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11th February 1885, No. 321 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following letter from W. B. deWINTON, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated Madras, 19th January 1885, No. 1339 W. :—

In February 1883 a type writing machine, belonging to Mr. Bliss, Commissioner of Salt Revenue, was sent to the Workshops for repair, by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in office note, No. 351 D., dated 15th February 1883.

2. It was repaired and returned to Mr. Bliss, and a bill for Rs. 6-3-0 sent for adjustment in August 1883. To this a reply was received in December 1883 that, as the machine was returned in no way improved, the bill would not be paid. Captain Dudleley then sent for the machine, which was returned with the remark that it was now in much better condition than when first returned from the Workshops, because the owner had spent much time in cleaning and adjusting it. It was finally repaired and returned, and on payment being again requested, in December 1884, it was again refused on the ground that the owner had been compelled to have it repaired elsewhere.

3. As there appears to be no prospect of realising the sum, I have the honor to request that you will obtain the sanction of Government to write the amount off to "profit and loss."

Endorsement on the above.

No. 4011.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for sanction.

27th January 1885.
(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

Order—dated 11th February 1885, No. 321 W., Public Works.

In the circumstances reported, the charge will be written off to "profit and loss."

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. F. Fernandez.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of 1885 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 11th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 11th Feb. 1885, No. 321 W.

FEBRUARY.

Type Writing Machine

Charge on account of repair of — belonging to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue, ordered to be written off to "profit and loss."

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th May 1881, No. 1,256 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 27. Endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 15th April 1881, No. 1,048.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1881, Mis. No. 3,213.

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 8th March 1881, No. 2,127.

I HAVE the honor to report the following circumstances for the consideration and orders of the Board.

2. In 1878, after ascertaining the prices of the articles from the General Superintendent of Public Works Workshops, I applied for and obtained the permission of the Board to order the construction there of the following weighing machines :—

60 Grainger's pan machines at Rs. 155 each.
50 Two-maund cup scales at ,, 75 ,,
64 One-maund cup scale at ,, 50 ,,

Board's Proceedings, No. 2,676, dated 30th September 1878.
Board's Proceedings, No. 3,332, dated 12th December 1878.

3. Shortly afterwards I was at the Public Works Workshops and then found that Mr. Faulkner, the then General Superintendent, had commenced the construction of wrought iron frames or stands to the machines in lieu of the usual wooden ones. The alteration was manifestly a very great improvement and should ultimately lead to considerable economy, as wooden stands soon become rickety and deteriorate very rapidly from exposure to sun and rain. The only doubt I had was what the additional cost would be; but when Mr. Faulkner informed me that this would only be from Rs. 10 to 12 per machine, I felt sure that the Board would have no objection to my paying this small increase of price for a much better article, and therefore told Mr. Faulkner that he might go on with the work.

4. When, however, the final bills for the machines came in February 1880, the prices charged were found to be as follows in comparison with those originally agreed upon :—

—	Price originally fixed.	Charged.	Increase.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Grainger's pan machines, each	155	195	40
Two-maund cup scales, ,, ...	75	138	63
One-maund cup scale, ,, ...	50	102	52

5. The increases ran therefore from about 25 to over 100 per cent.

6. When called on for explanation of this, the General Superintendent of Public Works Workshops wrote to Mr. Crole that " Mr. Faulkner appears to have made no regular estimate of the cost of the scales. The prices given by him were only approximate and prove to be totally incorrect, as it would be impossible for the workshops to manufacture the scales at the prices stated by Mr. Faulkner without incurring a loss. The prices entered in the bills are based on regular estimates and I enclose

copies of them." Mr. Crole replied that a distinct contract was made by Mr. Faulkner for the supply of the articles at specified rates, and returned the bills for amendment accordingly. The General Superintendent's answer was that it was not in his power to make any alteration in the prices of the scales as entered in the bills, as they were only sufficient to give the workshops their legitimate profit after paying working expenses; that Mr. Faulkner in his public capacity had not the power to make a contract with any other Government department; and that if it was admitted that he had the power in the particular case it was obviously a question for Government to decide whether one department should from any cause whatever suffer a loss to effect an apparent saving in another department. Mr. Crole's reply was as under:—

> "You merely reiterate the opinion expressed in your letter of the 10th instant, No. 4,523, that Mr. Faulkner's letter of the 27th August 1878 was not based on a proper estimate of the cost of these machines, and add that he was not competent to enter into any contract. This appears to me to be altogether a novel position and one that should have been brought forward when the *error* in the prices was discovered by you. Considering that the prices now charged are from 25·81 to 104 per cent. in excess of those originally agreed to, it is quite inexplicable why no intimation was given to this office until fully eighteen months had been allowed to slip by and the machines had all been nearly completed, and it was too late for this department to make arrangements for getting them made elsewhere. As, however, the official year is about to close, I shall pass the bills under protest and suggest to Mr. Bliss that he refer the matter to Government."

