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No. 267. Read the following Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 25th May 1871, No. 522:—

From the Executive Engineer, Oossoor Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Adamancottah, 13th May 1871, No. 141.

In reply to your No. 47, dated 1st instant, I have the honour to inform you that the excess of Rupees 173-8-7, over the maintenance grant for the Great Western Road, was caused by a payment made to the Superintendent of Stores of Rupees 181-10-2 in the latter part of the year for nine levels he had supplied. The revised bill for those levels was not received till February, after the grant had been expended, and the Superintendent could not wait till the following year for payment.

2. The reduction of 6 per cent. on the grant in October 1870 disarranged all my previous arrangements for expending the grant.

No. 46.

Communicated to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with reference to the Audit Note on the accounts of the Oossoor Range for the month of February 1871. It is not clear what style of levels is intended, but if they are merely mason's levels the charge seems erroneous.

Teroovamoor,
18*th May* 1871.

(Signed) A. BOILEAU, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 4 of their Proceedings No. 106, dated 17th May 1871.

2. The officer in charge of the Oossoor Range having made a demand upon the Public Works Workshop, it was clearly his duty to have set apart a sufficient amount to meet the charges of the factory. The reduction of the grant from "Repairs Communications" having been made in G. O., No. 2,445, dated 11th *October* 1870, there was ample time for the Range Officer to arrange for restricting his outlay on the "Great Western Road" to such a sum as would leave sufficient money at his disposal as a set off against the Workshop bill.

3. As there seems to be some misunderstanding in the matter, it would be well to instruct Range Officers generally, that, before applying to the workshop for articles requiring to be supplied, or for work requiring to be done by the factory, they should be satisfied that specific allotments of funds are actually available to adjust all charges.

4. The explanation of the Officer in charge of the Salem Range, in reference to the excess over the estimate for the "restoration of the Serookalay ruined tank," has been called for, and will be submitted to Government as soon as it is received in this office.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 268. Order thereon, 16th June 1871, No. 1,618.

ACCOUNT, No. 17.

The Government cannot regard as satisfactory the explanation submitted by the Officer in charge of the Oossoor

Range regarding the expenditure of Rupees 174 in excess of the enhanced* maintenance grant for the Great Western Road. It was clearly the duty of Mr. Paynter, before applying to the Workshops for levels, to have satisfied himself that the available funds were sufficient to meet the cost of the articles, and to have regulated his expenditure accordingly.

* G. O., No. 793, dated 16th March 1871.

2. As pointed out by the Controller, the reduction in the maintenance grants for roads was ordered to be carried out so early as October in the past official year, and ample time was therefore allowed to make such arrangements as would keep expenditure within the reduced grants.

3. When however it is considered that, as a set off to the reduction, the maintenance grant for the portion of the road within the Oossoor Range limits was afterwards supplemented to the extent of Rupees 1,340, or Rupees 672 in excess of the amount surrendered, the plea that "the reduction of 6 per cent. on the grant in October 1870, disarranged all previous arrangements for expending the grant" must be regarded as untenable.

4. This want of care on the part of the Range Officer has left the Government no alternative but to pass the outlay, and the Controller will be informed accordingly, but the Government hope that after the recent restrictive orders similar instances of unauthorized expenditure will not occur.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 269.

(DOCKET No. 1,619, dated 16th June 1871.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India, in continuation of endorsement No. 107, dated 17th May 1871.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

No. 141. Oossoor Range Office
Adamancottah, 13th May 1871

From The Executive Engineer
Oossoor Range

To The Superintending Engineer 5th Division

Sir,

In reply to your No. 47, dated 1st instant, I have the honor to inform you that the excess of Rs. 173-8-2 over the maintenance grant for the Great Western Road was caused by a payment made to the Superintendent of Stores of Rs. 181-10-2 in the latter part of the year for levels he had supplied. The revised bill for those levels was not received till February, after the grant had been expended, and the Superintendent could not wait till the following year for payment.

2. The reduction of

6 per cent on the Grant for October 1870 disarranged all my previous arrangements for expending the Grant.

I have &c.

Signed L. W. Paynter
Executive Engineer

No 46

Superintg Engrs Office
5th Division
Sheorasmoor 18th May 1871.

Communicated to the Controller of P.W. Accounts, with reference to the audit note on the Accounts of the Ootacamund Range for the month of February 1871. It is not clear what style of Levels is intended, but if they are merely Plans Levels the charge seems erroneous.

Sd/ J. A. Boileau Col. R.E.
Supt Engr 5th Division

Submitted

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to para 4 of their Proceedings No. 100, dated 17th May 1871.

