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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 25th May 1864.

Read again letters from the Civil Paymaster, dated 22nd January and 6th February 1864, Nos. 24 and 34, recorded in Proceedings of the 2nd and 16th February, Nos. 81 and 113.

Read also the following papers:—

No 57. From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 15th April 1864, No. 16.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 2nd February 1864, No. 81, and 16th February 1864, No. 113, concerning the retrenchment against Major Gill, I have the honor to forward copy of an explanation furnished by the Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury which exonerates him personally from all neglect in the matter.

2. I regret that an immediate reply was not sent to the Civil Auditor on the receipt, in April 1860, of the letter from the Officer Commanding the 17th Regiment, N. I. I joined the District in May of that year, and until the receipt of the Government orders to which this is a reply, was not aware of the retrenchment in question.

3. From an examination of the records, I cannot find that any steps were taken to discover the address of Major Gill, till the receipt of the Civil Auditor's call, dated 17th December 1859. There is no one at present in the office who can explain the cause of this neglect, but as Major Gill was absent from the country, I presume that any steps in the matter were postponed until his anticipated return.

From V. COOMARASAWMY, Acting Deputy Collector of Kurnool; to J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, dated 29th February 1864, No. 116.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 81 of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to state as follows.

2. The retrenchment against Captain Gill was received in this office in December 1859, and on the 21th February following Mr. Thornhill, the then Acting Collector, addressed the Officer Commanding 17th Regiment N. I., and requested information as to the probable date of Captain Gill's return from Europe, and the means through which correspondence might be op[illegible]d with him. The reply of the Officer Commanding 17th Regiment was dated 18th April 1860, and to the effect that Captain Gill would probably return to India on the 14th April 1861, and that Messrs. Grindlay & Co. were his Agents at London. No further correspondence appears to have taken place on the subject, neither does it appear that any more steps were taken in this office either for the recovery of the amount, or for sending in a reply to the Civil Auditor's retrenchment, with the exception of the reference that was made by me on the subject to the Accountant General on the 30th November 1863, No. 84.

3. Between 14th April 1860, the date on which the reply of the Officer Commanding 17th Regiment was received, and the 16th December 1863, the officers noted in the margin were in charge of this office, and it was only on this latter date that I was posted to it as a temporary measure. Although I have been 13 months in this office, yet my appointments to act as Deputy Collector were for short and uncertain periods, and this will be seen from the *Fort Saint George Gazette* noted marginally.

D. Timmapah, Deputy Collector, took charge on the 9th April 1860.
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4. When I took charge of the office you are, I presume, aware of the disorderly state in which the office was, and that it was not only the item under reference that remained to be settled; for the Civil Auditor's paper of retrenchment included several other complicated and most intricate items relating to the transactions which took place between Fusly 1262 and 1265, and they were left to be adjusted by me.

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4th. 3816	1060	15th December ,,	for 3 ,,

It is for you here to consider what amount of time and labor could have been consumed in the adjustment of these items, more especially as the Accountant confessed his inability to afford me any information on the subject, while he was the only person in the office to whom I was to look for any credible explanation. I have already represented these circumstances in detail in my letters of dates mentioned in the margin.

* Dated 5th October 1863.
Do. 23rd do.
Do. 4th December 1863.

5. Of all the items of arrears which were left to be brought up by me, the most glaring one was that several Memoranda of remarks on the accounts of this District for the years 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861 were left unanswered; but they were not brought to my notice until after the Accountant had been suspended from duty on the 24th October last. It would also appear that until the Accountant was relieved by another he was a bar instead of a help to me in the office. I have in my letter to your address, dated 25th November 1863, No. 511, reported that within 32 days from his suspension I was able to bring up all arrears in the office.

6. Notwithstanding my tenure of office for short and uncertain periods as stated above, I spared no pains to despatch the current business with expedition and to dispose of all the arrears of business in this office. I presume that had it not been on account of my personal exertions the heavy arrears accumulated at the time of my taking charge, especially the retrenchment of the Civil Auditor now under reference, and the 18 Memoranda of the Accountant General, would not have been disposed of and probably they would not have been taken notice of even.

