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**Government of Madras.**

*Public works* **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 203. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; dated Fort St. George, 11th June 1872, No. 596:—

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of Government, that the credits for which the late Acting Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division applied to this office, on behalf of the Executive Engineer in charge of the Salem Range for the month of March last, were as follow:—

|                                   |     |     |     |     | RS.    | A. | P. |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| <i>Original applications.</i>     |     |     |     |     |        |    |    |
| Hoozoor Treasury                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,000  | 0  | 0  |
| Namcul ..                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,000  | 0  | 0  |
| Ahtoor ..                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,500  | 0  | 0  |
| Trichengode ..                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,000  | 0  | 0  |
| <i>Supplemental applications.</i> |     |     |     |     |        |    |    |
| Hoozoor Treasury                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,160  | 0  | 0  |
| Namcul ..                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,080  | 0  | 0  |
| Trichengode ..                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,723  | 15 | 8  |
| Total...                          |     |     |     |     | 14,463 | 15 | 8  |

2. In addition to these sums, the Range Officer brought forward the following credits in his Accounts for March:—

|             |     |     |     |     | RS.   | A. | P. |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Hoozoor     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,897 | 0  | 0  |
| Namcul      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,843 | 0  | 0  |
| Ahtoor      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,657 | 0  | 0  |
| Trichengode | ... | ... | ... | ... | 717   | 0  | 0  |
| Total...    |     |     |     |     | 7,114 | 0  | 0  |

and, against these supposed credits, actually drew cheques to the following amounts, all which appear as disbursements in his cash account for March:—

|                  |     |     |     |     | RS.   | A. | P. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Hoozoor Treasury | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,896 | 6  | 9  |
| Trichengode ..   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 673   | 9  | 7  |
| Total...         |     |     |     |     | 2,570 | 0  | 4  |

3. This office knew nothing of the excess credits, aggregating Rupees 7,114, nor did it appear, on reference to the office of the Accountant-General of Madras, that such credits had been granted; but in order to prevent delay in the disposal of the accounts of the last month of the official year, this department allowed an excess credit to the extent of the actual withdrawals, namely, Rupees 2,570-0-4, to the Civil Department, to continue in the Salem Range Accounts, and disallowed the following, against which there had been no withdrawals:—

|             |     |     |     |     | RS.   | A. | P. |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Hoozoor     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0     | 9  | 3  |
| Namcul      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,843 | 0  | 0  |
| Ahtoor      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,657 | 0  | 0  |
| Trichengode | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43    | 6  | 5  |
| Total...    |     |     |     |     | 4,543 | 15 | 8  |

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4. The corrections to be made in the accounts consequent on this arrangement were duly communicated to the Executive Engineer of the Salem Range, who was also called upon to submit to this office the original letters of the late Acting Superintending Engineer, advising him of the excess credits of Rupees 7,114 detailed above. Mr. Lawford's reply has not yet been received, but I have had an opportunity of personally inspecting the advices called for, except that which relates to the excess credit on the Hoozoor Treasury, which has not yet been returned to the Executive Engineer by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salem Treasury.

5. There is little doubt, under the circumstances which I have explained, that intimation of the excess credits of Rupees 7,114 was actually given to the Executive Engineer by the late Acting Superintending Engineer, and that this was done under some misapprehension which I am unable to clear up. The whole correspondence has been laid before the present Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division, and as the only way of adjusting the difference which now appears between the accounts of the Civil and Public Works Departments, I have suggested to the latter officer that, until the withdrawals, aggregating Rupees 2,570-0-4, against the supposed supplemental credits on the Hoozoor and Trichengode Treasuries are made good, the Range Officer should show in his accounts for some particular month corresponding smaller credits to the Civil Department. To make the matter still clearer, the Range Officer will at once ask the Superintending Engineer to supplement his credits for the current month by Rupees 1,896-6-9 on the Hoozoor and Rupees 673-9-7 on the Trichengode Treasuries (in all Rupees 2,570-0-4), and, as the Civil Department has in mine and the Range Officer's Accounts for March received an excess credit to this extent, the two supplemental credits of Rupees 1,891-6-9 and 673-9-7 will not appear as credits to that department in the Public Works Accounts for June.

6. A copy of this letter has been furnished to the Superintending Engineer, and I have only to add that I have considered it necessary to report the circumstances of this case to Government, as, financially, a grave irregularity has been committed in the office of the Superintending Engineer.

No. 204.

ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1872, No. 1,459.

ACCOUNT, No. 20.

GOVERNMENT will await explanation by the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division of the strange irregularity herein reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.  
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N<sup>o</sup> 596 Office of the Controller of  
Public Works Accounts.  
Fort St. George, 11<sup>th</sup> June 1872.

From  
The Controller of Public  
Works Accounts,  
Madras.

To  
The Secretary to Government,  
Public Works Department,  
Madras.

