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24th April 1874.*

No. 323. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th March 1874, No. 5,764:—

In submitting documents marginally indicated in obedience to paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 2,232, dated 10th September 1873, I have the honour to note that, as a general rule, some Government officers do not liquidate bills with the promptitude which might be expected.

2. Some bills due by Government officers are due from 1871-72, but from private individuals bills are due from 1869-70.

3. If officers do not promptly liquidate bills they should at all events acknowledge their receipt, and afford some explanation in reference to probable date of payment or causes of delay. The General Superintendent appears to have sent a sufficient number of reminders, and I think that explanation should have been afforded if payment was not forthcoming.

4. What to say about the bills of private parties I scarcely know. The only remedy for the present unsatisfactory state of private accounts appears to me to be payment before delivery; and I therefore beg to recommend that payment before delivery be insisted on by the General Superintendent for the future in transactions with private individuals.

5. I beg to recommend that the bad debts indicated by the General Superintendent be written off.

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent of Public Works Workshops and Stores, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Chepauk, 10th March 1874, No. 3,505.

With reference to your letter dated 2nd instant, No. 5,522, I have the honour to resubmit the statement of bills outstanding, with the dates and numbers of reminders sent to each person after submission of bill up to February 1874.

2. As regards the outstanding bills you will observe that there are—

In 1869-70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
1870-71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
1871-72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
1872-73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
1873-74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

26 Bills.

amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 904-9-9. I have made every effort to recover these bills, but as some of the parties are unknown, and some have left the country for a season, they remain still unadjusted. I still hope by continued dunning to recover all that is owing to Government

					Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. Wilmot	...	...	...	...	13	11	5
Mrs. Wright	...	...	...	...	0	15	6
Traction Engine Company	...	...	...	...	3	8	9
Total...	17	14	8				

with exception of the bills marginally noted, which are bad debts and reported as such to Government by me with the statement of outstanding bills on the 31st March 1873, vide G. O., No. 2,232, dated 10th September 1873,

and I beg leave to write off to Profit and Loss the sum of Rupees 17-14-8. These are bills due by private parties.

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3. In regard to bills due by officers in the Government service there is every reason to hope that they will be liquidated, and I beg respectfully to submit that during the last four years upwards of seven lacs of rupees have been collected by me, and during this period only Rupees 904 private bills remain outstanding. Government have held out to me an inducement of 4 per cent. on the collection of all such bills, and I submit that with my own interests involved I would endeavour to realize all I could in their collection. You will also observe that I have not been amiss in reminding the officers of their dues to Government, but some of them have not responded; still the bills are good.

4. With reference to Items 12 and 13, I beg to state that they have since been adjusted under instructions from the Controller.

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PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS.
Statement of Bills outstanding for the Quarter ending 31st December 1873.

On Whom.	No. and date of Bill.	Adjustment.	Cash.	Nature of Claim.	Remarks.
<i>Public Works Department.</i> 1872-73.					
Officer in charge of Nellore Range.	No. 245, 4th Dec. ...	RS. A. P. 39 6 0	ES. A. P.	Wheel barrows ...	Five reminders sent on the 5th Feb. 1873, 19th Feb. 1873, 8th Sept. 1873, 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. States that the bill will be adjusted soon as the District Engineer allots funds. Since adjusted.
Consulting Architect to Govern- ment. Do.	551, 14th March 554, 14th do. ...	863 6 6 908 3 0	..... .....	Three dampers for brick kilns. Twelve Trusses, iron work.	Two reminders sent on the 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Officer in charge of Nellore Range.	154, 9th Aug. ...	53 4 0	.....	Letter weighing scales ...	Two reminders sent on the 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Do. of Kurnool do. ...	173, 1st Sept. ...	649 11 0	.....	Tools supplied	Two reminders sent 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. Explanation regarding the supply sent and reply awaited.
Do. of Polur do. ...	177, do. ...	535 11 0	.....	Do. do	Two reminders sent on 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Do. of Dindigul do. ...	207, 5th ,, ...	22 7 8	.....	Tin figure plates and sun- dry articles	Since adjusted. Two reminders sent on 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
<i>Other Departments, Public.</i> 1871-72.					
Superintendent, Revenue Survey ...	361, 13th Feb. ...	28 10 0		Repairing a Theodolite ...	One Reminder sent on 5th February 1873. Explanation afforded in letter No. 2,922, dated 7th Feb. 1874, to the District Engineer.
		3,072 1 2			

