P.p. 23-11-86: 3113 W.
& conn. papers
from the D.P.W.

~~B. No. 3344 W d/ 18th Decr/86~~

C. 9834 & 9835.

Recorded in
Contn. of G.O. No:
3113. W. d/. 23. 11. 86.

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The Petitioner

Despd. 18.12.86

P.W.C. No. 9835

CURRENT NO. 4431

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(1886) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT.

Dated 25th } November 1886.
Recd. 26 }

15. 12. 86

B. No. 3344 W d/ 18. 12. 86

SECRETARY 26 NOV 86 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ENCLOSURE.

Subject.

Transfers a petition from P. Colanda Samy Naidoo. in continuance of his previous one.

Transferred to the D.P.W. for disposal.
(By order)
H A Albert
Under Secretary

3026 11.9.86

To W.

The papers with Current No 6673 relate to the accounts of the Dowlaishweram workshops, while those attached to No 518 D of 10. 8. 86 relate to the accounts of the Godavari Eastern Divn.

With respect to the former papers, it will probably be necessary to call upon Capt. Rawson for such explanation as he can offer. The other points in the papers requiring orders are whether Sub Condr. Bennett shall at once be censured & warned as suggested by the S. E. in para 2 of his No 1237 of 19. 8. 86, or whether Capt Rawson's ~~[illegible]~~ explanation shall be awaited. Also whether the

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To W.

I think it is desirable that the result of auditing the stock in hand which according to last para but one of Mr. Hughes report, is in progress should be completed before orders are passed & suggest the S.E. should be informed that a further report after completion of stock taking will be awaited — probably Mr. Hughes will have returned by this time & can then add any further remarks he may wish to make.

3/9/86.

approved —
4.9.86

PETITION from P. Colandasamy Naidoo

Dated 24th November 1886.

TRANSFERRED to the Chief Secretary to Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

W. Mackinnon

Lieut.-Colonel,

Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Guindy Park
25th November 1886.

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whether this may be done. The amount represents expenditure under Irrigation heads, as well as Imperial, Provincial & Local.

In this case also it will probably be necessary to call on Capt Rawson for explanation.

Cn
2-9-86

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the S.E.'s recommendation with respect to forfeiture of the Storekeeper's security — vide para 5 of same letter — shall be approved —

The question of permitting the Storekeeper to retire rests with the S.E..

It may be here remarked that the S.E.'s letter of 19.8.86, No 1219 G.D., quoted in para 5 of No 1237 G.D. has not yet reached Ootacamund. The file connected with the recent order calling upon Capt. Rawson for explanation with respect to other irregularities, has not been put up —

No 2043 W
12-8-86

In the papers attached to No 518 D, the S.E. requests that the Ex. E. may be authorised to pass excess expenditure in the Eastern Divn amounting to Rs 74,288 — For orders

[C. No. 2.]

N.B.—In any future communication on this subject, the number and date of this letter should be quoted.

No. 42 W

From

The EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 23d JUNE 1886

SIR,

WITH REFERENCE TO CODE PARA 382, I HAVE THE HONOR TO BRING SPECIALLY TO YOUR NOTICE THE GRAVE IRREGULARITIES SHEWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING REFUND STATEMENT OF GODAVARI EASTERN DIVISION (ITEMS MARKED IN BLUE PENCIL).

2. ON RECEIPT OF THE WORK VOUCHERS FOR MARCH, THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WAS CALLED UPON TO EXPLAIN WHY VOUCHERS SAID TO APPERTAIN TO ONE WORK WERE CHARGED TO ANOTHER; BUT HIS EXPLANATION HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

3. THE REASON FOR THE PROCEDURE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO REPRESENT AS UTILISEDTHE GRANTS FOR SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS QUARTERS' AND 'EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS QUARTERS' FOR THE PAST YEAR REGARDLESS OF FACTS; THE GRANTS FOR THE IRRIGATION HEADS HAVING

	GRANT	OUTLAY EXCLUDING SUPPL. ACCOUNTS.
* SUPG. ENGINEERS QUARTERS	6,164	5,813
EX. ENGINEERS DO	2,586	2,633
PRODUCTIVE PUBLIC WORKS REVENUE ACCOUNT I. B. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	77,000	79,249
AGRICULTURAL REPAIRS	18,642	19,206

BEEN

BEEN EXCEEDED AS SHEWN IN THE MARGIN.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

D. C. Gordon

EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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352 G/6
2-7-86

Ootacamund, June 25. 1886.