Sir,  
I have the honor  
to bring to the notice  
of Government that the  
credits for which the  
late Acting Superintend-  
ing Engineer of the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Division applied to  
this Office on behalf  
of the Executive Engineer  
in charge of the

Sabur Range for the month of March last were as follows:-

|                           |                 |                      |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Original applications     | Hozoor Treasury | 4,000                |
|                           | Naimul          | 2,000                |
|                           | Ahtoor          | 1,500                |
|                           | Trichengode     | 1,000                |
| Supplemental applications | Hozoor          | 2160                 |
|                           | Naimul          | 2080                 |
|                           | Trichengode     | 1723. 15. 8          |
|                           |                 | <u>12,463. 15. 8</u> |

2. In addition to these sums, the Range Officer brought forward the following credits in his accounts for March:-

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Hozoor      | 1897        |
| Naimul      | 1843        |
| Ahtoor      | 2657        |
| Trichengode | 717         |
|             | <u>7114</u> |

and, against these supplied credits, actually drew Cheques to the following amounts, all which appear as disbursements in his Cash Account for March:-

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Hozoor Treasury | 1896. 6. 9        |
| Trichengode     | 673. 9. 7         |
|                 | <u>2570. 0. 4</u> |

3. This Office drew nothing of the excess credits aggregating Rupees 7,114, nor did it appear, on reference to the Office of the

Accountant General  
of Madras, that such  
credits had been granted;  
but in order to prevent  
delay in the disposal  
of the Accounts of the  
last month of the  
Official year, this  
Department allowed  
an excess credit to the  
extent of the actual  
withdrawals, viz  
Rupees 2,570. ... 4, to  
the Civil Department  
to continue in the  
Salim Range Accounts,  
and disallowed  
the

the following, against  
which there had been  
no withdrawals:-

|               |       |                     |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| Hazor.        | _____ | 9. 3.               |
| Amund.        | _____ | 1843. " "           |
| Attor.        | _____ | 2657. " "           |
| Tricklingdale | _____ | 43. 6. 5            |
|               |       | <hr/> 4,543. 15. 8. |

H. The corrections to  
be made in the  
Accounts consequent  
on this arrangement  
were duly communi-  
cated to the Executive  
Engineer of the Salim  
Range, who was  
also called upon to  
submit to this Office

the original letters  
of the late Acting  
Superintending  
Engineer advising  
him of the excess.

credits of Rupees 7,114  
detailed above. Mr.  
Lawford's reply has  
not yet been received,  
but I have had an  
opportunity of person-  
ally inspecting the  
advices called for,  
except that which  
relates to the excess  
credit on the Bozoor  
Treasury, which has

9  
not yet been returned  
to the Executive Engineer  
by the Deputy Collector  
in charge of the Salem  
Treasury.

5. There is little  
doubt, under the  
circumstances which  
I have explained, that  
intimation of the  
excess credits of Rupees  
7,114 was actually  
given to the Executive  
Engineer by the late  
Acting Superintend-  
ing Engineer, and  
that this was done

under some mis-  
apprehension which  
I am unable to clear  
up. The whole  
correspondence has  
been laid before  
the present Superin-  
tending Engineer of  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Division, and  
as the only way of  
adjusting the difference  
which now appears  
between the Accounts  
of the Civil and  
Public Works Depart-  
ments, I have suggested  
to the latter Officer  
that,

that, until the month-  
ly trials aggregating  
Rupees 2,570. ... 4 against  
the supposed suppl-  
mental credits on  
the Hojoor and  
Trichengode Treasuries  
are made good,  
the Range Officer  
should show in his  
Accounts for some  
particular month  
corresponding smaller  
credits to the Civil  
Department. To make  
the matter still  
clearer, the Range

Officer will at once  
ask the Superin-  
tending Engineer to  
supplement his credits  
for the current month  
by Rupees 1896. 6. 9  
on the Bozoor and  
Rupees 673. 9. 7 on the  
Trichingode Treasuries  
(in all Rupees 2,570. 4)  
and, as the Civil  
Department has, in  
mine and the  
Range Officer's accounts  
for March, received  
an excess credit to this  
extent, the two

supplemental credits  
of Rupees 1896. 6. 9  
and 673. 9. 7 will  
not appear as credits  
to that Department  
in the Public Works  
Accounts for June.

6. A copy of this  
letter has been furnish-  
ed to the Superin-  
tending Engineer,  
and I have only to  
add that I have  
considered it  
necessary to report  
the circumstances  
of this case to

Government, as  
financially, a grave  
irregularity has been  
committed in the  
Office of the Superin-  
tending Engineer.

Have the honor to be  
Your most obedt<sup>serv</sup> servant.

S. Hodge

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

P. W. 1872 ~~Report~~  
No 2914.

From  
The Controller of P.W.  
Accounts,  
Madras.  
The Secretary  
to Government,  
P.W.D.  
Madras.

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 1872.  
Recd 12<sup>th</sup> June 1872.

No 596

Bringing to notice  
the irregularity of the  
excess credits of Rs 7114  
applied for by the late  
Acting Superintending  
Engineer of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division  
on behalf of the  
Executive Engineer of  
the Salem Range.  
No 1159

Govt. will await explanation  
by the Supg. Engr. 5<sup>th</sup> Div of the  
strange irregularity herein  
reported.

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To S. Engr. 5<sup>th</sup> Div. Fort St. George  
Controller. 13 June 1872  
Sh. S. dispatch to Govt. 14/6

No 2914

Govt. of 1872: Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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G. O. 13<sup>th</sup> June 1872. No 1459.

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Nos. 203 & 204

Excess Credits. Awaiting  
explanation by the Super  
5<sup>th</sup> of the irregularity  
might be noticed by the  
author of P. N. Accts. as  
the excess credits applied  
for on behalf of the Ex  
change of the Salem Range.

203 & 204

Controller. ✓ 10 June 1872  
M. J. de Silva  
P. C. 11/7/72