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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th July 1866.

No. 22. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 29th June 1866, No. 89.

Post Audit Department.

I have the honor to forward, for orders, a letter from the Mint Master, complaining that the Examiner of Claims refuses to pass a contingent charge for Tatties. Under the order quoted (G. O., 263, dated 18th October 1833) there can be no doubt that the Examiner of Claims is right in his action, but I venture to suggest that the whole subject may be re-considered, even though it be deemed necessary to apply to the Government of India to sanction the charge. All over Bengal, Government provides, within certain limits, both Punkahs and Tatties, and the power required for pulling one and watering the other; and it certainly cannot be said that these articles are less necessary here, for, in point of fact, officers and clerks now pay for them out of their own pockets, rather than suffer in comfort and health by their absence. I have suggested that Government of India's sanction might be considered necessary to a change of long standing system, which will cause considerable extra charge; in point of fact, I think it will only be necessary for this office to explain the increase by a note in the annual statements. The restrictions to which I have referred are those of Upper India, which only allow Tatties to European officers, and Punkahs only in Sudder Stations, and insist further that Punkahs shall, as far as possible, be hung in ranges and only *one* coolie allowed for each room or range of Punkahs. The climate of the Western Coast is so moist as to render Tatties unnecessary, as is the case in Lower Bengal, but orders might provide for these exceptional cases, as well as for limitation of the period within which coolies for Tats and Punkahs severally may be kept up at Government cost.

From the Acting Mint Master, to the Accountant General; dated Fort Saint George, 26th June 1866, No. 50.

The Examiner of Claims having struck out of the Mint Contingent Bill the charges for Cuscus Tatties put up in my office, these being inadmissable under Order of Government of the 18th October 1833, No. 263, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to submit the enclosed bill for the sanction of Government, as it is a necessity and not a luxury to cool the office during the prevalence of the hot winds, and surely ought to be admitted as a fair charge, in the same way as Punkahs are.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1866, No. 270.

The Accountant General is requested to ascertain the annual expense for the whole Presidency of supplying Tatties and Punkahs to Public offices, with means of watering the former and pulling the latter. Meanwhile, existing rules must be adhered to.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General, with bill.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Fort St George
26th June 1866

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Lieut Col C. F. Wilkinson R.E.
Acting Asst Quarter Master

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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
29 June 1866.

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E. Lushington

Accountant-General.-

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