No. 304 D.

Referred to the Superintending Engr. I Circle for favour of report.

J. Mackenzie
Col. R.E.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

25.6.86

FROM,

THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO,

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P.W. DEPARTMENT

8545/83

NO. 42 Z

DATED 23d JUNE 1886.

RECD. 23

ENCLO. 1.

REFUND STATEMENT OF GODAVARI EASTERN DIVISION. BRINGS TO NOTICE CERTAIN IRREGULARITIES SHEWN IN THE-------

Referred

With any Order

With [illegible] No. 855 G.D.

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FORMER CASES.

R No. 1027 W dated 11-11-85-
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Receipt No. 180 G.D
Dated 26. 8. 86

LATER CASES.

Jon No. 250 dated 8.9.86
Rop 173 " 18.9.86.
I " 110 G.D. " 20.9.88

Retd. c I
Sent to ~~Government~~ with ~~No. 0W250 W.~~ of
~~8-9-~~ 1887.

Printed with G.O., No. dated

REMINDERS RECEIVED.

No. 1, dated 188
" 2, " "
" 3, " "
" 4, " "
" 5, " "

KEEP-WITHS.

E. I. Form No. 29.

Receipt No. 180 G.D.

From The Supg. Engineer
1st Circle

No. 1219 G.D - Vide C No 7645/86.
Dated 19-8-86.

Subject—Dowlaishweram Workshop stock taking -
Reports on the result of examination of - & forwards comparative statement showing the book balances & the actual count.

ENCLOSURES. 10 -

From to
" F.E. I
" "
" Dw. H "
26.8.86

Orders and Proceedings in File.

No.	Date.	No.	Date.
573.I	20.8.86		
370.I	25.5.86		
918.I	28.10.85	(~~it~~ with original)	
625.I	20.7.85		
812.I	9.9.84		
532.I	6.7.83		
18W	6.1.83		
408W	20.2.85		
758W	22.3.86		

NO. 937 G.D

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER &
Secretary to Govt. P.W. Department
~~FOR IRRIGATION~~

DOWLAISHWARAM, 17th July 1886.

SIR,

With reference to your No. 304.x 25-6-86 I have the honor to say that I can offer no explanation of the object of the irregularities brought to notice by the Examiner in his No. 42-23-6-86 other than that suggested by him in Para 3 of that letter.

2. Though the present Executive Engr. had taken charge of the Division before (shortly before) the March accounts went in he is entirely free of blame for the irregularities under notice and they have helped to make his task in assuming the Administration of the Division an exceptionally anxious and trying one.

3. I think that under the circumstances of the case it is advisable to enclose copy of his No. 245-15-7-86, and its enclosures* in original which please return.

x Herewith returned with its enclosure.

* Statement shewing the liabilities outstanding on the undermentioned works for want of funds" with the Anicut Supdt.'s letter 235-27-1-86 & the Ex Engr.'s endorsement 9-2-86 thereon. Letter 13-7-86 from the Divisional Accountant to the Ex: Engineer with that Officer's rescript (246-14-7-86) thereon.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Sr.

C. Pewalt

Supt. Engineer 1st Circle.

No 304 D. 25. 6. 86

W.C. No. 5759
8.5.7/86

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FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER &
Secy. to Govt. P.W. Department ~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

DATED 17
DESPATCHED 19 July 1886 ~~188~~.
RECEIVED

No. 937 G.D.

ENCLOSURES. 6.

Certain irregularities in Accounts of Eastern Division— Informs that he cannot offer any explanation on the— other than that suggested by the Examiner P W Accounts

Ref. 13/7
Resubmitted to C. 3. 8. 86 R. 13. 8. 86
R. 27. 7. 86. Returned

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Examiner P.W. Accounts
No. 42 W d/ 23rd June 1886

Letter from the Suptg. Engr. I Circle
No. 937 G.D. d/ 17 July 1886.

Order thereon No. 2043 W d/ 13th August/86.

