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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
1st October 1863.

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Judicial Department, dated 29th September 1863, No. 1,564.

Sanctioning reward offered for detection of perpetrators of the robbery from Civil Cash Chest at Cannanore, being raised to Rupees 1,000, also authorizing offer of free pardon to any one of the minor agents in the crime who will give information to detect the principal perpetrators; and submitting for orders the suspension of every subordinate connected with the Cash Department of the Office.

(Vide Proceedings Judicial Department, dated 29th September 1863, Nos. 255—257.)

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1863, No. 639.

Resolved accordingly that the Collector of Malabar be directed to suspend from office the Shroff belonging to his Department; and that the Controller of Military Finance be requested to issue orders for the suspension, until further orders, of the Cash-keeper, Shroffs, Peons and every subordinate connected with the Cash Department of the Pay Office at Cannanore.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1863.

No. 337. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1863 :—

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 10th September 1863, No. 201.

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter of the 28th July last, No. 154, I have the honor to report that Captain Hankin, Deputy Inspector General of Police, has lately been engaged in enquiring into the defalcation in the Civil Cash Chest at Cannanore.

He has, I believe, reported fully to the Inspector General of Police.

I have personally discussed matters with Captain Hankin, and been favored with notes of his enquiries.

2. Nothing definite, I regret to say, has transpired, but on a review of all that has passed, I am strongly of opinion, firstly, that the probabilities are decidedly against the moneys having been taken by the Sepoy guard, or indeed having been taken by any parties in the lump ; and secondly, that suspicion, as far as it attaches, particularly to any person or persons, whilst we have little but the bare fact of the loss of the money and surmises to go upon, falls on the Cash-keeper, Shroffs and Peons of the Office.

3. I am aware this was not the conclusion arrived at by the Court of Enquiry. But with all due deference to the opinion of that Court I must express my own opinion, firstly, that the Court's conclusion that some of the Sepoy guards were the culprits is not sustained by the evidence recorded before it ; and secondly, that the assumption that the Pay Office subordinates were innocent is equally unsupported and gratuitous.

4. As far as the Sepoys were concerned, a most searching and able enquiry was made by Captain Blomfield without discovering one tittle of evidence, or even raising the faintest tangible suspicion against them.

I feel very sure that if they had been the culprits, Captain Blomfield's inquiries would have brought the matter to light.

5. Although Captain Hankin's enquiry has not fixed tangible suspicion on any of the Pay Office subordinates in particular, it certainly tends to show that the abstraction of money by them was not impossible, even with no want of ordinary care on the part of the Paymaster.

Assuredly Native suspicion points most distinctly to the Pay Office subordinates, and although this of course could not in any way be allowed to influence a judicial enquiry, it may in some degree indicate the course that should be pursued from an entirely extra-judicial point of view.

6. Captain Hankin has suggested.

That the offered reward of Rupees 500 be increased to Rupees 1,000.

That a free pardon be offered to any one of the minor agents who will give information leading to the conviction of the principal criminals.

That the securities of the Pay Office officials be called upon at once to make good the missing amount to the extent of their Security bonds.

7. I quite approve of the two first suggestions.

The only doubt that exists in my mind is whether, as the deficiency is in the Civil Cash Chest, the securities furnished in the Military Department of the Pay Office officials are liable ; a question which communication with the Military Auditor General's Office will probably best determine. The only Civil employé is the Civil Shroff, whose proper appointment is second Shroff of the Cherakel Talook ; and whose services were lent to the Pay Office as a temporary accommodation. He was appointed in February last, and I regret to say has not yet furnished security. I am unwilling to take steps with regard to him till the general course of action with regard to the subordinates is determined.

8. In my opinion the Cash-keeper, Shroffs, Peons, in fact every Subordinate connected with the Office, should each and all be suspended until further orders.

1. Submitted for the information of Government and for such orders as they may think fit to pass.

2. The Board do not understand that the Collector desires instructions from them or that indeed the matter comes within their province, but the course suggested by the Collector commends itself to the Board's judgment.

3. With reference to the doubt expressed by Mr. Ballard whether, as the deficiency is in the Civil Cash Chest, the securities furnished in the Military Department of the Pay Office officials are liable, the Board would direct the Collector's attention to the Order of Government, dated 19th February 1861, No. 386, paragraphs 3 and 7, in which the Government pointed out the wholly faulty arrangement which then seemed to be contemplated of keeping the Civil Cash distinct from the Military, and directed that there should be but one Cash Chest for all funds and one cash account.

