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No. 7. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 28th November 1863, No. 275.

I have the honor with reference to the annexed copy of a letter, dated 20th instant, to state that in my opinion the payment of the amount claimed by Mr. Minchin should be made to him.

2. That gentleman has been put to much unnecessary inconvenience and annoyance by the Deputy Collector of Pooree, who appears to have dishonoured the Bill drawn upon him by the Deputy Collector of Vizagapatam under the instructions of this Department, merely because the words "in charge of Treasury," were not placed below the Vizagapatam Deputy Collector's name.

3. Such an absurd reason for refusing payment of a Bill I never before heard of, and I reported the circumstance to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Bengal, with a view to the punishment of the Deputy Collector who is under him.

4. I think, however, that as Mr. Minchin has suffered through the stupidity of a Government official he is certainly entitled to be re-imbursed his loss.

From CHARLES MINCHIN, Esq.; to R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras, dated Bimlipatam, 20th November 1863.

In consequence of a notice issued by the Collector of Vizagapatam and circulated among the residents at this place to the effect that supply Bills would be furnished, if required, to any extent on the Madras Bank and on Provincial Treasuries, I on the 28th of September last applied for, and obtained a Bill on the Pooree Treasury for thirteen thousand Rupees, paying that amount into the local Treasury at Vizagapatam.

That Bill on presentation was dishonored at Pooree, and being in urgent want of the money at that place, I was obliged to telegraph and write several letters to the Collector of Vizagapatam soliciting his assistance towards extricating myself out of the dilemma in which I was placed.

You have already been made acquainted with the facts of the case and have expressed yourself strongly as to the indefensibleness of the conduct of the Pooree Collector in the matter, so that I need say but little further about it.

On applying to the Collector of Vizagapatam for a refund of the cost to which I have been put in connection with the Bill, he has indirectly acknowledged the reasonableness of my demand, but excused himself from paying it on the ground that it was not caused by any irregularity on the part of the officials in the Vizagapatam office, and that therefore *that* office at least should not be called upon to make it good.

The justice of this plea is doubtless undeniable, but as I have no other means of recovering the amount, I have the honor to make application to you and to request that you will instruct the Collector here to pay my Bill on presentation and make such arrangements as you may consider advisable for recovering it afterwards from Pooree.

The amount of my Bill will be Rupees 2-10 for a telegram, and postages to the extent of eight Annas, making in all Rupees 3-2.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1863, No. 780.

Resolved, under the circumstances represented, that the Collector of Vizagapatam be authorized to re-imburse to Mr. Minchin the sum of Rupees (3-2), three and Annas two, being the expense to which he has been put on account of the Bill referred to.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Bimlipatam Novr. 20th 1863

To

R. W. Lodwick Esqre.
Dy Audr. & Acctt. Genl.
Madras.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
Signed / Chas. Minchin

Copied Jas Cattanach

True Copy
W Whodnick
Asst Sec. to Govt

No. 275

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

DEPUTY AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

November 28th 1863.

THE ACTING DEPUTY AUDITOR AND ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

Madras.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

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Your most obedient Servant,

R. W. Rodwell

Ag. Dy. Audr. and Acct. General.

List of 15 Decr

Fort 1863 Deptt

From

Depy Audr Genl Madras

No 278

Dated 20th
Recd 30th } Novr 63.

No 809

A Spndt with his Lr
Commendation thereon, a
Letter from Fit Runchan
Vizagapatam. Respecting
him on account of the Depr
Collr of Force having drawn
the Bill drawn upon him
the Depy Collr of Vizagapata
he had subpoened to Cour
Rs 3/p. & claiming reimb
bursement of this sum
With an Order

7 Dec

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50 Sy. Ors. & Steff Guard
Collr of Vizagapatam } dest 29th

19 Dec 1863