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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st August 1876. No. 2,319.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 707. Endorsement of the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, dated 13th June 1876, No. 1,377.

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops and Stores, to Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, dated Chepauk, 9th June 1876, No. 883.

In the papers recorded with G.O., dated 31st March 1876, No. 821, it was brought to the notice of Government that Rupees 22-12-11 was erroneously charged against Major Nepean; and, as that officer has now paid the full amount of the revised bill, viz., Rupees 51-6-1, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough

	RS.	A.	P.	
Original bill	...	...	...	74 3 0
Revised bill	...	...	...	51 6 1
Difference...	22	12	11	

to obtain the sanction of Government for writing off to Profit and Loss the above amount of Rupees 22-12-11, being the difference between the original and the revised bill as shown in the margin.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for orders, with reference to G.O., No. 821, dated 31st March 1876.

(Signed) P. MONTGOMERIE, Major, R.E.,
Offg. District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 707-A. Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 15th July 1876, No. 1,080.

No. 707-B. Endorsement of the Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, dated 19th August 1876, No. 2,715.

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops and Stores, to Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, dated Chepauk, 18th August 1876, No. 1,863.

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 1,996, of 17th ultimo, on memorandum,

One letter in original.

No. 1,080, of 15th ultimo, from Chief Engineer, Public Works Department

(herewith returned), I have the honor to explain that Government have never incurred any expense on account of the Rupees 22-12-11 that I requested might be written off to Profit and Loss and which the Chief Engineer orders me to pay. Such payment by me is a clear profit to Government derived from an error made by one of the clerks of my office, who in the course of a year has to make out over 1,000 bills, the details of which comprise the hundreds of entries made daily in the different books of the Workshops. Surely a similar mistake of writing "57" for "37" in the totals may occur at any time, and am I to be held responsible and to pay up the amount of all mistakes when it is impossible for me to check all the entries and totals. A leading mercantile firm in Madras were unable to close their accounts for several months after

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31st August 1876. No. 2,319.

the half-year ending December last because the accounts would not balance although they were examined by an expert auditor. Surely, if such things occur where accounts only are kept, and that by the best European and Native Accountants, some grace might be shown me where, in addition to the complicated and voluminous accounts kept in the Workshops, I have the professional work to attend to, which comprises references to all the districts.

2. I trust, therefore, that the Chief Engineer will be pleased to recognize the difficulties I have to contend with in managing the Stores and Workshops and outside work and the frequent references made to me on professional subjects, and kindly rescind his order. The work is now more than double what it was in my predecessor's time; yet I have no assistant, but have honestly done my best.

SUBMITTED in accordance with verbal orders from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

(Signed) P. MONTGOMERIE, Major, R.E.,
Offg. District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 708.

ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1876, No. 2,319.

ACCOUNT, No. 44.

SANCTION is accorded to the sum being written off to "Profit and Loss."

(True Extract.)

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

[Cr. Wks. Form No. 111.]

GOVT.
OF MADRAS.

1876.

DEPT.

CONTROLLER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

KEEP-WITH.

Genl. No.

dated

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received a percentage on the price of all private work done, a percentage which amounts to about Rs 400 per annum - The conditions on which this percentage was granted do not appear when been specially defined in G.O no 2693 dated Nov. 10th 1870. It was however, I presume, intended to compensate him for the extra superintendence required on these private jobs - If so, then

appears to be some ground
for considering whether this
loss should be written off to
the Profit & Loss acc against
Government & when the loss in
this instance appears to have
occurred from the fact of this
private job having been ordered
and done during the value
of all proportion to the value
of the same work as estimated
elsewhere, or in other words
from a want of efficient
superiority and such

Adverting to the endorsement of the District Engineer Presidency No. 1377 dated 13th June 1876, Submitting a letter from the Genl. Supt of P.W. Workshops Stres in which it is proposed to write off to Profit and Loss a sum of Rs 22.12.11 stated to be due to a clerical error in a bill of March 1875, the Chief Engineer observes that Mr Frainger might have prevented all reference by more careful scrutiny of his accounts and he must now stand the loss. The Chief Engineer declines to move in the matter.

Golacemind
D. E. Presidency.

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Presidency Workshops D.O. No.
Chepauk 9 June 1876.

