

**SCHEDULE OF SUMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDIT OFFICE AS PAID, UNDER
PROVISIONS OF SECTION 73, PUBLIC REVENUES ACT, 1926—continued**

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
Public Works			
Contract, progress payment	Voucher lost.. .. .	£ 2,911 3 8	£ s. d.
Freight charges	Receipt unobtainable	4 10 0	
Goods and services	Vouchers lost	61 8 1	
Legal costs	Vouchers lost	4 7 3	
Publications	Receipts not obtained	0 19 10	
Toll charges	Receipts not obtained	4 7 3	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	8 16 11	
Wages and salaries	Vouchers lost	149 4 2	3,144 17 2
Railways			
Goods and services	Receipts unobtainable	33 3 11	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	3 8 10	36 12 9
Scientific and Industrial Research			
Insurance charges	Receipt unobtainable	12 3 4	
Overtime	Vouchers lost	15 13 1	
Toll charges	Receipts not obtained	1 8 4	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	32 4 9	61 6 6
Social Security			
Benefit payments	Voucher lost.. .. .	20 48 11	
Salaries	Voucher lost.. .. .	4 9 5	
Toll charges	Voucher lost.. .. .	2 15 0	
Travelling-expenses	Voucher lost.. .. .	8 0 0	36 3 4
State Forest Service			
Salaries and wages	Voucher lost.. .. .	20 15 7	
Travelling-expenses	Receipt destroyed by fire	2 7 6	23 3 1
Treasury			
Maintenance	Receipts unobtainable	10 0 0	
Petty expenses	Receipts unobtainable	1 16 0	
Publications	Receipts unobtainable	2 10 11	
Rent	Receipt not obtained	0 8 9	
Travelling-expenses	Receipts not obtained	138 15 6	
Wages (U.S.J.P.B.)	Receipts not obtained	129 13 3	283 4 5
			£79,228 14 8

(e) PROCEEDINGS TAKEN AGAINST DEFAULTERS AND OTHERS

Particulars of cases in which proceedings have been taken in pursuance of section 69 (3) of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, are included in the statement under para. (c), page v.

The Audit Office is required by the above-mentioned section to take all such steps as it thinks fit to prosecute according to law all defaulters in respect of any public moneys or stores, but the section does not prevent prosecutions in such cases by persons other than the Audit Office. The statement includes, therefore, prosecutions which were instituted by Departments concerned as well as those instituted by the Audit Office.

(f) SURCHARGES

Section 69 (1) of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, provides that the Controller and Auditor-General shall surcharge the person responsible wherever it appears to the Audit Office that public moneys or stores have been lost through the default, neglect, fraud, or error of any servant of the Crown.

In the past year it was found necessary to surcharge two officers, the surcharges being in respect of loss of money.