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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st March 1879, No. 859 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 258. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch, dated Chepauk, 17th March 1879, No. 48 B.

WITH reference to note by Government, embodied in G.O., No. 2,519, dated 5th September 1874, on paragraphs 20 and 24 of the Deputy Controller's remarks on the balances at debit of stock account of the Tanjore Range, and the unauthorized and irregular practice of charging to one work establishment employed on another work, I have the honor to inform you that I have received information on these points from the District Engineer, Tanjore, and the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, and to report as follows.

2. With regard to the item of Rupees 892-11-5 borne on the stock account of the Tanjore Range, I have the honor to state that the sum represented the value of eleven coils of English rope supplied some sixteen years ago for hauling the large dredge at Negapatam. The value of these ropes together with that of the dredger was debited in the first instance to stores. It has continued to be shown in the stock accounts ever since, although the ropes have long since been worn out. I would, therefore, beg to recommend that — as when articles of stock no longer exist, it is irregular to retain them on the stock accounts — the Government will be pleased to sanction the writing off of the amount to Profit and Loss and thus effect a final adjustment.

3. Further, the District Engineer, Tanjore, brings to my notice the existence of another item of Rupees 10-12-6 in the Mayavaram Division against "stock" on account of 3,000 bricks, whilst there is nothing to show to what use they have been put. This subject was touched upon in G.O., No. 13, of 4th December 1871, and, as whether actual stock was received or not there is no trace of it now, I beg to request that this imaginary item may also be ordered to be written off to Profit and Loss.

4. With regard to the irregular establishment charges, the District Engineer, Tanjore, submits a statement showing the outlay in the different ranges for two years, and states that this outlay was incurred on temporary writers maintained in range offices, storekeepers, and tappalmen. He says the outlay was indispensable for the prompt discharge of public duty, which would have suffered if it had had to depend upon the very limited number of hands in the range offices. However, after the receipt of G.O., No. 2,519, dated 5th September 1874, he strictly prohibited the Range Officers from employing such temporary hands and charging their salaries to works with which they have no direct connection. I am of opinion that such unauthorized charges will not appear in future, as under the present organization the Divisional Offices are fully manned, and consequently there will be no necessity for the employment of temporary hands.

No. 259.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1879, No. 859 W.

The Government approve the proposals made in the second and third paragraphs of the Examiner's letter to write off to "Profit and Loss" the two items in question, which are at present borne on the stock account of the Tanjore Range.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

Exd. C. Howarth.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of [1879] Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS

To
THE EXAMINER OF PUBLIC
WORKS ACCOUNTS.
Cc. Cc. Cc.

Dated March 21st.

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G. O., 21st March 1879, No. 859 W.

MARCH.

No. 258-259.

"Profit and Loss."— Approves the
Examiner's proposals for writing off certain
items at present borne on the stock account
of the Tanjore Range to—

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

MADRAS.

TO THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

BUILDINGS & ROADS BRANCH.

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CHEPAR, 7⁴ MARCH 1879.

SIR,

WITH REFERENCE TO NOTE BY GOVERNMENT, EMBODIED IN G.O.
NO. 2519 DATED 5TH. SEPTEMBER 1874, ON PARAS. 20 & 24 OF THE
DEPUTY CONTROLLER'S REMARKS ON THE BALANCES AT DEBIT OF
STOCK ACCOUNT OF THE TANJORE RANGE, AND THE UNAUTHORIZED
AND IRREGULAR PRACTICE OF CHARGING TO ONE WORK ESTABLISH-
MENT EMPLOYED ON ANOTHER WORK, I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM
YOU THAT I HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THESE POINTS FROM
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, TANJORE, AND THE SUPERINTENDING
ENGINEER 5TH. CIRCLE, AND TO REPORT AS FOLLOWS :—