2. The Officer in charge of the Ootacamund Range having made a demand upon the Public Works Workshop it was clearly his duty to have set apart a sufficient amount to meet the charges of the Factory. The reduction of the Grant from "Repairs Communications" having been made in G.O. No. 2445 dated 11th October 1870 there was ample time for the Range Officer to arrange for restricting the outlay on the "Great West-ern Road" to such a sum as would leave sufficient money at his disposal as

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6 per cent on the Grant for
October 1870 disarranged all
my previous arrangements
for expending the Grant.
I have &c.
(Signed) R. W. Saunders
Executive Engineer

No 46

Superintending Civil Officer
5th Division
Thayetmyo 16th May 1871

Communicated to the
Controller of P. W. Accounts
with reference to the
Note in the Accounts of the
Cosoor Range for the
month of February 1871. In
which clear mistake of
Level is intended, but
if they are mere Explanation
Level the charge seems
erroneous.

(Sgd) J. Boileau Col R.E.
Supdg Engr 5th Division

Submitted

No. 522 5

Submitted for the
information of Govern-
ment, with reference to
para 4 of their Proceedings
No 106, dated 17th May 1871.

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of the Cosoor Range having
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as would leave sufficient
money at his disposal as

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a set off against the Work Shop Bill.

3. As there seems to be some misunderstanding in the matter, it would be well to instruct Range Officers generally that before applying to the Work shop for articles requiring to be supplied, or for work requiring to be done, by the Factory, they should be satisfied that specific allotments of funds are actually available to adjust all charges.

4. The explanation of the Officer in charge of the Salem Range, in reference to the excess over the Estimate for the "Restoration of the Siroolalay Ruined tank" has been called for, and will be submitted to Government as soon as it is received in this Office.

S. Thodey
Controller of P.W. Accounts

Office of the Controller of P.W. Accounts
Madras 25th May 1871

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George.

Public Works Department

No 1616.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 16th June 1871

Read the following

From The Controller of P.W. Accounts — No. 5227, 25th May 1871

The Government cannot regard as satisfactory the explanation submitted by the officer in charge of the Ordnance Range regarding the expenditure of Rs. 793 3/16 incurred on account of the Embankment maintenance grant for the Great Western Road.

It was clearly the duty of the Range officer to have reported to the

× G.O. No 793 3/16th March 71.

The Controller of P.W. Accounts

For Secretary to Government

P.W. Department

Fort St. George

Dated 25th May 1871

No. 2263

Submitted for the information & orders of Government.

Under instructions from the Executive Engineer Ordnance Range I forward the explanation Brainderance Grant Rs 793-3-16 Great Western Road.

Fort St. George 16th June 1871

Executive Engineer

Ordnance Range

Fort St. George

The 16th June 1871

Submitted to Government

Controller of P.W. Accounts

- ships for leads, to have satisfied himself that the available funds were sufficient to meet the cost of the articles, and to have regulated his expenditure accordingly.

It was pointed out by the Controller, the reduction in the maintained grant for roads was ordered to be carried out so early in October in the last official year, and the simple time was therefore allowed to make such arrangements as would keep expenditure within the reduced grant.

When

is considered, had not effect to the reduction in the maintenance grant for the portion of the road within the Cocoa Range limit, was dealt with as regarded to the extent of £1340, only £672, being in excess of the amount considered, the plea that "the reduction of "6 per cent on the grant "in October, 1870, dis- "arranged all previous "arrangements for "expending the grant" must be regarded as untenable.

This mark of

of carelessness the part

of the Range Officer has left the Government no alternative but to fence the rotlag, and the Contractors will be informed accordingly, but the Government hope that after the present restrictive orders similar instances of unauthorized expenditure will not occur.

H.Q. No. 1619 &c.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Govt of India in continuation of Endorsement No 107 dated 17th May 1871.

H. Elwes
Lieut. R.E.

To
The Supt Engr. 5th Cir
" Centre of P.W.D.
All the Supt Engrs
Major RB. Kennedy
Genl Supt P.W. Stores

Dated 19/6/71

Time at the Commencement of the Old Range Office for the month of Feb last

Fuel for Range Office 19-6-71
" " 23-6-71

6 Lieut. 71 R-8

If the Range Officer has left the Government's

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Cost of [1871] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr
5th Division
and
To The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 15th June 1871, Nos. 1615-1617

Nos. 267-268 1263

(Order)

Sanctioning certain items of
Excess on the Expenditure
incurred by the Engr & Co
of the 5th Dn regarding the
objectionable items in the
Accounts of the Expenses Re
taken up for February 18
(Letter)

Furnishing a copy
of the Proc. on the subject
thus submitted with
regard to the objectionable
items