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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 430-1 Press Mis.

Dated 25. 6 1858.

B. No. 11-13 5-6-58

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No. 11. From J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th June 1858, No. 105.

Sir,

Mr. E. F. Harrison, 1st Assistant Accountant General to the Government of India, recently appointed on special duty to this Presidency, submitted to this Office two Bills, for the amounts shewn in the margin, purporting to be for charges incurred in carrying out the orders of the Government of India conveyed to him in their letter No. 781, dated the 29th January last. The abovementioned Bills were accordingly passed, agreeably to para: 2 of that letter communicated to me for my guidance.

From 25th February to 24th April 1858, *Rupees*	290-9-6
From 30th April to 19th May 1858,	186-10-0
Total Rupees	477-3-6

2. In like manner a Bill amounting to Company's Rupees 227-4-0 submitted by Mr. J. Brooks, 2nd Assistant Accountant General, for the expenses incurred by him in the prosecution of the special duty referred to in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 258 in the Financial Department, dated the 21st April 1858, was passed to that officer in accordance with the instructions contained in the 2nd para: of those orders directing Mr. Brooks to submit Bills of his *bond fide* expenses."

3. In the Bills of both gentlemen small Items for "Board" appear, and I have some doubts as to the propriety of admitting such a charge; as a charge of this description was disallowed in the Bill of the late Mr. Conolly, when he proceeded from Malabar to Madras on duty to give evidence before the Supreme Court; agreeably to the order of Government, No. 61 in the Judicial Department, dated the 31st January 1851.

4. I am not aware however, whether or not, charges of this nature are admissible under the practice which obtains in the Bengal Presidency; and as Mr. Harrison has left this Presidency and is not likely to present any further Bills, and as the Items are not of large amount, I am disposed to think the charges in his case may be admitted under the sanction conveyed in the 3rd para: of the letter before quoted.

5. It is desirable that this point be definitively settled as regards Mr. Brooks who has commenced a long tour, and is likely to enter many Items for board, in his future Bills. I therefore have the honor to request the early orders of Government on the subject.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 430; dated 25th June 1858.

The Government authorize the items for "Board" charged in the Bills submitted by Mr. E. F. Harrison being passed by the Civil Auditor, and resolve to refer to the Government of India the question as to whether similar expenses incurred by Mr. Brooks may be admitted.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 13. To the SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA, dated 25th June 1858, No. 431.

Sir,

The Civil Auditor has brought to notice that items for "Board" have been charged in the Bills submitted by Messrs. Harrison and Brooks for the expenses actually incurred by them in visiting some of the Districts of this Presidency for the purpose of explaining and introducing the Bengal system of Accounts, and has requested instructions whether such charges are to be admitted.

2. I am accordingly directed to submit the Civil Auditor's letter and to enquire whether the Supreme Government consider the charge in question to be admissible.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. A. Wilson.

No 1838.

The Court authorise the
Words for "Bank" changed in the
Bill drawn thereby Prof. Mac-
pherson having produced by the Court
an Extract Minute to prove to
the Court of India the question
with authorises similar expressions
inserted by the Bank may be
admitted.

Ordered that the Bill
[illegible] to the Committee.

Pro Clerk
25 June 1838

Extract from the Minutes of the Court
of Directors

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Financial Department

No 1031

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Sir,

The Civil Auditor has brought to notice that items for "Board" have been charged in the Bills submitted by Messrs Harrison & Brooks for the expenses actually incurred by them in visiting some of the Districts of the Presidency for the purpose of explaining, and introducing the Bengal system of Accounts, and has requested instructions whether such charges are to be admitted as similar items were disallowed by this Government in 1861 in the Bill of travelling expenses incurred by the Magistrate of Mahabun in proceeding

Sir Thos Liddell 29/6/58.

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Foreign Office
29th June 1858.

Replied 6. 27th August 1858
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