No 883

From

The General Superintendent
Public Works Workshops & Stores
Madras.

To

The District Engineer, Presidency
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In the papers recorded with G. O.
dated 31st March 1876, No 821, it was
brought to the notice of Government
that Rupees 22-12-11, was erroneously
charged against Major Stepan, and
as that Officer has now paid the full
amount of the revised Bill ~~the~~ Rupees
51-6-1, I have the honor to request
that you will be good enough to obtain
the sanction of Government for writing
off to Profit and Loss the above amount
of Rupees 22-12-11, being the difference
between the original and the revised
Bill as shown in the margin.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt servant.

J. H. Munnell
Genl Supd. to Workshops & Stores.

*Original Bill Rs 74-5-0
Revised do do 51-6-1.
Difference Rupees 22-12-11

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Per J. H. Munnell

The General Superintendent
 Public Works, Workshops and Stores
 Presidency
 Madras
 No 1371
 Dated 9th June 1876
 Recd 13th June 1876
 No 883
 Enclosure
 Request to obtain the
 amount of Government
 for writing off to Profit &
 of the amount of
 Rs 22-10-11 which was
 erroneously charged
 against the Public
 Works, Workshops and Stores
 No 1371
 The General Superintendent
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 Presidency
 Madras
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 Rs 22-10-11 which was
 erroneously charged
 against the Public
 Works, Workshops and Stores

PRESIDENCY WORKSHOPS, D. P. W.
 Chepauk, Madras, 18 August 1876.

No. 1863

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
 PUBLIC WORKS, WORKSHOPS AND STORES.

To

THE District Engineer
 Sub-District Engineer

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 18th July 1876
 17th ultimo on transmittal of 12th items from
 Chief Engineer G. P. H. (Lancaster returned) I have the honor
 to inform that Government have never incurred any
 expense on account of the Pipes 22. 12. 11 that I
 requested might be written off to Profit & Loss and which
 the Chief Engineer orders me to pay a such payment
 by me is a clear profit to Government derived from
 an error made by one of the clerks of my office
 who in the course of a year has to make out
 over 1000 bills the details of which comprised the
 hundreds of entries made daily in the different
 books of the Workshops. Such a similar mistake
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I trust therefore that the Chief Engineer will be pleased to recognize the difficulties I have to contend with in managing the stores and workshops and outside work and the frequent references made to me on professional subjects and kindly provide his orders. The work is now more than double what it was in my predecessor's time yet I have no assistant but have honestly done my best.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient servant
J. H. Mair
Genl Supt of the Workshop

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No 27/15.
Submitted in accordance with
by the Federal Order from the Dy. Chief
Inspector M.D.

Montgo Mair from No
19/8/26 Off Dy. Chief
Inspector

P.W.D.

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No. 5021

From the District Eng^r Pres^y

Dated 19th August 1876

No. 2715.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 13

Endorsement of the District Engineer Presidency
No. 1377 of 13th June 1876.

Memo by the Chief Engineer P.W. No. 1080
dated 15th July 1876.

Endorsement of the District Eng^r Presidency
No. 2715 dated 19th August 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

If it is not con-
sidered that Mr. Grainger
should himself bear the
charge, there is no real
objection to the sum being
written off to "Profit and
Loss."

Major Genl. R.E.
Secretary to Govt.

No. 707-B

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Despatched 22-8-76.

From

The General Superintendent,
P. W. Workshops,

To

The Chief Engineer
Presidency

Dated 18

Despatched 18

Received 19

No. 1863

Enclosures, one

State that you did not
incure any expense on
account of 1863-12-11
which the requested wages
be written off to Profit
& Loss which the Chief
Engineer has ordered
him to pay.

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FOR ORDERS.

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Govt. of 1876 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The R. E. Presidency

Dated

Issued

Recd

Encl.

G. O. 31st Aug 1876 No. 2319

Nos. 707-708

Profit & Loss

Authorizing the
sum of No. 23 to be
written off to ———
in the accounts of the
Presidency Workshop or
reasonably charged
against Major Repare.

2319 d/31st Aug 7/76
Sanction is accorded
to the sum being written
off to "Profit and Loss".

By Presidency
Ex. P. W. A.
Dated 15/9/76