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3rd March 1871.*

No. 64. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 16th February 1871, No. 120.—

In his diary for November last, the Examiner of Accounts noticed that the Storekeeper of the Hindry Division had been allowed a commission of 5 per cent. on a sale of stores which he considered objectionable. The circumstances of the transaction were as follows.

2. In May 1870 I received an application from the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, for sanction to a sale of old iron and worthless timber, and in the Executive Engineer's letter which accompanied he said,—

"I should recommend that, as usual, the Storekeeper should have 5 per cent. on the proceeds of the sale"

3 In authorizing the sale of the stores by public auction duly advertised, without any remark about the Storekeeper's conducting the sale, I certainly intended that the application might be complied with, and tacitly sanctioned the commission of 5 per cent under the impression that it had been usual, and that it would be politic, as giving the Storekeeper an interest in realizing as much as possible by the sale. The Agent also sanctioned his being so employed; but

See his No 59, 9th February 1871

"the question of remuneration entirely escaped his notice" The Executive Engineer of the Division, however, concluded that the arrangement which he proposed had been approved of and sanctioned, as he was told nothing to the contrary, and consequently paid, or rather allowed the Storekeeper to retain, the sum of Rupees 420-13 0 as commission.

4 The Agent disapproves of the payment of so large a commission as 5 per cent. to the Storekeeper, and has informed the Executive Engineer that he will be held responsible for the amount; but he is prepared not to enforce the retrenchment if the Government sanction the transaction, which will not be allowed to act as a precedent, and considering that the Storekeeper has left the Company's service and no recovery can be made from him, also that the amount retained by him is not all gain, sundry attendant expenses having been defrayed by him, namely,

Agent's No 59, 9th February 1871

obtaining a lease, advertising the sale, and paying a writer said to amount to about 100 Rupees, and further that it seems to me that the Executive Engineer had grounds for supposing the commission of 5 per cent was authorized, I would beg the sanction of Government to the Examiner's objection being withdrawn, and that the Agent be at liberty to relieve Mr. Dodson, the Executive Engineer, of the penalty.

Agent's No 72, 14th February 1871

As it appears that the commission of 5 per cent. allowed to the Storekeeper of the Hindry Division for the sale of certain old stores was authorized under a misapprehension, and as the

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Storekeeper is reported to have left the Company's service, the Government approve of the charge being passed by the Examiner, and of the Executive Engineer being relieved of the responsibility of making good the amount.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.  
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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Consulting Engineer's office  
Irrigation and Canal Company  
Madras, 16 Feb/71.

No. 120  
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To, Colonel, R.E.,  
Counsel for S. Co.  
The Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department

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4. The Agent disapproves of the payment of so large a commission as 5 per cent to the Storekeeper, and has informed the Executive Engineer that he will be held responsible for the amount. but he is prepared not to enforce the retrenchment if the Government sanction the transaction which will not be allowed to set as a precedent, and considering that the Storekeeper has left the Company's service and no recovery can be made from him - also that the amount retained by him is not all gain; sundry attendant expenses having been defrayed by him; namely: obtaining a lease - advertising the sale - and paying a writer - said to amount to about

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I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
J. H. M. Cole P.B.  
Clerk for C. Company.

J.B.

Public Works Department

No 628/28

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Under date the 3 March 1911

Read the following

From The Comm. Engineer for S. & C. { S. & C. No 120 of 16th July 1911

As it appears that the commission of five per cent allowed to the Storekeeper of the Hindy Division for the sale of certain old stores was authorized under a misapprehension, and as the Storekeeper is reported to have left the Company's service, the Government approve of the charge being passed

N.P.

18th July 1911  
To the Comm. Engineer for S. & C.  
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras

18th July 1911

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To  
The Consulting Engineer for  
the Madras Irrigation  
& Canal Company

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For the charge of the  
Cent. allowed to the  
Hon. Secy of the Madras  
Govt. for the sale of certain  
horses being seized belonging  
to the Madras Govt. Co.  
being seized, authorized.

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