

15TH MAY 1882, No. 369, FINANCIAL.

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Signed. Ross Thompson

St. C. B. R. E.

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Ag. Under Secy to Govt.
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Public Works

B. A. Hobbs d/5th June 1882

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1000/- paid 15th May 1882, 500/-

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Enclosed - Communicating letter from the Government of India regarding the travelling allowance allowance to an experienced and qualified officer on leaving from an acting position appointment.

Earl M. W. A. L.
Receipts 4/5/82

Walt. Travelling Allowance
in B. & O. on 1st April 1882
by debit of 100/- 1/6

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