No. 338.

ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1863, No. 1,769.

1. Immediate orders will be issued in the Judicial Department to carry into effect the first* and second of the suggestions referred to in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter.

* Vide G. O. 28th July 1863, No. 1,210, Judicial Department.

2. Before passing orders on the third suggestion, noticed in the same paragraph, the Government request to be furnished with a copy of one of the Security Bonds therein referred to.

3. The servants specified in paragraph 8 of Mr. Ballard's letter should be suspended from office until further orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Judicial Department.
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th January 1861, No. 42.

rom P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 12th December 1860, No. 243.

SIR,

1. In reply to Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, and their Order thereon, ated 29th November 1860, No. 2,268, I beg to inform you, that the Deputy Paymaster at annanore has ample means of duly securing any large sums which may, from time to time, be nt to him.

2. He states that he will certainly require an Accountant and Cashkeeper and a Shroff to d him in the disbursement, &c., of the money, as his present Establishment is small, and the ork heavy, and that their salaries will require to be about Rupees 50.

Dated 11th instant, No. 1,063.

3. The Deputy Paymaster's letter,* in original, is forwarded for perusal.

om Captain J. R. G. MAGRATH, Deputy Paymaster, Malabar and Canara, to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, Calicut, dated Cannanore, 11th December 1860, No. 1,063.

SIR,

1. I have the honor in reply to your letter No. 6,358, dated 7th instant, forwarding ceedings of Government received from the Board of Revenue to state for information that n with equal facility keep in my custody a lac of Rupees per mensem as half a lac, which w do, having sufficient chests and a Military guard over them, and additional security is ded from my Office being in the vicinity of the European Barracks; should however the ve guard require to be strengthened, that, I presume, could be easily done, and which would nvolve any expense.

2. With reference to the second point on which Government require information, I beg ite that I should require two extra servants, an Accountant and Cashkeeper and a Shroff. salaries required for these two individuals would amount to about 50 Rupees a month. e extra servants are indispensably necessary, for my present Establishment is so small, and the so very heavy that it is with great difficulty business is prevented from falling into arrears.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings, dated 29th mber 1860, No. 2,268, Revenue Department.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

l Memorandum from R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th January 1861, No. 90.

he Accountant General has the honor to annex herewith, the Statement called for in the randum of the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, dated 18th instant, 3.

Statement showing the amount disbursed by the undermentioned Paymasters during the official year 1859-60.

Monthly cost of Establishment.		C. RS.	A.	P.
RS.				
330	Paymaster at Bellary	21,78,507	4	1
420	Do. at Trichinopoly	34,65,690	9	6
350	Do. at Vellore	16,98,211	4	6
300	Do. at Vizagapatam	20,76,821	15	5
350	Deputy Paymaster in Malabar and Canara	21,18,321	5	6

(Signed) R. P. HARRISON, *Accountant General.*

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 1st February 1861, No. 10.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a Statement showing in more detail the additional amount which will have to pass through the hands of the Paymaster during a year, as reported in my Telegram of yesterday.

Detailed Statement of additional amount which with reference to the past year it is estimated will have to pass through the Military Paymaster at Cannanore during a year.

	Military Paymaster.			Commissariat Department.			Civil.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1860 January	65,000	0	0	2,330	0	0	1,500	0	0
February	95,800	0	0	1,809	10	6	2,000	0	0
March	53,900	0	0	35,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
April	49,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
May	61,200	0	0	6,000	0	0	4,500	0	0
June	58,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
July	55,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	1,500	0	0
August	47,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	5,500	0	0
September	45,600	0	0	9,500	0	0	2,000	0	0
October	20,000	0	0	12,207	11	7	4,000	0	0
November	47,000	0	0	14,490	0	9	2,600	0	0
December	47,000	0	0	10,275	4	2	4,500	0	0
Total	6,44,500	0	0	1,15,612	11	0	34,100	0	0

(Signed) P. GRANT, *Collector.*

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1861, No. 386.

1. In the Order of November 29th, No. 2,268 the Government asked two questions respecting the proposed arrangement for payments at Cannanore, on the abolition of the branch Treasury at Tellicherry.—

(1.) Whether the Military Paymaster had the means of securing the large sum of money which will come to him.