So far as can be judged from these papers, there appear to have been very grave irregularities committed in the accounts of the Godavari Eastern Division; but the Government cannot come to a decision in the matter until Captain Rawson, the late Executive Engineer of the Division, who appears to be responsible for the improp proceedings has had an opportu of explaining his proceedings.

2. He is now absent in on two years furlough, and he will at once be called on to state whether he has any explanation to offer. The original papers will be forwarded to h through the India office, for perusal

and early return with his reply.

True Extract

C Smith
For Secretary to Govt: P.W.D

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P.W. 8575

ptain C. C. Rawson R.E.
with papers

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P.W. 1517
Resubmitted to C. 3.8.86 R-13-8-86
. 27.7.86. Returned

No. 245

Dowlaishwaram
Ex. Engineer's Office
10th July 1886.
15th do. despatched

From,

The Executive Engineer in charge.
Eastern Dn. Godavari.

To,

The Supg. Engineer 1st. Circle.

Enclosures 2
1 Refund statement
1 Examiner's letter
No. 42 W. of 23-6-86
to Secy. to Govt. D.P.W.

also
Executive Engineer's
rescript 246. 14-7-86
on Accountant's letter
13-7-86 & enclosures.

Sir

In reply to your endorsement No. 855 G.D. of 7th Instant I have the honor to inform you that I did not discover the irregularities in connection with the charges to the "Executive Engineer's Quarters" until I examined the work vouchers for March 1886, after the despatch of the other accounts. I then found that over 40 payments made for work on the Anicut, Lock Shed, Traveller's Bungalow & other works had been charged to the Executive Engineer's Quarters. I marked these in red pencil in the list× of vouchers & noted that they had nothing to do with the work against which they were charged. This also appeared in the body※ of the account where the total of the objectionable payments were shewn as a temporary charge against this work. I could not then alter the accounts & there was no option but to make the necessary adjustments in the accounts for April or (as I expected I should be,)

× outside page of work vouchers.

※ In the work voucher.

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was instructed by the Examiner) in Supplemental accounts for March - I forget whether I noticed at the same time the ⊗charges for River Conservancy work debited to the Estimate for the Supd. Engrs Quarters. It is only by degrees that the irregularities which have occurred have come to my knowledge; in fact I may say without injustice to the Accountant that I have been generally allowed to find them out for myself. There may be others of which I know nothing.

⊗ Item 6 in refund Statement - Jm

The only explanation I could get regarding the irregular charges referred to was that as the allotments for the Anicut, Store &ca were exhausted my predecessor had given verbal orders to the Anicut Sub Dn Officer to charge the excess expenditure on these works to the Executive Engineer's Quarters. This was done in the × Cash Book but in the vouchers the name of the work to which each payment really belonged is, except in a few instances, correctly entered in the column reserved for the purpose. I have no doubt the Sub Division Officer acted under orders.

× Sub Division Jm

I have &ca &ca

(Sd) Wm Hughes,

Executive Engineer.

(True Copy)

Supd. Engineer 1st Circle.

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P.W. 5759/8575 86.

No A.

Inverness.
29th September
1886.

From
Capt. C.C. Lawton R.E.
Executive Engineer

To
The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle.

Sir.

With reference to G.O. No 2043 W. dated 13th August 1886. which I return herewith, together with its enclosures.

2. I have the honor to request that you will forward this letter to the Chief Engineer with such remarks as you may think fit.

3. The Head Accountant and the Annual Superintendent are quite free from blame for the irregular payments referred to in the above G.O. – these payments were all made by my orders.

4 My chief reason for ordering the payments to be made, was the fear of losing the labour present in Dowlaishweram at the close of 1885-86. There was no money available for either Annual Repairs or for River Conservancy although it had been asked for. It was of the utmost importance that these

works.

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works should be put in hand while there was water in the river for punts; while boats were available; and in order to be completed before the first freshes –

5. I therefore put the works on which the payments were made in hand, in order to keep the only people together; and paid up the arrears due to them; and for the work done by them, so far as the funds for the Executive Engineers new works would allow – this money being all that I had to pay them from.

6. I see now, with deep regret, that this proceeding was very irregular – I did it without due consideration, but in good faith, in what I believed to be the interests of Government –

7. As far as I remember, every voucher was perfectly plain, and the name of the work to which it properly belonged distinctly entered on it.

