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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd August 1875.*

No. 373. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 16th August 1875, No. 67 W. :—

I HAVE the honor to request the orders of Government relative to the disposal of a sum of Rupees 3,603-0-6, which has been outstanding in the Miscellaneous Advance Account of the Nilgiri District since March 1873.

2. The circumstances in connection with this unadjusted item are rather involved, but the following brief statement of facts will, I trust, be sufficient to enable Government to pass an order on the case.

3. The Government is aware that the services of the Sappers and Miners are occasionally made use of in the construction of public works, the working pay, &c., of the men so employed being charged to the works on which they are engaged. It would appear that previous to the year 1871-72 the adjustment of account between the Public Works and Military Departments on account of Sapper labor was based on the value of the work done, and was made monthly.

4. Under G. O., No. 2,646, dated 9th November 1872, this system was changed, and it was then decided that, in lieu of charging for the work done, the Public Works Department should defray the transport charges of the Sappers, the cost of hutting them, and their working pay while engaged on public works. It was further arranged that the adjustment between the Military and the Public Works Departments should be carried out by book entry on receipt of an advice from the Military Department. In other words, instead of the District Engineer knowing monthly what was being charged to his works, he became dependent for this information on the Controller, who in his turn had to wait for an advice from the Military Department.

5. On receipt of G. O., No. 2,646, the District Engineer, Nilgiri, was requested by this office to write back all the debits to works which had been made from the commencement of the year 1871-72 on the old basis, and to await an advice from this office of the charges to be made by the Military Department on account of the working pay, &c., of the Sappers employed on his works.

6. This was done, the amounts already charged to the works on the old basis were written back, and the official year closed without any advice having been given to the District Engineer, Nilgiri, to enable him to debit the works with the charges incurred under the new system. An advice was received from the Military Department only on the 23rd June 1873, and it was then apparently too late to charge off the amount, the grants of the previous year having lapsed.

7. Correspondence with regard to the adjustment of the item has since been carried on in a desultory way by the District Engineer, Nilgiri, and this office, but with no practical result beyond that of eliciting from the District Engineer, Nilgiri, that in the absence of allotments he is unable to debit the outstanding item finally to works.

8. I consider that the amount should be charged to the works on which the Sappers were employed in such proportion as the District Engineer, Nilgiri, may consider equitable, and, if Government concur in this view, all that is necessary is to

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authorize the District Engineer to adjust the item in this way, and, on receiving from him a statement of the works to be so debited, to allot funds accordingly.

9. In conclusion, Government will understand that no waste of public money has occurred; the amount spent on the working pay, &c., of the Sappers has, I understand, been well laid out; the failure is simply in account keeping, in leaving unadjusted in a suspense head expenditure which should more properly have been charged off finally against the Budget grant of the year in which the expenditure was incurred.

No. 374.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1875, No. 2,411.

ACCOUNT, No. 14.

THE mode of adjustment proposed in paragraph 8 of the above letter is approved, and the District Engineer, Nilgiris, will supply a statement of the works which have to be debited.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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No. 67 W.

FROM

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 11 August 1875.

Sir

I have the honor to request the orders of Government relative to the disposal of a sum of Rupees 3603-11-6, which has been outstanding in the Miscellaneous Advance account of the Nilgerry District since March 1873.

2. The circumstances in connection with this unadjusted item are rather involved, but the following brief statement of facts will, I trust, be sufficient to enable Government to pass an order on the case.

3. The Government is aware that the services of the Sappers and Miners are occasionally made

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use of in the construction of Public Works, the working pay &c &c of the men so employed being charged to the works on which they are engaged. It would appear that previous to the year 1871-72 the adjustment of account between the Public Works and Military Departments on account of Sappers labor was based on the value of the work done and was made monthly.

4. Under G.O. No 2646, dated 9th November 1872, this system was changed, and it was then decided that in lieu of charging for the work done, the Public Works Department should defray the transport charges of the Sappers, the cost of putting them and their working pay while engaged on Public Works. It was further arranged that the adjustment between

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5. On receipt of G.O. No 2646, the District Engineer Neilgherry was requested by this office to write back all the debits to works which had been made from the commencement of the year 1871-72 on the old basis; and to await an advice from this office of the charges to be made by the Military Department on account of

of the working pay &c of the Sappers employed on his works.

6. This was done, the amounts already charged to the works on the old basis were written back, and the official year closed without my advice having been given to the District Engineer Neilgherry to enable him to debit the works with the charges incurred under the new system. An advice was received from the Military Department only on the 23^d June 1873, and it was then apparently too late to charge off the amount, the grants of the previous year having lapsed.

7. Correspondence with regard to the adjustment of the item has since been carried on in a doubtful way by the District Engineer Neilgherry and this office, but with no practical result beyond that of eliciting from the District Engineer Neilgherry that in the absence

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absence of allotments he is unable to debit the outstanding item finally to the works.

8. I consider that the amount should be charged to the works on which the Sappers were employed in such proportion as the District Engineer Neilgherry may consider equitable, and if Government concur in this view, all that is necessary is to authorize the District Engineer to adjust the item in this way, and on receiving from him a statement of the works to be so debited, to allot funds accordingly.

9. In conclusion, Government will understand that no waste of public money has occurred; the amount spent on the working pay &c of the Sappers has, I understand, been well laid out.

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Your most Obedt Servt.

Samuel Jordan

Controller of P.W. Accts

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P. W. 1875 Sept.
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From
The Comr. of
P. W. Accts

To
The Secy. to Govt.
P. W. &

No. 6711

Date 16th August 1875.
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S. 6. 2411. 20-8-75.

Requesting the order of
Govt. relative to the dis-
posal of a sum of
Rs 3603 which has been
outstanding in the
Mis. Advance Acct of
the Nilgherry Dist.
Since March 1875
Wt. Oakes

No. 2411

The mode of adjustment proposed in para 8 of the
above letter is approved, and the District Engineer's
civils statement of the work
which has to be executed
is approved.

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To

Mr. St. Cuper.
Nilgiris

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G. O., 23rd *Jan* 1915

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Advance Account of the
Nilgerry Dtr :- Approving
of the mode proposed by
the Controller for adjusting
the _____, & directing the
Dtr: Engr: to supply a
statement of the works which
have to be debited.

W. C. A.