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On Whom.	No. and date of Bill.	Adjustment.	Cash.	Nature of Claim.	Remarks.
Other Departments, Public.— (Concluded.) 1871-72.					
Superintendent, Revenue Survey ...	No. 492, 21st March ...	RS. A. P. 16 13 7	.....	Converting 4 Gunter's chains to 8 chains of 50 links.	One reminder sent on 5th Feb. 1873. Explanation afforded in letter No. 2,922, dated 7th Feb. 1874, to the District Engineer.
Do. ...	494, " " ...	132 5 6	.....	Repairing 2 Eidographs and a Theodolite.	do.
Do. ...	495, " " ...	149 2 2	.....	Repairing one Pentagraph, repairing and adjusting Theodolite.	do. Since adjusted.
Do. ...	498, " " ...	89 14 7	.....	Repairing and adjusting 4 Theodolites 2 Surveying Compasses and a Prismatic Compass.	do.
1872-73.					
Officer Commanding Trichoor ...	38, 2nd July ...	17 8 0	.....	Letter weighing scale ...	Four reminders sent on 5th Feb. 1873, 20th March 1873, 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Superintendent, Revenue Survey ...	105, 11th " ...	.....	1 13 2	Repairing Theodolite ...	Vide remarks for other bills of the Revenue Survey.
Do. ...	128, 15th " ...	315 0 10	.....	Repairing and adjusting 8 Theodolites 6 Prismatic Compasses, 2 Levels and 1 Circumferentor.	do.
Madras Pier Committee ...	299, 19th Nov. ...	.....	896 1 0	Pier experiments...	Two reminders sent on 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. Not yet adjusted for want of funds. Copy of bill furnished since.
Government Astronomer ...	432, 10th Feb. ...	138 5 6	.....	Repairing instrument, etc.	Three reminders sent on 12th March 1873, 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Officer in charge of Chepauk Park	606, 26th March	45 7 0		Wheelbarrows and weights.	Two reminders sent. Copy of the bill furnished on 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874, on requisition.

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1873-74.					
President, Local Fund Board, Salem.	31, 16th June...		0 14 0	Railway charge on a measuring tape.	Reminder sent on 30th Jan. 1874. Intimates book adjustment with the Controller to whom the question has been referred. Since adjusted under instruction from that officer.
Deputy Collector, Treasury, Salem.	36, " " ...	.....	0 14 0	Colours supplied ...	
President, Local Fund Board, Salem.	56, 19th " ...	53 8 0	6 8 0	Repairing instruments, etc.	Two reminders sent on 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Government Astronomer ...	77, 30th " ...	135 12 10	.....	Repairing Mathematical Instruments, etc.	Vide remarks for other bills of the Revenue Survey.
Do. ...	86, " " ...	.....	32 3 8	Repairing two Theodolites.	Three reminders sent on 12th Aug. 1873, 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. Since adjusted.
Superintendent, Revenue Survey ...	50, 19th " ...	.....	.....	One and half rupee weights supplied.	Two reminders sent on 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. Copy of bill submitted on requisition, and reply awaited.
Accountant-General, Madras	88, 9th July ...	216 0 0	.....	Repairing apparatus for a transit telescope, etc.	
Deputy Superintendent of Survey No. 1 Party, Bangalore.	134, 26th " ...	59 15 8	.....	Stamps, steel figures and other sundry articles and work done and supplied.	Two reminders sent 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. Copies of bill submitted on requisition. Bill for Rs. 396-12-3 since adjusted.
Postmaster General	163, 23rd Aug ...	2,050 5 6	.....	Repairing 7 pairs letter scale and sundry articles supplied.	
Do. ...	165, 25th " ...	396 12 3	.....	Four Brass letter weighing scales with weights and 3 iron bangy scales.	Two reminders sent 30th Jan. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Collector of Cuddapah	174, 1st Sept. ...	113 0 0	.....		
		3,958 9 5	938 5 10		
Private.					
1863-70.					
Mr. L. J. Wilnot ...	95, 14th July ...	.....	13 11 5	Fitting and repairing a sewing machine.	Has had to leave Madras on several occasions, and has been frequently reminded and spoken to. Refuses to pay. Bad bill.
" F. Nelson, Madras	338, 4th Dec. ...	.....	28 0 7	Repairing a Theodolite and a Level.	One reminder sent 10th Feb. 1874. From inquiries made this gentleman is in England now. Copy of bill sent through Mr. Doderet.