8. I am quite aware that what I have written is no excuse whatever for having ordered the irregularities, complained of. I can only therefore express my sorrow for having allowed them, and a hope that the Chief Engineer will treat my mistake as an error of judgment, committed in what I believed to be for the public good. and not as a deliberate

attempt to submit incorrect accounts

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C. C. Rawson
Capt R.E.

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Supd. Engr. 1st Circle.

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1325 G.D.
25-10-86.

From
Capt. C. H. Rawson R.E.
Executive Engineer.

To The Superintending
Engineer
1st Circle.

In: 1
P.W. 8515/86

Dated 29th Sep. 1886.

Regarding certain irregularities in the Accounts of the Godavari Eastern Division —

No. 1734. G.D.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

Enclosures 1.
1 Captn Rawson R.E.'s Explanation with its 8 Enclos.
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TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
P.W. Department
~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

DOWLAISHWARAM, 25th October 1886
Despd 27-10-86.

SIR,

(1) With reference to G.O. No. 2043-13-8-86 I have the honor to forward herewith letter No. A 29-9-86, received this day from Captain Rawson, together with the whole file which accompanied it.

(2) It will be seen that Captain Rawson acknowledges with regret the irregularity of his action as regards the charging to one work what was really spent on another, but explains that he did it "in good faith" in what he "believed to be the interests of Govt." and of this I have no doubt.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servt.

G. Walch
Supt. Engr. 1st Circle.

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P.W.C. No 8515

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

P. W. Department. ~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

DATED 25
DESPATCHED } October 1886
RECEIVED 2.11.86

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No. 1734 G.D.

ENCLOSURES. 9

Certain irregularities in the account of Eastern Dn. Godavari — Submits Captn. Rawson's explanation regarding —

Cur. 11.12.86

Hoop Iron deficiency enquiry -

Pig Iron. Balance as per book on 30th June 1886.	36,146
Add for Clerical error in striking balance in March 1886	1000
	37,146
Actually weighed	35,899
Deficiency in Pig Iron	1,247

~~No~~ No explanation of the deficiency can be found.

12th Nov 1886

Note on the discrepancies found in taking Stock of the iron in the Dowlaishweram Workshops in June 1886.

Iron bar, of sizes - Apparent deficiency 167,938 lbs.

According to the Stock book the balance on the 31st January 1885 was	176,502
On weighing on 2nd February 1885 Mr Bennett found	1,54,240
∴ really a deficiency	22,262

but in making fair Copy of the Comparative statement the book balance was written by mistake 17650 thus showing an apparent excess of 136,590 lbs instead of a loss of 22,262 lbs. In making the adjustment in November 1885 approved in G. O. No. 918. I. dated 28th Octr/85 the 136,590 were added to what was shewn in the Stock book, thus making an error showing the balance 158,852 lbs too much. In previous June there had been a clerical error of 6000 lbs - in December there was one of 10,000, & in September [illegible] Correct book balance is thus found.

Balance according to Stock book on 31st May/86.		3,11.853
Receipts 1st to 23rd June		"
Issues 1st to 23rd June		4,473½
		3,07,379½
Add for Clerical error in December Account	10,000	
Do . . March	8	10,008
		3,17,387
Deduct for Clerical error in striking balance in June Account	6,000	
" " " " September	200	
" " " " November	10	
Loss found in Counting Stock in February 1885.	22,262	
Erroneously added to Stock book balance in Novr.	136,590	
Total deductions to be made from Book balance		1,65,062
Correct book balance on 23rd June 1886		1,52,325
Actually weighed		1,39,441
True deficiency now in bar Iron		lbs 12,884

Sheet Iron -	Deficiency	1470 lbs,	Cannot be accounted for
T Iron	Excess	431 lbs	trifling & does not require explanation.
Angle Iron	Excess	8891 lbs	Cannot be accounted for.
Hoop Iron	Difference	trifling -	

△ 136,590
22,262
1,58,852

× Showing balance too great.
[illegible] balance too little

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ENCLOSURE
10 SEP 86
EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS

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Enclosure in a letter
No 7219 C.I. dated
19th August 1886 from
the Supg Engineer 1st Cl.
to the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation.