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No. 68. Read the following letter from the Acountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 6th December 1867, No. 289.

Correspondence Department.

I have the honor, with reference to Government Order, dated 17th July 1866, No. 270, Financial Department, to submit, herewith, a statement showing the requirements of the various Public Offices throughout the Presidency with regard to punkah pullers and cuscus tatties, so far as the returns received from Heads of Offices have enabled me to compile it.

2. The names of several offices at the Presidency are not entered in the list, and in numerous instances no entry or remark is inserted opposite those in the Mofussil. The reason of this is that, up to this date, replies to my Circular upon the subject, No. 1886, dated 2nd August 1866, have not been received from those offices.

3. The submission of so incomplete a document is by no means satisfactory; but I am unwilling longer to defer laying the information obtained before Government, as, in Proceedings of Government, 29th May last, No. 879, Judicial Department, I was requested to expedite its submission, and because the Budget for 1868-69 is being prepared, so that the charges, if sanctioned, can be provided for in it, for the benefit of those Officers who have furnished the requisite information.

4. I have provided in the accompanying statement for punkahs for the whole year, and tatties for four months, for the offices at the Presidency town, as I consider that this is absolutely necessary. The Mofussil requirements I have entered according to the returns furnished by the local Officers, as I did not feel qualified to offer any opinion with regard to them.

5. I have allowed for each set of punkahs two coolies, at Rupees 4 a month each, and no extra hands for watering the tatties, as I am of opinion that the punkah pullers can, during the time tatties are used, water them and pull the punkahs also, and I do not think that one cooly could pull for the whole day, say from 11 to 5, a group of punkahs, or indeed a single one, without assistance.

6. The cost of labor entered in the statement is accordingly Rupees 13,412, and the cost of providing tatties Rupees 585—in all Rupees 13,997—to which, however, falls to be added the sum paid this year, under special sanction of Government, on account of the High Court, Original Side. This was Rupees 148, making, with the amount abovementioned, for the entire Presidency (as far as the returns enable me to state), an annual sum of Rupees 14,145 to be sanctioned and provided for in the new year's Budget.

7. I would here state that I do not consider that the cost of constructing tatties need be incurred every year, for, if those made in the ensuing year are carefully preserved when no longer required, they can be made serviceable for the two following hot seasons at a trifling cost, as is now done in the case of Saint George's Cathedral.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1867, No. 568.

The Government will defer passing orders on the foregoing letter until a complete statement is furnished of the requirements of the several offices in the Presidency in respect of punkahs and tatties.

2. The Accountant General will again call upon those Heads of offices who have not replied to his Circular, No. 1886, dated 2nd August 1866, to expedite the transmission of the information required.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General, with statement returned.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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No. 289

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
6 December 1867.

FROM The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

TO THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Department

SIR,

I have the honor with reference to Govern=ment order dated 17th July '66, No. 270 Financial Department, to submit herewith a Statement shewing the requirements of the various Public Offices throughout the Presidency with regard to Punkah Pullers and Cuscus Jallies, so far as the Returns received from Heads of Offices have enabled me to compile it.

2 The names of several Offices at the Presidency are not entered in the List, and in numerous instances no entry or remark is inserted opposite those in the Impossible. The reason of this is that upto this date replies to my Circular upon the subject, No. 1886 dated 2d August 1866, have not been received from those Offices.

3 The submission of so incomplete a Document is by no means satisfactory; but I am unwilling longer to defer laying the information obtained before Government, as in Proceedings of Government 29th May last, No. 879, Judicial Department, I was requested to expedite its submission, and because the Budget for '68-'69 is being prepared, so that the charges,

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if sanctioned, can be provided for in it, for the benefit of those officers who have furnished the requisite information.-

4 I have provided in the accompanying Statement for Punkahs for the whole year and Tallies for 4 months for the Offices at the Presidency Town, as I consider that this is absolutely necessary. The Mofussil requirements I have entered according to the returns furnished by the local officers, as I did not feel qualified to offer any opinion with regard to them.-

5 I have allowed for each set of Punkahs 2 Coolies at Rupees 4 a month each, and no extra hands for watering the Tallies, as I am of opinion that the Punkah Pullers can, during the time Tallies are used, water them and pull the punkahs also, and I do not think that one Cooly could pull for the whole day, say from 11 to 5, a group of punkahs, or indeed a single one, without assistance.-

6 The cost of labour entered in the Statement is accordingly Rs. 13,412 and the cost of providing Tallies Rupees 585 in all Rupees 13,997, to which however falls to be added the sum paid this year under special sanction of Government on account of the High Court, original side.- This was Rupees 148, making with the amount above mentioned for the entire Presidency, (as far as the returns enable me to state,) an Annual sum of Rs. 14,145- to be sanctioned, and provided for in the new year's Budget.-

7 I would here state that I do not consider that the cost of constructing Tallies need be incurred every year, for, if those made in the ensuing year are carefully preserved, when no longer required, they can be made serviceable for the two following hot seasons at a trifling cost, as is now done in the case of St. George's Cathedral.-

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servt.

F. Cunningham

Accountant General.-

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To The Chief Secy to Govt

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Forwarding a Statement of Pendiah Duties & Cusrcus Cattles required for the various Public Offices throughout the Presidency

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With enclosures.

20th Dec. 1867 R. No. 568.

The Government with differ paying Duties on the foregoing Cattles until a Complete Statement is furnished of the requirements of the Several Officers in the Presidency in respect of Pundicatles and Cattles.

2. The Accountant General will again call upon the Heads of Offices thereunto referred to his Circular No. 1896 dated 2nd August 66. to expedite the transmission of the information required.

To The Accountant General with Statement dated 26/12
Fort St George.

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