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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 17*th August* 1858.

No. 22. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, dated the 30th June 1858, No. 893.

(*Vide* Diary to Consultation 2nd July 1858, Nos. 54 and 55.)

(*Referring for disposal a letter from Mr. W. Knox, late Acting Agent in Ganjam, praying that an allowance of Rupees* 450 *be made him for the* 25 *months during which he was Acting for Mr. Prendergast.*)

No. 23. Official Memorandum from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to the Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated 23rd July 1858, No. 314.

As requested in the Official Memorandum of the Chief Secretary to Government, the Acting Civil Auditor has the honor to forward a Memo: shewing the actual financial result of the arrangement consequent on Mr. Knox, acting for Mr. T. Prendergast from 7th November 1854, to 9th December 1856, and the amount gained thereby.

No. 314.

Memorandum shewing the net amount of Saving to Government by the absence on leave on Medical Certificate of Mr. T. Prendergast, Collector of Ganjam, from 7th November 1854 to 9th December 1856.

Salary of the Collector, Magistrate and Agent to the Government of Fort Saint George, from 7th November 1854 to 9th December 1856, at 2,850 Rupees per month...	......			......			71,507	6	9			
Absentee allowance of Mr. T. Prendergast, from do. to do. at 833-5-4 per mensem.	......			20,908	9	8						
Deputation allowance of Mr. W. Knox, as Acting Collector of Ganjam, from do. to do. at 485 Rupees per do. ...	12,168	12	11									
Do. of Mr. J. Fraser, Acting Principal Assistant at Ganjam, from 7th November to 17th December 1854, at 233-5-4 do. ...	314	10	0									
Do. of Mr. E. B. Foord, do. from 18th December 1854 to 31st March 1856, at 233-5-4 per mensem...	3,605	6	0									
Do. Mr. G. Wylie, Acting Subordinate Judge of Rajahmundry, for Mr. Foord, from 1st April to 20th September 1856, at 280 Rupees per mensem...	1,586	10	8									
Do. Mr. F. B. Malony, Acting Head Assistant Collector Rajahmundry, for Mr. Wylie, from 10th May to 20th September 1856, at 200 Rupees per mensem.	875	4	4									
Do. Mr. R. Davidson, Acting Principal Assistant Collector of Ganjam, from 16th November to 9th December 1856, at 233-5-4 per mensem...	184	6	6	18,735	2	5	39,643	12	1	31,863	10	8
Deduct the balance of personal allowance, if sanctioned by Government, as requested by Mr. W. Knox from 7th November 1854 to 9th December 1856, at 450 Rupees per mensem...										11,295	0	0
Rupees										20,568	10	8

Fort Saint George,
Civil Auditor's Office,
23rd July 1858.

(Signed) J. L. LUSHINGTON,
Acting Civil Auditor.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 17th August 1858.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 530; dated 17th August 1858.

It appears from the Civil Auditor's report, in reply to the reference made to him on the subject, that the net amount of saving to Government by Mr. Prendergast's absence on leave during the period for which Mr. Knox has applied for Extra Allowance, was Rupees 21,865-10-8, and that, if his application were acceded to, there would still be a saving of Rupees 20,365.

2. Under these circumstances, and adverting to the laborious and responsible nature of the duties and the long time that Mr. Knox performed them, the Government consider that he has some claim to compensation, and resolve accordingly to recommend his application to the favorable consideration of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Memorandum.

Mr W. Knox Actg Collector and Agent in Ganjam under date 5th Feby 1856, represented that altho' the Salary of the appointment which he then temporarily held, was 500 Rupees a month more than that of a Civil Judge, specially on account of the arduousness of the duties; yet that he himself then doing the whole duty for nearly two years, received much less than a Sub Judge acting for a Civil Judge; and he prayed that the 500 Rupees additional salary of the Ganjam Collector might be regarded as a personal allowance, to be drawn by the Officer actually performing the duty, or at least that half the amount might be so given.

2. The Government, in reply (10th March 1856) admitted the hardship of Mr Knox's case thus performing for so long a period

period the duties of a very laborious Office, on emoluments so much inferior to those which had been determined as proportioned to those duties. But they regretted that the existing rules put it out of their power to give any relief, while they did not apprehend that an application to the Honorable Court to make Ganjam an exception to the general rules, would be attended with success.

