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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.G.O. No. 646Press
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st March 1869.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 3. From Captain W. CONINGHAM, R. E., Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, Supernumerary, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Spā, 17th January 1869.

1. About the middle of November 1868, I received a Last Pay Certificate from the Controller of Public Works Accounts. There were errors in the Certificate, and I wrote to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., pointing out the errors, and requesting that a revised certificate might be obtained from the Controller Public Works Accounts. The enclosed Certificate was returned to me, containing the same errors. I find myself thus compelled to appeal to you for redress, as you will readily perceive that I am placed in difficulties through not receiving the pay to which I am entitled.

2. The errors are as follows :—

I left India on the 21st August 1868, at 6 A. M.; my furlough pay, therefore, commences from the 21st August inclusive, and not from the 20th August, as stated in the Controller's Certificate.

The Certificate states that I have received three months' pay in advance; whereas I never received any advance whatever, nor have my Agents, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., advised me of their having received any such advance.

3. I have now done with the errors in the Certificate; but I beg also to add that I am also entitled to the following pay, viz. :—

In the Civil Department—

	RS.	A.	P.
As Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, from 8th to 20th August, at Rupees 195-12-0.	249	13	3
„ 3rd Grade, Executive Engineer, from do. to do., at Rupees 400.			

And in the Military Department—

Pay as Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, from 1st to 20th August, at Rupees 70	45	2	6
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Total... 294 15 9

4. I request that the sum of Rupees 294-15-9 may be paid to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

5. I was on preparatory leave from the 8th to 20th August inclusive, as I gave over charge of my Range to Major Raynsford on the 7th August 1868, and have received pay in the Civil Department up to that date. I beg also further to add that I was promoted to the grade of Captain on the 31st October 1868, and request that two Certificates may be drawn out, one authorizing my pay as Lieutenant, and the other as Captain, Royal Engineers, to be drawn at the India Office from the 21st August 1868 inclusive.

Please address to care of

MESSRS. GRINDLAY & Co., 55, Parliament Street, London, S. W.

REFERRED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for early report.

18th February 1869.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

William

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1st March 1869.*

No. 4. From the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th February 1869, No. 4,829.

- 1 Letter from Captain Coningham, with
1 Accompaniment.
1 Last Pay Certificate in duplicate.

1. With reference to your endorsement on the accompanying letter from Captain W. Coningham, of the Royal Engineers, under date the 17th

January 1869, I have the honour to offer the following remarks.

2. Captain Coningham was relieved of his duties in the Wynaad in the afternoon of the 7th August last, and irregularly drew his pay and allowances for the first seven days of that month in advance from the Officer in charge of the South-East Wynaad Range. Captain Coningham availed himself on the 8th August of the preparatory leave which had been previously granted to him, and, embarking on the 20th idem, sailed for England in the forenoon of the following day.

3. In November 1868, this Office passed Rupees 922-6-7 to Captain Coningham on a bill presented by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. Particulars of the items making up this amount are given below :—

(1.) Moiety of Staff pay from 8th to 20th August 1868,	RS. A. P.
at Rupees 200	83 13 11
(2.) Military allowances from 8th to 20th August 1868,	
at Rupees 195-12-0	82 1 5
(3.) Moiety of the average of three years' pay in advance	
for three months, (viz., from 21st August to 20th	
November 1868,) at Rupees 252-2-5	756 7 3

* Note.—Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s letter was not received in this Office till the 12th January 1869.

4. On the 23rd* December, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., at the request of Captain Coningham, refunded the last mentioned sum of Rupees 756-7-3 to the Executive Engineer in charge of the Northern Range of the Presidency, and applied for a receipt in acknowledgment of the amount, "to enable them to obtain an amended Pay Certificate." No application for such certificate has yet been made to this Office by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

5. The original Last Pay Certificate granted on behalf of Captain Coningham is dated 9th October 1868, and in columns 10 and 11 of that Certificate the 19th and 20th November 1868 were entered, instead of the 20th and 21st November, which are respectively the dates up to which an advance of furlough pay was passed in India, and from which, under the then existing arrangements, furlough pay should commence in England. I cannot understand how this error occurred, or how it was allowed to pass unnoticed in the preparation of the revised Pay Certificate granted on the 7th December last, but it is clear that the mistake is attributable to inexcusable negligence in the Salary branch of this Office. I referred the matter for the report of the Deputy Controller, who is in immediate charge of that Department, and from the Memorandum which he has submitted to me it appears that the party directly responsible for the errors in question is Mr. Frasz, the 1st Auditor in the Salary branch, who is entrusted with the duty of compiling Last Pay Certificates. I have frequently had occasion to find fault with this subordinate for carelessness and inattention to duty, and have now fined him one-eighth of his month's pay, warning him at the same time that future carelessness will result in his reduction to a lower grade.

