

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	218	Press Mis.
Dated	18. 5.	1860

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
for the month of May 1860.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 19. From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector, Magistrate and Agent to the Governor in Ganjam, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 20th April 1860, No. 89.

The inconvenience occasioned to Officers absent on privilege leave by the rule which precludes them from drawing any pay during their absence, has already been brought to the notice of Government; I have now the honor to request their attention to what seems to me an unnecessary aggravation of this inconvenience, occasioned by the Civil Auditor's refusal to audit the bills tendered to him monthly, so that an Officer on privilege leave cannot even draw his pay on his return to his station, but must then despatch his bills and await their return from the Audit Office; a process which, in this District, adds three weeks to the period for which all pay and allowances are withheld.

2nd. Such delays might be prevented simply enough if the bills when presented were audited and sent to the Officer in charge of the District Treasury to await the absentee's return to his station, when he would receive his arrears without further delay.

3rd. It is my duty to add, that not having received my bills, I intend this day to draw my pay in arrears for February and March on my own responsibility, as I cannot in this remote spot provide otherwise for the necessary expenditure of myself and my establishment, and under the circumstances I have detailed, I request the indulgence of Government for the step.

Referred for the report of the Civil Auditor.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

28th April 1860.

No. 20. From E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Civil Auditor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th May 1860, No. 431.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Order of Government of the 28th ultimo, forwarding for my report a letter from Mr. G. S. Forbes, Collector of Ganjam, suggesting that the pay of Officers absent on privilege leave should be passed for payment on the understanding that the amount is not to be disbursed until their return to duty.

In reply I have the honor to remark that an Officer, until he returns to duty from privilege leave, is not in a position to prefer a claim to salary for any part of the period of absence.

My duty in auditing consists in the examination and admission of claims upon the public Treasury; that I should admit claims brought forward under the circumstances supposed appears to me objectionable.

As to the inconvenience itself, I would remark that its extent can be easily foreseen and that it appears to me a very small price to pay for the great privilege conceded to all Civil Officers of retaining their full salary during absence for one, two, or three months consecutively.

No. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1860, No. 218.

Ordered that a copy of the Civil Auditor's letter be furnished to Mr. Forbes, and that he be informed that his drawing his pay without his abstract being regularly audited and passed, was highly irregular and improper.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Financial Dept.

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Collector & Agent at Ganjam (Dated 20 April, 1800-1809)

From the Civil Auditor (Dated 9th July 1801)

Order thereon 18 May 1800. No 218.

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To G. S. Forbes Esq
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