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29th July 1875.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 816. From Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 5th July 1875, No. 43.

With reference to G. O., No. 2,779, dated 2nd October 1874, I have the honor to report that, on examining the books (Cash Abstract of receipts and disbursements, Station Books, Register of Works, and Petty Contractors' Account) of the Irrigation Range, noticed by Government as incomplete and badly kept, I find that they have been brought up to date, and are correct.

1. Cash book.
2. Cash Abstract of receipts and disbursements.
3. Range Pass Book.

But I would notice, for the information of Government, that the marginally noted books have neither been examined nor signed by the Range Officer since February 1875; so that three successive months' accounts were signed by Mr. Scott to this and the Controller's Office without even satisfying himself as to the correctness of the cash book, which in addition does not bear the Range Officer's signature in the first and last pages, as required by the rules; and a payment made on the 7th May has been recorded in the cash book before those of the 4th and 5th May. Mr. Scott not being present at the time of my examination, I pointed out the neglect and carelessness to his Accountant, and I have, in addition, written to Mr. Scott on the subject.

No. 817. From the same Officer, dated Coimbatore, 19th July 1875, No. 48.

In forwarding the enclosed transcript of Mr. Scott's letter of explanation, in respect to the irregularities in his Range Account Books, called for in your memorandum, No. 199, dated 9th July 1875, I have the honor to inform you that I have nothing to add to my report of the 5th July 1875, No. 43.

From Mr. J. SCOTT, Supervisor, in charge of Irrigation Range, to Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, dated Camp at Vellamoondy, 15th July 1875, No. 284.

In answer to your memorandum, No. 98 of 5th July 1875, I beg to state that I am very sorry indeed that there should have been found such omissions in my books, and that I have not signed at the proper time the Range Cash Book, Cash Abstract, and Treasury Pass Book for March, April, and May. I am now in charge of this range for 2½ years, and such a thing has not occurred before, and I am truly sorry that I should have laid myself open to blame; but I beg to say that I am almost always out on inspection tours, so that, when I visit my head quarters I hardly remain more than two or three days, and hence I have had often to sign my accounts to you and the Controller and such when out on tour; the office books being left for signature when I return to head quarters, so when I return to head quarters it is the duty of the Head Accountant to bring the books to me for examination and signature. This he has failed to do during the last three months, and my memory not being very good at all times I rested under the impression that I had signed the books. I have besides much to do in the shape of inspection and measuring and correspondence—and no correspondence clerk to assist me; and further, I have come into head quarters so often lately sick with fever and left again as soon as the fever is over. Further, with reference to the office work relating to correspondence, I have been very particular to answer

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memorandums, &c., as soon as possible, so that I have very few unanswered references now in hand; notwithstanding all these reasons, I feel that I and my Accountants are very much to blame in this matter. I have now supplied all the omissions, and beg that you will kindly overlook this neglect. I shall see that such omissions do not occur again. The payment alluded to in your 1st paragraph, as paid on the 7th May and recorded in Cash Book before 4th and 5th May, is, I beg to say, correct. The payment alluded to is a payment of Rupees 5, made into the Bhowany Treasury (a recovery of house rent at Erode). This is entered in the Cash Book as paid into the Treasury on the 4th May, and the entry in the Treasury Remittance Book also bears the same date, so that the entry is correct as to date.

2. I beg to say that your remarks with regard to the Contractors' Ledger will be attended to in future.

3. *Measurement Books.*—I beg to say that all my measurement books since I took charge of this range are with me; I take them about with me, so that should there be any doubt as to new measurements I could always check and compare the old pits with the new. I have now six measurement books with me, in which are entered all the measurements and check measurements which I have taken. I am now using the seventh, and the pit lists which support the vouchers always show the numbers of the books and pages. I shall carry out in future your instructions regarding Overseers' measurement book.

4. In conclusion, I beg once more to request that you will be pleased to overlook the omissions I have made. I will be very careful hereafter in checking and signing the Range Books.

No. 818. ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1875, No. 2,208.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 70.

Mr. Supervisor Scott's explanation of his neglect to examine and sign some of the most important of his Range Account

Books cannot be considered satisfactory. The Honorable the Governor in Council trusts that in future he will pay most careful attention to this essential part of his duty.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

*Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.  
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Erd. S. T. Austin.

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To  
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.  
COIMBATORE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 29th.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 29th July 1875, No. 2,208.

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Nos 816-818

Mr. Supervisor Scott.—The explanation of — of his neglect to examine and sign some of the most important of his Range Account Books considered unsatisfactory, and he is directed in future to pay most careful attention to this essential part of his duty.

No. 13. Superintending Engineer's Office  
Coimbatore 5 July 1875.

From  
The Superintending Engineer  
Coimbatore.

To  
The Offg. Secretary to Government  
Public Works Dept.  
Madras.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedt servt

William Colwell  
Superintending Engineer  
Combatore.

No. 284.

Irrigation Range Office.  
Camp Vellamoondy  
15<sup>th</sup> July 1875.

From

The Officer in Charge of  
Irrigation Range

To

The Superintending Engineer  
Combatore.

Sir,

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The Off Secretary to

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P. H. Dept

Madras

Ch. Engr. Memo No 179

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Dated 5 July 1875

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Report the result

of examination of

the Irrigation Camp

accounts as per

GO No 2777 of 2 Oct 74

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From No 14130

The Supg Engineer

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To The Off Secretary to

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Yours faithfully

John Scott

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 17th 18 of 19 July 1905

Copy of Mr. Scott's  
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 Compositions &c. &c.  
 17th 1905/95  
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Measurement Books. I beg to  
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the new. I have now 6 measure-  
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and check measurements, which  
I have taken. I am now using  
the 4<sup>th</sup> and the fit lists which  
support the vouchers always  
show the top of the Books  
and pages. I shall carry out  
in future your instructions re-

N<sup>o</sup> 48.

Superintending Engineer's Office  
Coimbatore 19<sup>th</sup> July 1875.

From  
The Superintending Engineer  
Coimbatore.

To The Offg. Chief Engineer &c.  
Madras.

Sir,

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to add to my report of  
the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1875, No 123.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Wm. G. Colwell  
Superintending Engineer  
Coimbatore.

Public Works Dept.

No 2208

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The Supg Engineer,  
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and Mr. Madras

Ordered 19<sup>th</sup> July 1875  
No. 43.

Enclosure.

Forward copy of

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of 5<sup>th</sup> instant

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