer and Storekeeper were withdrawn, or after that date

5. As the case stands, the only course open is, I think, to allow of the debit of this deficiency, Rupees 838, to Profit and Loss.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 4th December 1868, No 337.

1. I have the honor to inform you that in the statement of differences exhibited by the stock-taking in the Koondaur Division, in March 1867, there is an item of deficiency amounting to Rupees 838, composed chiefly of Pickaxes, all efforts to clear up which have proved unavailing

2. The matter has been allowed to stand over in the hope that the stock-taking of 1868 would throw some light upon it, but the stock has been taken and adjusted, and leaves the previous deficiency unexplained

3. Under these circumstances, I beg to submit that no purpose will be served by keeping the account any longer open, and I recommend an arbitrary adjustment of the deficiency

4. The differences may be classified as under —

	Surplus			Deficiency.		
	RS	A	P	RS	A	P
To be credited to Works	240	14	0			
to Executive Department	41	6	1			
to Store charges	10	10	10			
To be debited to Executive Department ..				179	7	8
to Works				121	4	7
to Store charges				8	11	3
To be debited to Profit and Loss, namely —						
Rotten, eaten by white-ants, or otherwise un-				457	1	10
serviceable				838	0	0
Unexplained deficiency, as noted above						
Total ..	292	14	11	1,604	9	4

From the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 9th December 1868, No 230.

1 In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, No 337, I have the honor to point out that as all discrepancies in the stock of the Koondaur Division, up to 30th April 1865, were adjusted in due course, the differences to which you refer, and which, after enquiry, show an unexplained deficiency of Rupees 838, occurred between April 1865 and March 1867 I find that the value of stores belonging to the Division on the former date was Rupees 4,116-8-2, and that the value of stores issued to the works was only Rupees 147-9-8 The transactions in stores were, therefore, extremely small, and it would seem to be improbable that the deficiency can be accounted for by mistakes in recording issues If therefore you do not consider that the Storekeeper and the Divisional Officer should be held responsible for the loss, I shall feel obliged if you will be good enough to state, for the information of Government, why you think they should be exonerated

2. I shall feel obliged if you will furnish me with the usual classified priced list of stores surplus and deficient, and I shall be glad also to know whether a regular examination of the stores

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shown as "rotten, eaten by white-ants, or otherwise unserviceable," and valued at Rupees 457-1-10, has been made, and whether the result satisfied you that all the items had been properly accounted for

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 14th December 1868, No 349

1. I have the honor to reply to your letter, No 230 of the 9th instant, with reference to the deficiency in the stock of stores of the Koondaur Division

2 It is a fact that that deficiency arose at a period when little or no work was doing in the Division, and all efforts to arrive at an explanation of it have proved fruitless It is not to be supposed that goods so bulky can have been dishonestly abstracted from the stock of stores, articles, moreover, which are not used by the villagers It is possible that the pickaxes, of which the deficiency mainly consists, were transferred to some other Division, but the records of both this and the neighbouring Divisions show nothing in support of this view

3 I do not think we can fix the responsibility of the loss (if it be a loss) upon any Engineer or Storekeeper, seeing that during the discontinuance of operations all staff was withdrawn from the Division.

4. On the abandonment of the Division the stores were, as it was supposed, made secure in the bungalow, but after some time it was discovered that pilfering was taking place, and Police Peons were thereupon placed in charge of the premises

5 With reference to the articles said to be "rotten, eaten by white-ants, or otherwise unserviceable," I beg to say that no one has been deputed from my office to examine the articles, but evidence has been adduced in support of the statement sufficient to satisfy me of the correctness of it

6 I enclose, as requested, a priced list of the surplus and deficient stores

No. 451. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1868, No. 223.

IRRIGATION, No. 36.

Under the explanation afforded in these papers, the Government, concurring with the Consulting Engineer in his remarks in paragraph 4, authorize the two sums of Rupees 457-1-10 and 838, to be written off to "Profit and Loss"

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government

To the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company
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.. Manager for

Exd. S T. Augustin.

Cal. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

THE MADRAS IRRIGATION AND

CANAL COMPANY

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10th Dec 1867

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10th Dec 1867

JANUARY.

No. 113-114

"Profit and Loss" — Part is not present
ed for writing off Rupees 1205-1-10 to
"Profit and Loss," on account of the dif-
ferences found in the stores of the Koonduar
Division of the Madras Irrigation and
Canal Company at the stock taking of
1866-67.

Consulting Engineers Office
Irrigation and Canal Company
Madras, 17th Decr 68.

No 97

Sir,

Captain, J. Mulline, R.E.

Commanding for S.C. Co.

Secretary to Government
Department of Pub. Works.

In para. 6 of the letter from this office
submitting the Store Accounts for the quarter
ended the 30th September 1867, it was mentioned
that, at the Stocktaking of 1866/67, the differ-
ences found in the Stores of the Koonduar Division
were Stores deficient Rs 1604-9-4
surplus Rs 292-14-11

and I have now the honor to submit the letter
as per margin from the Agent and Manager,
Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, showing
the result of the examination into these
differences, and recommending an arbitrary
adjustment of the portion of the difference re-
maining unexplained.

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of regular adjustment, and the several heads
mentioned

4th Decr 68

* Works ----- 240-14-
 Executive Dept - 41-6-1
 Store charges ----- 10-10-10
 292-14-11

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Voluntarily Captain, N.C.

Car. Luper for L. W. Company.

Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23rd Jan 1869
Read the following

From the Comm. Engineer for (Here enter No 97) dated 17th December 1868
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The Comm. Engineer for the Madras District
4. Commr. Do. ✓

Dec 20/69

[Signature]

Approved by the Commr. for the Madras District
The Secretary to the Govt.

Under 17th Dec 1868

Encl. 4.

Subm. to letter from the Commr. to the result of the examination into the expenses incurred in para. 4 of his letter authorizing the above amounts for the grant under 30 Sept 1868.

No 223-23 Dec 1868

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2, The Consulting Engineer
for the Madison Irrigation
and Canal Company

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Nos: 457-457

"Profile and Log" Permission granted
for writing off Rs. 1295-1-10 Profile
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1856-57.

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