7. The over-charge on these machines amounts to Rs. 6,790, after allowing for the increased cost of the iron stands at Rs. 12 per machine, as estimated by Mr. Faulkner. In addition to this at least a further sum of Rs. 102 was similarly overcharged on two two-maund cup scales, one of which was separately ordered in September 1878 on the supposition that spare* machines belonging to the department were in hand in the workshops, while the other was supplied by the General Superintendent through an oversight, in lieu of a cup which was ordered by me to replace one which was lost at the Negapatam factory.

* When I took charge of the department there were a good many such machines on hand in the workshops which had already been paid for. My impression is that this machine has therefore been charged twice over. I am in correspondence with the General Superintendent on the subject.

8. Besides this the General Superintendent has charged Rs. 20 each for 100 galvanized iron weights, which he agreed to make for Rs. 10 each. He originally estimated that these weights would cost Rs. 15 each; but subsequently, on my intimating to him that Messrs. Massey and Co. offered to make them at Rs. 10 each and giving him the refusal of the work, he agreed to supply them at the latter rate; this was in May 1879. In September following I wrote to the Superintendent to ascertain what progress had been made with the weights. In reply he stated that twenty weights would be ready by the 15th October, and that the remainder would be supplied at the rate of six per week after that date; and incidentally added "that it has been found impossible to do the work at the rate given owing to the large amount of turners' work on each weight, and the price of each weight will be Rs. 20." To this no reply appears to have been sent. In March 1880 when the bills were received by Mr. Crole he objected to pass them at the higher rate and wrote as follows to the General Superintendent:—

> "In your letter No 2,862 W., dated 30th September 1879, you stated that, owing to the large amount of turners' work involved, you found it necessary to increase the rate to Rs. 20 each weight, but I cannot accept this as a reason for giving you twice the amount to which you have agreed. You will also see from my letter No. 1,155, dated 23rd February 1880, that the extra amount of turners' work referred to was unnecessary and cannot be charged to this department."

The Superintendent stated that no reply having been received to his letter No. 2,682 W., dated 30th September 1879, he assumed that the rate of Rs. 20 would not be objected to; and that if objection had been taken he should have stopped the further manufacture of the weights as, owing to the amount of labor required for them, it was impossible to reduce the price. Mr. Crole thereupon passed the bill. The final bill for these weights

has yet to come in. When it does the over-charge will amount to Rs. 1,000. The position taken up by the Superintendent appears to amount to this, that, having made a bad bargain with this department to supply articles at such a price, he is at liberty to recede therefrom on discovering his mistake. It is hardly necessary to point out that business cannot be conducted on such terms. These weights were, I may add, very badly made. The handles were loose when they were received and they had to be returned to be fitted in properly. Even then the work was badly done. I saw one of them the other day from which the handle had come out. It had been used only in an ordinary way and only for a few months. I have little doubt that in time I shall hear of many other breakages of the kind in the up-country factories. The rate charged for this work was over Rs. 540 per ton!!

9. In May 1879 I requested the Superintendent to give me an estimate of the cost of making some platform weighing machines of Pooley's pattern. For this purpose he told me that a pattern would be required, to which I naturally rejoined that in that case a pattern must be made. For this wooden pattern he sent a bill on account for Rs. 336-2-0, which after some correspondence Mr. Crole passed, apparently on the understanding that I had undertaken to pay for the pattern. I need hardly say that I did not so undertake, nor that I never heard of a manufacturer charging a would-be customer for whatever preliminary operations were necessary to enable him to furnish an estimate which had been asked for. The price charged for the wooden pattern, the Board will remark, is about three times the value of a machine itself made of iron and steel.

10. The total over-charge made by the General Superintendent amounts to Rs. 8,126. I request that the Board will move Government to order its withdrawal under the circumstances above explained.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with the remark that, unless the Government workshops are a little more business-like, other departments will be reluctant to deal with them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with three original enclosures to be returned and copies of Board's Proceedings, 30th September and 12th December 1878, Nos. 2,676 and 3,332.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secy to Govt.