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1st March 1869.*

6. I will now proceed to notice one or two points in Captain Coningham's letter which call for explanation. From paragraph 1 it would seem that Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. had applied to this Office, on Captain Coningham's representations, for a revised Last Pay Certificate. As already stated, no such application has been received, the revised Certificate dated 7th December having been issued with reference to the ruling of Government contained in their Proceedings, No. 3,735, dated 30th November 1868, and long before information had reached this Office of the refund of Rupees 756-7-3 referred to in paragraph 4.

7. Captain Coningham claims in this Department full Staff pay and Military allowances for the period (8th to 20th August 1868) during which he was absent on preparatory leave. This is clearly inadmissible under paragraph 69 of Section I. of the Military Pay and Audit Regulations. As shown in paragraph 3 above, a moiety of Staff pay, with full Military allowances, for thirteen days in August was passed to Captain Coningham in November last on Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s Bill. The Military pay proper claimed by that Officer from the 8th to 20th August is payable in the Military Department, and I have accordingly applied to the Military Paymaster, Presidency, to ascertain whether the claim has yet been passed. The reply will be forwarded to Government in due course.

8. As Captain Coningham's Regimental promotion did not take place till the 31st October 1868, or nearly two and a half months after his departure from India, no alteration on that account can be made in his Last Pay Certificate, but an adjustment of his Military pay and allowances, with reference to such promotion, will no doubt be effected at the India Office.

9. With these remarks, I have the honour to submit a revised Last Pay Certificate (in duplicate), and to request that the original may be forwarded to Captain Coningham, the copy being sent, as usual, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India. The entries in the body of this Certificate correspond in all respects with those in the Certificate of the 7th December last, except in columns 10 and 11, which have been altered with reference to paragraphs 2 and 4 of this letter.

No. 5. From the Paymaster, Presidency Circle, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Presidency Pay Office, 20th February 1869, No. 4,415.

Your Memorandum 20th February 1869, No. 4,820.

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Pay proper* up to 20th August, and moiety from 21st August to 20th November 1868, was passed to Lieutenant now Captain W. Coningham, Royal (Madras) Engineers, through his Agents at Madras, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

No. 4,842.

Copy of the above forwarded for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 7 of the Acting Controller's letter of the 20th instant, No. 4,829.

MADRAS,
22nd February 1869.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts.

William

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ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1869, No. 646.

1. Ordered that the second and third of the papers above recorded be communicated to Captain Coningham

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J. Good
Controller of P. W. Accounts.

Controller of P. W. Accounts.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Captain Coningham, with revised Last Pay Certificate.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

FORM A.

[FOR A MILITARY OFFICER.]

Last Pay Certificate.

William Jennings

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER
OF
P. W. ACCOUNTS,
The *Year* 1867.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 20th February 1869.

No. 4829.

From,
The Acting Controller of P.W. Accounts
To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Enclosures Four.

1 Letter from Captain
Cunningham, with
1 Accompaniment.
1 Sub Pay Certificate
in duplicate.

With reference to your en-
dorsement on the accompanying
letter from Captain W.
Cunningham, of the Royal Engineers,
under date the 17th January 1869,
I have the honor to offer the
following remarks. -

2. Captain Cunningham
was relieved of his duties in the
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7th August last, and irregularly
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3. In November 1868 this Office passed Rupees 922-6-7 to Captain Coningham on a bill presented by Messrs Arbutnot & Co. - Particulars of the items making up this amount are given below.

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@ Rupees 200 ——— 83 — 13 — 11
- (2.) Military allowances from 8th to 20th August 1868 @ Rupees 195-12- — 82 — 1 — 5
- (3.) Mority of the average of three years pay in advance for three months (viz. from 21st August to 20th November 1868) @ Rupees 252 — 2 — 5 ——— 756 — 7 — 3

*Note. Messrs Arbutnot & Co's letter was not received in this office till the 12th January 1869.

