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4. These Returns necessarily include a good deal of irregular expenditure, in the sense of being uncovered by a sanctioned estimate, or by a specific allotment of funds; but it frequently happens that while an item may be irregular in one month of the year for want of estimate or appropriation, it may be quite proper in a subsequent month, the estimate or appropriation having been furnished in the meanwhile. At considerable labour, involving the re-examination of my monthly Statements with the Progress Reports of the various Range Officers, and with all the orders passed by Government and the Board of Revenue, I have prepared a *single* Return containing the whole of the objectionable items of Local Fund expenditure appertaining to the *past* official year. I have weeded the *monthly* Returns of all items that subsequent orders enable me to pass without further authority, and the Statement now submitted contains only items of unauthorized outlay for the passing of which special sanction is still required.

5. Taking into consideration the circumstances above explained, I earnestly trust that early orders may be passed by Government, and the enclosed Statement, the objections raised in which may be classified as follows, so disposed of as to enable me to confirm such of the clearances on the accounts of Range Officers for 1869-70 as are still regarded as conditional.

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(True Extract.)

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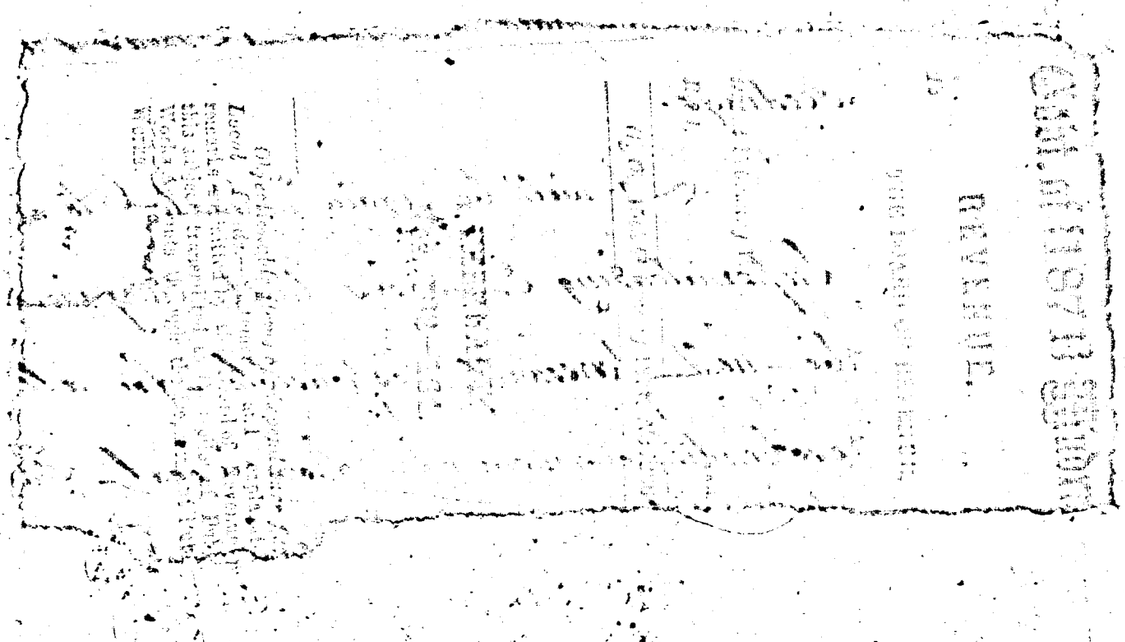
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To

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Objectionable Items of Expenditure from local Funds.—Statement and explanatory remarks submitted by the Board of Revenue on this subject, transmitted to Controller of Public Works Accounts through the Department Public Works.