C.E. No. 1,002.

REFERRED to the General Superintendent of Public Works Workshops for explanation.

(By order.)

20th April 1881. (Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 27-A. From Lieutenant W. L. C. BADDELEY, R.E., General Superintendent, Presidency Public Works Workshops, to the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 27th April 1881, No. 208 W.

WITH reference to your No. 1,002 of 20th April 1881, I have the honor to return the papers and to submit the following explanation.

2. Mr. Faulkner's letter, in which he stated that the prices of the salt weighing machines would be Rs. 155, 75, and 50, is dated 27th August 1878, and the statement that the additional cost for iron stands would be from 10 to 12 rupees must have been made verbally to Mr. Bliss somewhere about that date.

3. The estimate given by Mr. Faulkner was evidently a rough calculation of the cost of manufacture without "percentage" for workshop profit, and if it is considered that the workshops should be bound by Mr. Faulkner's statement of cost it follows that the Salt Department will have obtained their machines at the expense of the workshops.

4. Mr. Bliss is well aware of the high "percentage" which is always charged on all work executed in this workshop, and knowing also that "percentage" is merely a book transfer from the Salt Department to the workshops, I think in a case of this kind the question of contract might have been waived.

I may add that the improved design and construction of the machines were mainly due to Mr. Faulkner and the staff of the workshops.

5. With regard to the galvanized iron weights, I would observe that they were of a pattern never before made in the workshops, and I admit that I was entirely deceived as to the amount of work required for each, so that being unwilling to lose the work of the Salt Department I undertook to make the weights at 10 rupees each. It would be tedious to enter into a detailed description of the weights, but I would mention that they were to be *standard* ones, and from my experience of the work I now know that Messrs. Massey and Co. could never have turned out accurate weights of this pattern at the rate of 10 rupees each.

6. In my letter of 30th September 1879 I told Mr. Bliss that the weights would cost 20 rupees each, and no reply being sent objecting to this I continued the work.

7. With regard to the bad quality of the weights, I beg to state that no complaint of this kind was made to me, but the first batch of weights sent were returned with a request that the handles which were screwed into the weights might be fixed, so that they could not be unscrewed; this, I submit, is not sufficient ground upon which to assert that the quality of the weights was bad.

8. The objection taken to the pattern charges for the platform weighing machines is, I think, unreasonable, for in every case a person ordering a casting has to pay for the pattern, unless he supplies it, and also it is not at all uncommon for the wooden pattern to be much more expensive than the first few castings made from it.

In the case in point the work was stopped owing to my receiving no reply to a letter written by me to Mr. Bliss informing him that Messrs. Pooley and Son's patent would be infringed by the manufacture of the machines; on the receipt of information from Mr. Bliss that he was willing to accept the responsibility of the manufacture I would have proceeded with the work, and if a number of machines had been made the cost of the pattern would have proportionately decreased. In any case the pattern is at the disposal of the Salt Department should they require it.

9. In conclusion I would point out that the sole cause of the misunderstanding between the Salt Department and the Public Works Workshops is due to the fact that Mr. Bliss refuses to recognize the principle of book transfer between the two departments, and in every case while anxious to obtain the best quality of work he endeavors to make the workshop execute it at such a price that the full legitimate profit cannot be obtained. This doubtless is advantageous to the Salt Department in every case when the work is carried out by the workshops, for the quality of the work is the same whether the workshop gains or loses, but when in order to show a saving in the book cost of a work private agency is employed instead of the workshops, I know that in the majority of cases there must be a loss to Government.

As a further example of the position taken by Mr. Bliss with reference to the workshop, I may mention that in order to supply the Salt Department with some badges required a large press was set up and a steel die made at considerable cost; in due course a number of badges were supplied at rates agreed upon, and I concluded that the work would be continued from time to time to the mutual benefit of the two departments; but, as before, being unwilling to allow the workshop their legitimate profit, Mr. Bliss requested me to reduce the price which I complied with to a slight extent; this not meeting with his approval he requested me to send him the die as he would get the badges made elsewhere; with this also I complied, and after a short time I wrote to inquire where the badges were being made, the quality and the price, to which he replied that they were being made at the Gun Carriage Factory, that the quality was not equal to those which were made at the workshops, and as regards price he could not give me a definite answer; but as the Gun Carriage Factory was an *Imperial* institution, the question of the amount of percentage was of no importance.