7. I hope that, under such circumstances of the case, you will consider that nothing was wanting on my part in the discharge of my duties, and that I was obliged to bring up heavy arrears in addition to my ordinary duties.

From V. COOMARASAWMY, Acting Deputy Collector; to J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, dated 14th March 1864, No. 148.

Adverting to the Proceedings† of the Madras Government, No. 113, of date the 16th ultimo, I respectfully beg to state that it does not appear from the records of this office that any further steps than what was stated in the 2nd paragraph of my letter to your address, of date the 29th February last, No. 116, seem to have been taken in respect to the several calls from the Civil Auditor therein alluded to.

† Herewith returned.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Collector.

No. 58. From J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th May 1864, No. 19.

Book and Adjustment Department.

With reference to paragraph 1 of the Order of Government, No. 81, dated 2nd February last, Financial Department, I have the honor to state that, under the circumstances mentioned below, no adjustment is necessary in the accounts of the Kurnool District, or in the books of this office, regarding the sum of Rupees 342-9-3 over-drawn by Captain C. Gill, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, as moiety of his Civil allowance, from 25th November 1854 to 7th March 1855.

Enclosures 4, herewith returned.

2. Under the post audit system which was in force at the period above-mentioned, the amount disbursed to Captain Gill was at once debited to the proper head of account in the accounts of the Collector (then Commissioner) of Kurnool, which head was closed to "Profit and Loss" in the books of this office, like all other charges general of the Revenue Department. The over-payment, therefore, to Captain Gill has already been borne by Government, consequently no further adjustment of the item in question is called for.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
25th May 1864.

3. The Civil Paymaster, in auditing this charge after it was incurred, found out the mistake, and hence this retrenchment. All that is now required is to direct the Civil Paymaster to remove the retrenchment of the above sum from his audit Statement on the Collector of Kurnool, so as to enable the former officer to get rid of the item.

4. It hardly seems necessary to trouble the Secretary of State to order a recovery of this sum, drawn ten years ago.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1864, No. 275.

From the explanation furnished in the letter from the Collector of Kurnool, the Governor in Council is satisfied that there has been no neglect on the part of the Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury in the matter of the retrenchment referred to.

2. Ordered that a copy of the Acting Accountant General's letter of the 13th instant be furnished to the Civil Paymaster, and that he be directed to remove the retrenchment of the sum of Rupees 342-9-3, over-drawn by Captain C. Gill, from his Audit Statement on the Collector of Kurnool.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Burmool

No. 16 Collector's Office
15th April 1864

From

James Lunn Sinclair Esq.
Collector of Burmool

To

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

1 With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 2d February 1864 No. 81, and 15th February 1864 No. 113 concerning the retrenchment against Major Gill, I have the honor to forward copy of an explanation furnished by the Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury which exonerates him personally from all neglect in the matter.

2. I regret that an immediate reply was not sent to the Board Auditor, on the receipt in April 1860 of the letter from the Officer Commanding the 19th

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in May of that year, and until
the receipt of the Government orders
to which this is a reply, was not aware
of the retrenchment in question.

3. From an examination of the
Records I cannot find that any steps
were taken to discover the address
of Major Gill, till the receipt of the
Civil Auditor's call, dated 17th December
1859. There is no one at present in
the office who can explain the cause
of this neglect, but as Major Gill
was absent from the country, I presume
that any steps in the matter were
postponed until his anticipated
return.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
James Lumsden Minchin
Collector

Book and Adjustment Department. No 19

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
13th May, 1864.

From

J. L. Lushington Esquire,
Acting Accountant General.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Enclosures herewith returned.

With reference to para. 1 of the Order of Government, No 81, dated 2d February last, Financial Department, I have the honor to state, that, under the circumstances mentioned below, no adjustment is necessary in the accounts of the Kurnool District, or in the Books of this Office, regarding the sum of Rupees 362-9-3, over drawn by Captain C. Gill, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, as moiety of his Civil Allowances, from 25th November 1854 to 7th March 1855.