4. On the 23rd December, Messrs Arbutnot & Co., at the request of Captain Coningham, refunded the last mentioned sum of Rupees 756-7-3 to the Executive Engineer in charge of the Northern Range of the Presidency, and applied for a receipt in acknowledgment of the amount, "to enable them to obtain an amended Pay Certificate." No application for such Certificate has

has yet been made to this Office
by Messrs Arbutnot & Co.

5. The original Last Pay
Certificate granted on behalf of
Captain Coningham is dated 9th
October 1868, and in Columns 10
and 11 of that Certificate the
19th and 20th November 1868 were
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an advance of furlough pay
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pay should commence in England.
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the mistake is attributable to
inexcusable negligence in the
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of the Deputy Controller, who is
in immediate charge of that
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which he has submitted to me
it appears that the party directly
responsible for the errors in ques-
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Auditor in the Salary Branch,
who is entrusted with the duty
of compiling Last Pay Certificates.
I have frequently had occasion
to find fault with this subordinate
for

for carelessness and inattention to duty, and have now fined him one eighth of his month's pay, warning him at the same time that future carelessness will result in his reduction to a lower grade. -

6. I will now proceed to notice one or two points in Captain Coningham's letter which call for explanation. - From para 1, it would seem that Messrs Arbutnot & Co. had applied to this Office, on Captain Coningham's representations, for a revised Last Pay Certificate. - As already stated, no such application has been received, the revised Certificate dated 7th December having been issued with reference to

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to the ruling of Government contained in their Proceedings No. 3735, dated 30th November 1868, and long before information had reached this Office of the refund of Rupees 756-7-3 referred to in Para 4.

7. Captain Coningham claims in this Department full Staff pay and Military allowances for the period (8th to 20th August 1868) during which he was absent on preparatory leave. - This is clearly inadmissible under para 69 of Section I of the Military Pay and Audit Regulations. - As shown in para 3 above, a moiety of Staff pay, with full Military allowances, for 13 days in August was passed to Captain Coningham

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9. With these remarks, I have
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may be forwarded to Captain
Cunningham, the copy being
sent, as usual, to the Right
Honorable the Secretary of State
for India. The entries in the
body of this Certificate cor-
respond in all respects with
those in the Certificate of
the 7th December last,
except in Columns 10 and 11,
which have been altered with
reference

reference to paras 2 and 4 of this
letter. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

S. Hoof

Acting Controller of P.W. Accounts.



Form N^o 14.

Presy Pay Office
20th February 1869.

N^o 4415

From
The Paymaster Presidency Circle
To
The Controller Public Works Accounts

Your Memo: 20th February 1869 N^o 4820

Pay proper up to 20th August and
moiety from 21st August to 20th November 1868 was
passed to Lieutenant now Captain W. Cunningham
Royal Madras Engineers through his Agents at
Madras Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

/Signed A. P. Greenlaw Coll.
Paymaster Presidency

N^o 4842

Copy of the above forwarded for
the information of Government with reference to
para 7 of the Acting Controller's letter of the
20th instant N^o 4829.

Office of the Controller of P.W. Accts
Madras 22nd Feby 1869

S. Koch
Acting Controller of P.W. Accts

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W. D. Fort St George.

Copy in a letter to Bangalore
of 16th March 1869

Recd 19th Feb 1869
The Secy to Govt
Public Works Deptt
Fort St George

From
The Secy to Government
Public Works Deptt
Fort St George

Dated 20th
Recd 22nd February 1869.

N^o 4829.
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Reporting on the over
in the Revised Cash Pay
Certificate granted to
Captain Cunningham on
the 7th December 1868.

No 646-1st hand 1869

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Col. C. A. Dr. P. E. ²⁴
 Secy to Gov. P. W. Dep. ^{Jan 17/69}
 Sir,
 About the middle of Nov. /69 I
 received a last Pay Certificate from the
 Controller of P. W. Accounts. There were
 errors in the Certificate and I wrote to
 Messrs. Arthur & Co. pointing out the errors
 and requesting that a correct Certificate might
 be obtained from the Controller P. W. Accounts.
 The enclosed Certificate was returned to me
 containing the same errors. I find myself
 thus compelled to appeal to you for redress.
 as you will readily perceive that I am
 placed in difficulties through not receiving
 the Pay to which I am entitled.
 The errors were as follows:
 I left India on the 21. July 1868 at 6 am
 my furlough pay therefore commences from

Copy in a letter to England
 of 14. March 1869

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Mr. J. P. M. H. Dr. P. E.
 Secy to Gov. P. W. Dep.

