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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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8th November 1860.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th October 1860, No. 243.

Financial Department.

1. With reference to the Orders of Government in the Financial Department, No. 252, dated 2nd May, passed on a letter from this Office, No. 456, dated the 8th April 1859, regarding the conveyance of Treasure to Nagpore by the river Godavari, I have the honor to state that small silver and copper coins to the value of three lacs of Rupees, contained in 1,516 boxes, and weighing 91 tons, consigned to the Commissioner of Nagpore, were despatched from Madras by Steamers, and landed at Cocanada, whence they were forwarded by the Godavari to Nagpore.

2. It was expected from the communication made to this Office by Major Rundall, the District Engineer of Godavari, and which was reported to Government at the time, that the cost of transport would be no more than eleven Rupees per ton for a distance of 137 miles. 54 tons of the Treasure were conveyed 200 miles, and 37 tons 124 miles. The cost at that rate would amount to

<i>Carriage of 54 tons treasure, 200 miles, charged by Captain Stevens @ 5 Annas per ton per mile...</i>	<i>Rupees 3,375- 0-0</i>
<i>Do. 37 tons do, 124 miles do. "</i>	<i>1,433-12-0</i>
	<i>4,808-12-0</i>

<i>Carriage of 54 tons treasure, 200 miles, estimated by Captain Rundall @ 11 Rupees per ton for 137 miles.....</i>	<i>867-2-5</i>
<i>Do. 37 tons do, 124 miles do..</i>	<i>368-6-1</i>
	<i>1,235- 8-6</i>

Difference Rupees 3,573- 3-6

only Rupees 1,235-8-6. But I have been requested by Lieutenant Heysham, Sub-Assistant Commissary General at Cocanada, to authorize payment to him of Rupees 4,808-12-0 as the cost incurred by his department for the transport of the Treasure in question, being at the rate of five Annas per ton per mile, the rate it would appear sanctioned by Government for the transport of Stores, in their Proceedings, Public Works Department, No. 1,904, dated 9th August 1859. The difference between the two rates, as per margin, amounts to Rs. 3,573-3-6.

3. I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Captain J. Stoddard, the present District Engineer of the Godavari Division, in reply to a reference made by me to the Commissariat Officer of that District for explanation on the subject. It will be seen that the Treasure was classed with Stores, and charged for accordingly. Captain Stoddard also adds that he believes the actual cost of transport of the Treasure was considerably greater than that estimated by Captain Rundall, and was not far short of five Annas per ton per mile, on account of the many difficulties met with from the lateness of the season, and owing to its being the first year of the Godavari transit operations.

4. Under these circumstances I have the honor to solicit the orders of Government. It being a civil charge, and the remittances having been made from the General Treasury here, the bill should be submitted by the Sub-Treasurer, and, after audit, a draft for the amount should be forwarded by him to the Commissariat Officer of the Godavari District, to enable the latter to adjust the same in his accounts.

From Captain J. STODDARD, District Engineer, Godavery District, to Lieutenant HEYSHAM, Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Cocanada, dated Dowlaishwaram, 14th September 1860, No. 738.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 1,098 dated 5th instant, with its accompaniment, I have the honor to state that, by the Order of Government, No. 1,904, dated 9th August 1859, paragraph 3, the amount of hire to be paid for the transport of Stores by the canal and river was fixed at 5 Annas per ton per mile, and it was under the impression that the Treasure also was included in the term "Stores," that Captain Stevens charged at the above-mentioned rate for conveying it by the Godavery route.

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2. I observe however that the Government in their Order No. 252 dated 2nd May 1859, sanctioned the rate mentioned by Captain Rundall in his Telegraphic communication to the Accountant General, viz. 11 Rupees per ton from Coringa to Badrachellum, (137 miles), which is about one-fourth of what Captain Stevens actually charged. I believe, however, that the actual cost of transport of the Treasure was considerably greater than that estimated by Captain Rundall, and was not far short of 5 Annas per ton per mile, on account of the many difficulties met with from the lateness of the season, and owing to its having been the first year of the Godavery transit operations.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. KISTNAMAH NAIDOO,
Head Writer in Temporary charge of C. Dt.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) THOMAS PEACHEY,
Ag. 2nd Assistt. Acctt. General.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1860, No. 550.

Under the circumstances represented, the Government sanction the cost incurred by the Commissariat Department for the transport of the Treasure consigned to the Commissioner of Nagpore and despatched from Cocanada by the Godaverri, amounting, at the rate of 5 Annas per ton per mile, to Rupees (4,808-12-0) four thousand eight hundred and eight and Annas twelve, and direct that the course indicated by the Accountant General at the end of his letter be followed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon. 8 November 1860. No 550

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*To the Acctt General.
Civil Auditor.
Sub Treasurer } despd 13th*