2. WITH REGARD TO THE ITEM OF RS. 892-11-5 BORNE ON THE
STOCK ACCOUNT OF THE TANJORE RANGE, I HAVE THE HONOR TO
STATE THAT THE SUM REPRESENTED THE VALUE OF 11 COILS OF
ENGLISH ROPE SUPPLIED SOME 16 YEARS AGO FOR HAULING THE
LARGE DREDGE AT NEGAPATAM. THE VALUE OF THESE ROPES TO-
GETHER WITH THAT OF THE DREDGER WAS DEBITED IN THE FIRST
INSTANCE TO STORES. IT HAS CONTINUED TO BE SHOWN IN THE

STOCK ACCOUNTS EVER SINCE. ALTHOUGH THE ROPES HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN WORN OUT. I WOULD THEREFORE BEG TO RECOMMEND THAT WHEN ARTICLES OF STOCK NO LONGER EXIST, IT IS IRREGULAR TO RETAIN THEM ON THE STOCK ACCOUNTS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO SANCTION THE WRITING OFF OF THE AMOUNT TO PROFIT AND LOSS AND THUS EFFECT A FINAL ADJUSTMENT.

3. FURTHER THE DISTRICT ENGINEER TANJORE BRINGS TO MY NOTICE, THE EXISTANCE OF ANOTHER ITEM OF RS. 10-12-6 IN THE MAYAVERAM DIVISION AGAINST 'STOCK' ON ACCOUNT OF 3000 BRICKS, WHILST THERE IS NOTHING TO SHew TO WHAT USE THEY HAVE BEEN PUT. THIS SUBJECT WAS TOUCHED UPON IN G.O. NO. 13 OF 4TH. DECEMBER 1871, AND AS WHETHER ACTUAL STOCK WAS RECEIVED OR NOT, THERE IS NO TRACE OF IT NOW, I BEG TO REQUEST THAT THIS IMAGINARY ITEM MAY ALSO BE ORDERED TO BE WRITTEN OFF TO PROFIT AND LOSS.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE IRREGULAR ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES THE DISTRICT ENGINEER TANJORE SUBMITS A STATEMENT SHEWING THE OUTLAY IN THE DIFFERENT RANGES FOR TWO YEARS AND STATES THAT THIS OUTLAY WAS INCURRED ON TEMPORARY WRITERS MAINTAINED IN RANGE OFFICES, STOREKEEPERS AND TAPPALMEN. HE SAYS THE OUTLAY WAS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE PROMPT DISCHARGE OF PUBLIC DUTY, WHICH WOULD HAVE SUFFERED IF IT HAD HAD TO DEPEND UPON THE VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF HANDS IN THE RANGE OFFICES. HOWEVER AFTER THE RECEIPT OF G.O. NO. 2519 DATED 5TH. SEPTEMBER 1874, HE STRICTLY PROHIBITED THE RANGE OFFICERS FROM EMPLOYING SUCH TEMPORARY HANDS AND CHARGING THEIR SALARIES TO WORKS WITH WHICH THEY HAVE

NO DIRECT CONNECTION. I AM OF OPINION THAT SUCH UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES WILL NOT APPEAR IN FUTURE AS UNDER THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION THE DIVISIONAL OFFICES ARE FULLY MANNED, AND CONSEQUENTLY THERE WILL BE NO NECESSITY FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY HANDS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

Bloway-Jordan

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS & MAJOR R.E.

MADRAS.

BLOGS. & RDS. BRANCH.

NO. 48. B.

DATED 17 MARCH 1879.

REC'D.

REPORTS ON NOTE BY GOVT. EM-
BODIED IN G.O. NO. 2519 OF SEPTEMBER
1874 ON PARAS 20 & 24 OF DY. CON-
TROLLER'S REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION
OF THE TANJORE AND TRICHINPOLY
DIVISIONS.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following :—

From

The Examiner
P. W. Acker

} (H.E. Co. 48 B 7 1/2 "March
1877.)

The Government approve the proposals made in the second and third paragraphs of the Examiner's letter, to write off to "profit and loss" the ^{in question} two items, which are at present borne on the Stock account of the Sanjre Range.

La. P. W. P. sent 94/79
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G. O., 21 Mar 1879, No. 859 W

Nos. 258-259

"Profit and Loss"

He Approves the Examiner's
proposals for writing
off certain lost items at
present borne in the stock
account of the Tanjore Range
to —.