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 Secy to Gov. P. W. Dep.

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Forwarding copy of a
 Memo: from Secy to Gov. P. W. Dep.
 to the Controller P. W. Accounts
 on subject of my furlough pay
 forwarded to Secy to Gov. P. W. Dep.

No 646-1st March 1869

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The 21st August in which I was sent from the 20th August
 as stated in the following certificate -
 The Certificate states that I have received (3) three months
 pay in advance for services shown as received during
 advance which has been my duty to supply to the
 & Co. advised me by their long receipt, any such
 advance.
 I have now done with the matter in the Certificate - but
 I beg also to add that I have also submitted the
 following pay - viz in the Civil Department A.D. 18
 As Clerk: A.D. from 8th to 20th August at 195-12-07 { 249-13-3
 " 3rd Grade: Ensign from 20th to 20th " 400-0-00
 And in the Military Department
 Pay as Clerk: A.D. from 20th August to 20th August " 20-0-0 - 45-25-6
 Total 294-15-9

I required that the sum of Pp. 294-15-9 may be paid
 to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. -
 I was on preparing to leave from the 8th to 20th August
 in charge, as I gave over charge of my Range to
 Messrs. Raynolds on the 7th August 60- and have received
 pay in the Civil Department up to that date. ^{the same}
 I beg also further to add that I was promised to Captain
 on the 31st October 60. and request that his (2) Contributions
 may be drawn out, one authorizing my pay as Lieutenant
 and the other as Captain. Payed by messrs - the draw
 at the Ordnance Office from the 21st August 1860. in charge -
 Enclosure. 1.
 1. Last Pay Certificate -
 Please address to Care of
 Messrs. Girdlay & Co.
 55. Parliament Street
 London. S.W.

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 Mr. Clerk - Servant
 John Lane Capt. R.
 3rd Grade. En. Eng. Sept. 1860

Copy in a Letter to England
of 4th March 1869.
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Referred to
the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
for early report.

Wm. A. R. R.

Secy to Govt P.W.D.
18 Feb 1869

To the Contl of P.W. Accts
with Last Pay Certificate



P.W. Dept. Madras
No 658

From, Mr 707/69
Capt. Cunningham No.

of 14th Jan 1869.
No 18 Feb 1869

Enclosure 1.
Intimating
that there were
errors in the "Last
Pay Certificate" fur-
nished to him in
November 1868, and
requesting a revised
certificate.

No 646-1st March 1869

Referred

Public Works Department
No 646
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st March 1869.
Read the following

From Captain Cunningham. P.E. A.E. No 2/17th January 1869/
From The Ag Controller of P.W. Accounts. A.E. No 4829 2/20th February 1869/
From "do" "do" A.E. No 4842 2/22nd February 1869/

Ordered that the
second and third of the
papers above recorded
be communicated to
Capt. Cunningham with
reference to his letter of the
17th January 1869. The
original of the revised
Last Pay Certificate re-
ceived from the Controller
of Public Works Accounts
will also be forwarded
to Capt. Cunningham and
the duplicate to the Right
Honble the Secretary of
State

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W. H.
A. A.

Shake for India.

2. Adverting to para
5 of the second of the letters
above recorded, the Govt.
approve of the notice
which has been taken
by the Controller
of the errors committed
in the Salary branch of
his Establishment. That
Department being under
the immediate and
special supervision of
the Deputy Controller,
His Excellency in Council
considers that with an
effective check on the
part of the latter Officer,
the mistakes in ques-
tion, are so important

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a document as a Last
Pay Certificate could
not possibly have oc-
curred. The Govt. must
look to the Controller
to take such measures
as may be necessary
for ensuring complete
efficiency in every
branch of his Estab-
lishment.

4 To the Controller, P. & A. Accts. ✓
3. Capt. Cunningham
with revised last pay
Certificate. ✓

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of 11th March No. 8 of 1869

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Govt. of (1869) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Controller of Public
Works Accounts

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 1st March 1869, No. 646

Nos. 206

Cunningham. Capt. Deringford
on papers relative to the last
pay certificate of Capt. Cunningham