From this explanation it will be seen that, because the workshop is a Provincial establishment, Mr. Bliss refuses to deal with it in the same manner as he would with the Gun Carriage Factory or any other Imperial establishment, and consequently, though I am most anxious to execute work for the Salt Department and assist to the best of my ability in the design and improvement of the different machines, it is obvious that unless Mr. Bliss is willing to allow the workshop "percentages," it will be impossible for work to be carried out without repeated misunderstandings.

No. 27-B. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1881, No. 1,256 W.

WITH reference to the over-charges complained of by the Salt Commissioner, the Government consider that the explanations afforded by the General Superintendent of the Public Works Workshops, though in many respects far from satisfactory, must, with reference to the footing on which the business of the shops is carried on, be accepted and the bills paid.

2. The heavy charges for the Grainger's pan machines and cup scales, though possibly not higher than necessary considering the footing of the workshops, should unquestionably have been brought to the notice of the Salt Commissioner the moment the excess over the estimate became inevitable, and a clear agreement should have been arrived at before the work was allowed to proceed further.

3. Similarly with the standard weights the earliest intimation of the probable excess should have been given, and the Superintendent of the Workshop is to blame for omitting to do this and for leaving the excess charge to be brought first to the Salt Commissioner's notice on presenting the bill.

4. As regards the charge for the pattern of the platform weighing machine, it is clear that the charge *per se* was perfectly legitimate and necessary under the circumstances, but here again the Superintendent was remiss in not at the very first explaining the matter to the Salt Commissioner and obtaining his assent to the charge before proceeding with the work.

5. It must in future be distinctly understood that the first duty of the Superintendent in regard to all work undertaken for his own or any other department will be to supply the indenting officer with an estimate of the probable cost including all charges, and his next to give him the earliest intimation of any probable excesses before proceeding with the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops.
" Revenue Department, with three enclosures.
" Military Department.
" Financial, &c., Departments.

Exd. E. C. Shunker

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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of [1881] Madras,
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 17th.

Issued

Recd. Entd.

G.O., 17th May 1881, No. 1,266 W.

MAY.
Nos. 27—27-B.

Weighing Machines, Standard Weights, &c., made up by the Public Works Workshops.—The over-charges complained of by the Salt Commissioner on account of certain —, ordered to be accepted and the bills paid.

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Returned to the Education Department with the remark that the question of payment of the actual debt to the Workshops cannot be mixed up with that of any errors in an estimate made by Mr Fraser. (it is not stated whether formally or merely in conversation) in 1877-

Any complaint that the Superintendent may have to make on the latter point will be dealt with separately, but in the mean time steps must be taken

for the liquidation of
the debt and the
interest ordered by
Government must be
charged until it is
paid -

It is observed that
although the bill is
dated Feb 14/1879 no
remittance against its
amount has hitherto
reached the Dept

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P. W. D.

No. 2697.

Subject
Statement of outstandings for more than 3 month.

Endorsement in the Educational Department, No. 2238, dated 24th November 1880, on letter from the Offg. Superintendent School of Arts, No. 141, dated 18th November 1880.

Returned to the Educational Department with the remark that the question of payment of the actual debt to the Workshops cannot be mixed up with that of any errors in an estimate made by Mr. Grainger (it is not stated whether formally or merely in conversation) in 1877.

2. Any complaint that the Superintendent may have to make on the latter ground will

will be dealt with separately, but in the mean time steps must be taken for the liquidation of the debt and the interest ordered by Government must be charged until it is paid.

3. It is observed that although the bill is dated February 14th 1879, no remonstrance against its amount has hitherto reached this Department.

30/11/80

Colls. Rh.
Secy, D Govt.
P.W.D.

C. Lephaunk
2 Decr
~~Nov~~ /80

To The Educational Department
with papers 5 pages
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Educational Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following from the Officiating Supdt. School of Arts dated 18 November 1880 No. 141 offering certain remarks on the Orders on the Statement of Outstandings for more than 3 months referred to him for report.

Read also Endorsement from the Public Works Depts. dated 2nd Decr 1880 No. 2697 returning with remarks letter from the Supdt. School of Arts regarding the Statement of outstandings for more than 3 months &c.

Order thereon 20th Decr 1880 No. 472

This endorsement in the P.W.D. will be communicated to the Supdt. School of Arts, for information and guidance.

2. The outstanding account should be settled as soon as it can be, meantime interest will be charged.

(True Extract)

Chas. L. Mullen

Under Secy

To The Supdt. School of Arts

Ref " Public Works Deptt.

Educational Dept

Govt. of (1880) Madras.

No. 2 W.P.