3 As however it seemed likely that before Mr Knox's period of acting terminated it would have extended to a much longer term than usual the Government said that they would be prepared on the case being then again brought before them to make a recommendation to the Honorable Court in Mr Knox's favor to some extent, based on the fact of the long duration of the Actg. Appointment, and of the large saving of allowances accruing during that time.

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4 Mr Knox having been relieved from the charge of the Ganjam Agency and taken up his permanent appointment as Collector of Masulipatam now 16th June 1858 again brings his case under consideration. He sets out the extent of business of all kinds that has devolved on him during the period that he acted in Ganjam, the improvement of the revenue during his administration, the tranquil state of Goomsoor and the successful repression of the disturbances in Kimedy, and reverting to his former request that he might be permitted to draw Rs 500 a month as a special grant to the man who did the work, urges that as he has already received 500 Rupees viz the excess of the deputation allowance of the Agency of Ganjam, ~~and above~~ above that of an ordinary Collectorate, the remainder

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or Rupees 450 per mensem may be granted him for the 25 Months viz from 7th Novr 1854 to 9th Decr 1856 that he was acting for Mr T. Prendergast.

5 The Civil Auditor in reply to a reference made to him on the subject shows that the net amount of saving to Govt by Mr Prendergast's absence on leave for the periods in question was Rs 31,863-14-8 and that if Mr Knox's application were acceded to there would still be a saving of Rs 20,568.

6 Mr Knox's deputation allowance for the time that he was thus acting was regulated by the usual rules. The 500 Rupees or the sum whereby the pay of the Ganjam Agency exceeds that of a Collectorate is part of the pay of the Office and cannot be regarded as a special grant to the man doing the work. The laborious and responsible nature of the duties and the long time that Mr Knox performed them may however be regarded as giving him some title to compensation, but the utmost that could be done would be to recommend the application to the Court of Directors.

7. The unlucky part of the business is that just after Mr W. Knox's original application was submitted on 19th Feby 1856 the Dundasenah escaped and did no little mischief whilst at large.

8 The observations of the Court of Directors on the matter will be found in their Despatch of 5th Novr 1856 Judicial Department No 16, and on the submission of Mr Knox's explanation they observed "that to use his words he did not neglect to take common precautions for the due custody of this important State prisoner." It was because the prisoner's custody

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His claim stops here because Mr Prendergast's leave being out he then vacated the Agency and Mr Knox was allowed to draw the full pay of the office (till 7 Jany 1857). This lasted until [illegible] March 1857 when he was appd. Collr of Masulipatam & drew the full pay of that appt. besides actg. pay at Ganjam, [illegible] must have made his receipts up to the salary of the Agency. This continued until he was relieved by Mr Lushington last April when he fell back on his Collectorate at Masulipatam custody was of paramount moment to the peace of the District that more than common precaution should have been taken." W

I think we may recommend Mr Knox' claim he certainly was very hard worked & it w'd be hard to ignore his services because one Pris'r (& that a very notorious one it is true) effected his escape fr. custody with the connivance of his guard) I have no doubt W.G.

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Financial Department

No 550.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date 17th Augt 1858-

Read the following papers.

Ex: Minr Cons Rev: Dep (Here enter 30th June 1858. No 393).

Memo from the Acting Civil Auditor (Here enter 23rd July 1858 No 314).

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It appears from the Civil Auditor's report, in reply to the reference made to him on the subject, that the net amount of saving to Government by Mr Pendergast's absence on leave during the period for which Mr Knox has applied for extra allowance was Rupees 31,863-10-0, and that, if his application were acceded to, there would still be a saving of Rupees 20,365.

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2. Under these circumstances, and adverting to the laborious and responsible nature of the duties and the long time that Mr. Knox performed them, the Government consider that he has some claim to compensation, and resolve accordingly to recommend his application to the favorable consideration of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

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To W. Knox Esqr.
Collector of Masulipatam } Dispd 23d

A P M Boyse
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17 August 1858

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Extract Min: Cons:
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