On Whom.	No. and date of Bill.	Adjustment.	Cash.	Nature of Claim.	Remarks.
<i>Private.—(Continued.)</i>					
1869-70.					
F. Fletcher, Esq., Cannanore	No. 481, 25th Jan. ...	ES.	RS. A. P.	Repairing an Ice machine.	Four reminders sent, 5th Feb. 1873, 20th Mar. 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received. States will be in Madras shortly to settle the account.
Captain J. G. Lindsay, R.E.	625, 21st March.	.....	6 14 4	One teakwood box and re-pairs of a coffee pot.	Eight reminders sent, 25th April 1870, 30th May 1870, 28th Sept. 1870, 5th Feb. 1873, 16th June 1873, 12th Aug. 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply.
1870-71.					
G. W. Forbes, Esq.	71, 4th July ...	.....	4 8 0	Three flat-sided spear heads.	Five reminders sent, 28th Sept. 1870, 5th Feb. 1873, 20th March 1873, 16th June 1873, 12th Aug. 1873. Gone to England. Messrs. Arbutnot and Co. have been requested to communicate on this subject.
Do.	131, 6th „ „	.....	4 9 6	Three spear heads with bamboo handles.	Cannot be found in Madras. Every inquiry has been made. Bad bill.
Mr. Wright, Madras	148, 27th „ „	.....	0 15 6	Repairing a patent enema.	Six reminders sent, 28th Sept. 1870, 5th Feb. 1873, 20th March 1870, 16th June 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
W. Fraser, Esq., C.E.	176, 4th Aug. ...	.....	41 5 5	Repairing a Levelling instrument and painting levelling staves.	Bad bill. The Company failed.
Do.	265, 30th Sept.	.....	4 15 1	One new box.	
Madras Traction Engine Company.	597, 29th March	.....	3 3 9	Turning four cast-iron Naves.	
1871-72.					
Mr. Johnstone, Kotagerry	7, 21st April	.....	58 0 0	Repairing a Theodolite with stand and a Prismatic Compass.	Two reminders sent, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
R. W. Lodwick, Esq.	56, 25th May ...		35 0 0	Repairing an Ice machine.	Two reminders sent, 16th June 1873, 10th Feb. 1874. Explanations are being awaited from Mr. Lodwick.

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W. H. Roberts, Esq., Civil Surgeon, Calicut.	157, 22nd July		40 14 0	Do. do.	Five reminders sent, 16th June 1872, 5th Feb. 1873, 15th March 1873, 13th March 1873, 20th March 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Honourable V. Ramiengar	420, 28th Feb. ...	.....	30 0 0	Repairing an Electric machine.	Six reminders sent 5th Feb. 1873, 13th March 1873, 16th June 1873, 12th Aug. 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. Since adjusted.
Mr. H. Tato	472, 18th March	.....	203 7 10	American Axes, Axle arms, etc., supplied.	Papers relating to this work forwarded to the District Engineer for orders.
Alexandra Press Company, Madras.	481, „ „	.....	5 5 4	Turning brass nuts and repairing an eccentric rod.	Four reminders sent, 5th Feb. 1873, 16th June 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
1872-73.					
W. Arbutnot & Co.	111, 11th July ...	.....	2 6 0	Repairing two telescope supports.	Cannot get information as to the present residence of this gentleman.
T. Kistnasamy Naidoo	424, 10th Feb. ...	.....	16 11 10	Black tin and zinc sheets supplied.	Three reminders sent, 16th June 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. Will be adjusted in March 1874. Since adjusted.
D. F. Carrickael, Esq.	437, 12th July ...	.....	8 19 6	Repairing a Barometer and Photographic Camera.	Three reminders sent, 20th March 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received. Since adjusted.
Captain C. J. Smith, R.E.	506, 1st March	.....	142 7 2	Repairing an Ice machine.	Gone to England on leave.
Colonel S. P. Scott, Ootacamund	535, 8th „ „	.....	124 4 10	One-hand cart and 100 single sheave block supplied.	Four reminders sent, 16th June 1873, 12th Aug. 1873, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received. The District Engineer, Neilgherries, requested to communicate with that gentleman.
1873-74.					
Mr. Murryan	96, 9th July ...	.....	8 8 9	Cast-iron wall brackets.	One reminder sent, 10th Feb. 1874. Will be adjusted in March 1874. Since adjusted.
Brooke Leggett, Esq., Mangalore.	125, 24th „ „	.....	12 0 0	One steel seal with movable types, dates, etc.	Two reminders sent, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received.
Honourable V. Ramiengar	159, 9th Aug. ...	.....	1 2 0	Repairing an Aneroid.	Two reminders sent, 10th Feb. 1874, 25th Feb. 1874. No reply received. Since adjusted.

No. 1342.
Revenue Department.
Dt. of 1874 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

DISTRICT ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 24th.

Recd. 1st May.

Encl.

G. O., 24th April 1874, No. 1,066.

APRIL

Nos. 323-324

By Mr.

Outstandings.—Issuing instructions to the Departments concerned and to certain District Engineers and the Consulting Architect for the adjustment of the sums due to the Public Works Workshops and on the subject of the introduction of the cash system, and certain irrecoverable amounts ordered to be written off to Profit and Loss.

Communicated to the
Board of Revenue and
of Civil Engineering for
attention in London.

2nd May 74

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