Dated 20 } Decr 1880, No. 472
Recd. 21 }

Nos.

Copy Genl Supdt P.W. Workshops regarding outstanding [illegible] [illegible] &c.

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Genl Supdt P.W. Workshops [illegible]

22-1-81

No 2939 d/ 22 Dec 80

Communicated to the Genl Supdt Public Works Workshops and to the Examiner, P.W. Account.

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PRESIDENCY PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOP.

Statement of Bills outstanding for more than three months for the half-year ending 31st March 1881.

On whom.	Bill No.	Bill Date.	Adjustment.	Cash. RS. A. P.	Nature of claim.	Remarks.
Public Dept 1878-79						
Supdt School of Arts	1036	1879 10 Feby	.. ..	1125 15 -	Manufacturing & erecting Shafting - due in part	
1880-81						
Ex: Engr West Coast Dn	654	1880 22 October	97 10 -	.. ..	20 Steel jumpers supplied	Reminder sent
Private 1879-80						
Mons. C. Bulliard	45	1879 7 May	.. ..	107 11 -	Wrought iron hinges and rivets supplied	Legal proceedings instituted and Judgment obtained in favor of Govt. Payment has not been obtained as Mons. Bulliard resides in Pondicherry
Carried over			97 10 -	1233 10 -		

On whom.	Bill. No.	Bill. Date.	Adjustment. Rs.	A.	P.	Cash. Rs.	A.	P.	Nature of claim.	Remarks.
Brought Over			97	10	–	1233	10	–		
1880-81										
Mr S. Francis	311	1880 26 July	–	–	–	2	–	–	Supplying tire & I. Rollers	Paid
Do	584	6 Octr.	–	–	–	1	12	–	Brass lock, handle &c Supplied	Paid
Do	610	20 Octr.	–	–	–	4	–	–	Teak pieces Supplied	Paid
Do	735	17 Novr.	–	–	–	1	7	–	A Small axle Supplied	Paid
Do	772	3 Decr.	–	–	–	2	1	–	Charcoal Supplied	Paid
Do	827	22 Decr.	–	–	–	2	1	–	Forging a Chopper	Paid
Total Rupees.			97	10	–	1247	–	–		

A. K. Boyle C.E.

Offg. Genl. Supdt. P. W. Workshops

Madras
5th July 1881

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Presidency Public Works Workshops,
Madras, 5th July 1881.

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No. 834 W.

From
The GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,

To
The Deputy Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Madras

Enclosures 1

Sir,

I have the honor to submit Statement of bills outstanding for more than three months for the half year ending 31st March 81. None of the bills require any special notice, except the claim due by the Superintendent School of Arts Madras.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servant
A. R. Boyle
Offg. Genl. Supdt. P.W. Workshops

Ini: No 1765 W. d/ 23rd July 1880
" " 2516 W. d/ 2nd Nov. /81

Presidency P. W. Workshops.

From P.W.C. No 3918

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
P. W. WORKSHOPS,
MADRAS,

To

THE Dy Chief Engineer
D P W
Madras

No. 834 W

Dated 5
Despd. 6 } July 1881.
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ENCLOSURES. 1 Statement

Subject.

Forwards with his remarks statement of Bills outstanding for more than 3 Months for half year ending 31st March 1881

Entd. in Receipt Regr.

No. 1764 W PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. 321

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 18th July 1881

Read the following :—

From the General Supdt. P.W. Workshops } W. E. No 834 W. d/5 July/81.

The Supdt School of arts will be called upon in the Educational Department to adjust the sum outstanding against him, or explain the cause of delay.

12/7/81

To The Educational Deptt
with extract
from statement &c.
" General Supdt
P.W. Stores &c Do do
18-7-81

B No 1764 W, 18 July 1881

Educational Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Proceedings of Govt., Public Works Department, No. 1764 W, dated 18 July/81.

Order thereon, 22d July 1881, No. 238.

Recorded with reference to G.O. No. 472, dated 20th December 1880.

(True Extract)

J. A. Davis
Ag Under Secretary

To

The Public Works Department.

22-12-80 No 7939W —
18-7-81 - 1702W

P. W. C. No 4326

Govt. of {188 } Madras.

To

Dated }
Recd. } 188 No.

Nos.

Recording Procs of the Dept forwarding a statement of Bills outstanding for more than 3 months for the half year Ending 31st March No 1885 W a/ 1st Augt /81.

Recorded.

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WELLINGTON HOUSE,
ROYAPETTAH.