(2.) Whether he would need any additional servants, and if so what.

2. The Collector, after communicating with the Paymaster, now reports that that Officer has ample means of securing the additional funds. Indeed this addition will be inconsiderable. The cash now sent to the Paymaster yearly for Military payments is nearly eight lacs, as stated in the Board's Proceedings of October 31st (paragraph 4), or six and a half lacs as stated by Mr. Grant in his letter recorded above. His additional receipts under the new plan, will be about one and a half lacs, or from one-fourth to one-fifth of the present receipts.

3. To the second question the Deputy Paymaster replies that he will require two servants, viz, an accountant and cash keeper and a shroff, the monthly cost of the two being about 50 Rupees. The Government do not quite understand what is meant. It would seem from the servants asked for, that the Paymaster contemplates keeping the cash of the Civil and Military Departments distinct. This would be a great mistake, similar to that which obtained up to a few years ago in the Táluqs, but which has been abolished. At every well regulated Treasury there is but one cash chest for all funds, and one cash account.

4. Looking at the smallness of the additional work, and the present amount of payments and of accounts compared with Establishment, the Government are of opinion that no additional servants are wanted.

5. The actual cash transactions of the Paymaster at present are stated above at six and a half to nearly eight lacs, but his payments of all kinds, for which he has to keep accounts, amount to above twenty-one lacs; as shown in the statement obtained from the Accountant General. One and a half lac added to this amount is quite insignificant.

6. Further, it is seen in the same statement that the disbursements of the Trichinopoly Paymaster are thirty-four and a half lacs; yet the cost of his Establishment is only 420 Rupees, monthly, being 70 Rupees more than at Cannanore. Again the Paymaster at Bellary disburses sixty thousand Rupees *more* than Cannanore, with an Establishment of 20 Rupees a month *less;* and Vizagapatam, with an expenditure only half a lac less than Cannanore, has an Establishment less by 50 Rupees a month.

	RS.
* 1 *Head Clerk and Accountant*	100
1 *Examiner*	42
1 *Journal writer*	40
1 *Writer*	24
1 *Disbursement writer*	22
1 *Writer*	18
2 *Do. at* 14 *Rupees*	28
Cashkeeper	32
Shroff	20
Muchí	10
2 *Peons, at* 5 *Rupees*	10
Toty and Sweeper	4
Total Rupees	350

7. Judging by the mere amount, then, no augmentation of Establishment seems to be needed at Cannanore; and this view is confirmed by a reference to the details* of the existing Establishment. The Establishment is complete in all its parts, viz., correspondence, accounts, custody of cash, and handling of cash, and the Government see no place in which any addition can be required for the proposed small augmentation of work, except on the supposition that it is proposed to keep the Civil cash distinct from the Military which, as already noticed, would be a wholly faulty arrangement.

8. As it thus appears that no additional Establishment is necessary, the Government decline to sanction the application.

9. The Government now authorize and direct the adoption of the third of the three modes of proceeding enumerated in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings of 31st October 1860, No. 5,013, which is that recommended by the Board. This course will be, in fact, merely to send direct to the Military Paymaster month by month those amounts which under the old system would have been sent to the branch Treasury at Tellicherry.

10. The money so deposited in the Paymaster's cash chest will be held by him at the disposal of the Collector; and will only be made available for disbursement on specific instructions from him.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant General.
,, Military Department.

Exd. T. Twigg.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Inspector General of Madras Police.

(Here enter 16th September 1863, No. 2,462.)

Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department.

(Here enter 25th September 1863, No. 1,769.)

ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1863, No. 1,564.

The Governor in Council sanctions the reward which has been offered* for the detection of the perpetrators of the robbery from the Civil Cash Chest at Cannanore, being raised to Rupees (1,000) one thousand. He also authorizes the Magistrate to offer a free pardon to any one of the minor agents in the perpetration of the crime who will give information leading to the conviction of the principal criminals.

* Proceedings of Government, 28th July, No. 1,210.

2. Orders will be issued in the Financial Department for the suspension of the Cash-keeper Shroffs, Peons, in fact every subordinate connected with the Cash Department of the Office.

3. It is observed that the reference made by Mr. Ballard should have been made in his capacity as Magistrate, and should have been addressed to Government direct.

(True Extract.)

H. J. Anderson

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Madras Police.
" Magistrate of Malabar.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial Department.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Accountant General.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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