2. Under the post audit System which was in force at the period above mentioned, the amount disbursed to Captain Gill, was at once debited to the proper head of account in the Accounts of the Collector (then Commissioner) of Kurnool, which head was closed to "Profit and Loss," in the Books of this Office, like

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
G L Huntington
Acting Accountant General

Compd. JM

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No. 116

To

James Ennis Minchin Esq.
Collector
Kinsale

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of the Proceedings of Government No. 81 of the 2nd Instant, I have the honor to state as follows

2 - The retirement against Captain Gill was received in this Office in December 1859, and on the 24th February following Mr. Thornhill the then Acting Collector addressed the Officer Commanding 17th Regiment N. I. and requested information as to the probable date of Captain Gill's return from Europe and the means through which correspondence might be opened with him - The reply of the Officer Commanding 17th Regiment was dated 18th April 1860 and to the effect that Captain Gill would probably return to

Rec'd 1st May 1860 — Kinsale
Sir
I am directed by the Acting Assistant Secretary to the Board of Customs to request you will desire Captain Gill to forward to this Office his Address
Dated 13th May 1860
Received 14th May 1860
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Kinsale 14th May 1860
Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12th February last No. 84 transmitting Mr. Secretary Lucas's letter of the same date, and requesting me to inform him whether Captain Gill would receive any communication addressed to him at Kinsale, and if so, through what channel it would reach him.
In reply I beg to state that Captain Gill has a house in Kinsale, which is occupied by his family, and that he would receive any letter addressed to him at Kinsale.
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
James Ennis Minchin
Collector
The Secretary
Board of Customs
Dublin

Rec'd 1st May 1860 - 10-11
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India on the 14th April 1861 and that
Messrs Grindlay and Co were his Agents
at London. No further correspondence
appears to have taken place on the
subject, neither does it appear that
any more steps were taken in this
Office either for the recovery of the amount
or for sending in a reply to the Civil
Auditor's retrenchment with the exception
of the reference that was made by me
on the subject to the Accomtant General
on the 30th November 1863 No 84.

3. Between 14th April 1860 the date
on which the reply of the Officer Commanding
17th Regiment was received, and the
10th December 1860 the Officers noted
in the margin were in charge of this Office
and it was only on this latter date that
I was posted to it as a temporary measure.
Although I have been 13 Months in this
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items under reference that remained
to be settled; for the Civil Auditor's paper
of retrenchment included several other
complicated and most intricate items
relating to the transactions which took
place between July 1862 and 1865 and
they were left to be adjusted by me.
It is for you here to consider what
amount of time and labor could have
consumed in the adjustment of these items
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6. Returning herewith my Commission of Office for short and uncertain periods as stated above I spared no pains to dispatch the Current business with expedition and to dispose of all the arrears of business in this Office. I presume that had it not been on account of my personal exertions the heavy arrears accumulated at the time of my taking charge especially the Retrenchment of the Civil Audit now under reference and the 18 Memoranda of the Accountant General would not have been disposed of and probably they would not have been taken notice of even.

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I have &c.

Kurnool
29th February
1864

Signed V. Coomaraswamy
A. D. C.

No. 148

Kurnool
Collectors Office
14th March 1864

To

James Lines Kinchin Esqr.
Collector of Kurnool

Sir,

Adverting to the Proceedings Received & returned
of the Madras Government No. 113 of date
the 10th Ultimo, I respectfully beg to state
that it does not appear from the
records of this Office that any further
steps than what was stated in the
2d Para. of my letter to your address
of date the 29th February last. No. 116,
seem to have been taken in respect
to the several calls, from the Civil Auditor
therein alluded to.

I have &c

(Signed) V. Coomaraswamy
A.C. Dy Collector

(True Copies)
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From Collector of Nurnool / Dated 16th April '64 No. 210/
From Ag. Acctt. General / " 13th May " 19/

Order — 25th May 1864 No. 275.

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