26.12.

Dear Major Pennycuick.
I shall be much obliged if you will send the type writer to the Workshops
I may presume that it is [illegible]
exactly the condition in which
it has returned [illegible]

22-12-80 b-7939 N —

it at once & forward it
then but being on the point
of departure I had no time
to return it at [illegible] so
locked it up in its box
till my return.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

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No 351 Do/15 2 Sept/83

To
The Genl Supt Rl Workshops

Please have the
accompanying Type
writing machine put
into working order as
soon as possible, &
forwarded to Mr Bliss
Commissioner of Salt
Revenue who will pay
the Charges:

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with 1 key and 1
box containing
type writing Machine

2/9/83

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No 267 D

GOVT. P. W

No 351 d/15. 2. 83

To W/ — 3/2/83

Remark on
C No: 753

Some previous cases have been collected, but they are not identical with the present one, for which there seems to be no precedent.

It would perhaps be difficult to enforce payment against McKlei's seeing that the machine was not, according to his statement, repaired by the Workshops. It is very likely indeed that the workmen at the Shops did not understand the machine. It was probably the first they ever saw.

K.S. 28/2

No 267 D

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1885. { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY. 3/1/16

Chepauk, 4th February 1885.

OFFICE NOTE.

From W

To C,

Ch No 703

Letter from the General Superintendent, P. W. Workshops No. 1339 W of 19th Jany 1885 (requesting sanction for writing off to Profit and Loss the sum of Rs 6-3-4 due by Mr. H. W. Bliss the Commissioner of Salt Revenue, Madras, for repairs to a type-writing machine) Endorsement by S.E. V Circle No. 4011 of 27th January 1885 (forwarding the above)

For remarks as to the incidence of the Charge, if written off

No. 35 D d/ 15-2-83
G.O. ^{3} 1885 W d/ 11-8-81
" 1764 W d/ 18-7-81
A " 1256 W d/ 17-5-81
B " 2939 W d/ 22-12-80
No. 2697 d/ 2-12-80

No. 267 D d/ 4-2-83

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PRESIDENCY PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,
Madras, 19th January 1885.

31/17

No. 1339 W.

From
THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS,

To
THE Superintending Engineer
V Circle
Madras.

SIR,

In February 1883 a Type Writing Machine belonging to Mr. Bliss Commissioner of Salt Revenue was sent to the Workshops for repair by the Deputy Chief Engineer I&D in Office Note No. 35 D dated 15th February 1883.

It was repaired and returned to Mr. Bliss and a Bill for Rupees 13 was sent for adjustment in August 1883. To this a reply was received in December 1883 that as the Machine was returned in no way improved, the Bill would not be paid. Captain Baddeley then sent for the Machine which was returned with the remark that it was then in much better condition than when first returned from the Workshops, whereas the owner had spent much time in cleaning and adjusting it. It was finally repaired and returned and on payment being requested in December 1884, it was again refused on the ground that the owner had been compelled to have it repaired elsewhere.

As there appears to be no prospect of realizing the sum I have the honor to request that you will obtain the sanction of Government to write the amount off to Profit & Loss.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Genl. Supdt. P.W. Workshops

No 4011

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P. W. Department for sanction.

Coll R.E.
Superintg Engineer
5th Circle

27th January 1885

Presidency P. W. Workshops.

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
P. W. WORKSHOPS,
Madras,

To

The Supdg Engineer
5th Circle
Madras

28 JAN 85

No. 1339 Wd

Dated 19th }
Despd. 20th } January 1885.
Recd. }

ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Requests that, under the circumstances stated, the sum of Rs 63 - due by Mr H W Bliss Commissioner of Salt Revenue Madras, for repairs to a Type Writing Machine may be written off to "Profit & Loss" with the sanction of the Government

To
The Supdg Engineer
V Circle
Madras

No. 267 - D.

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1885. { P. W DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepák, 4th February 1885.

OFFICE NOTE. R. No 762
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From W

To C

Letter from the Genl. Supdt. P. W. Workshops No 1339 Wd/ 19 Jany 85

Endorsement by S.E. V Circle No 4011 d/ 27th Jany 1885

For remarks as to the incidence of the charge if written off.

C.W.

D.W.
3.2.85

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To

W.

"To "Profit and Loss""

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No. 321 W. of 11 Feby /85

In the circumstances reported, the charge will be written off to "Profit and Loss"

CB
9.2.85

11.2.85

S.E.V. Circle
Examr P.W.A.
Revenue Dept

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