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No. 72. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 31st January 1868, No. 515.

Read the following :—

Accounts.

From the Right Honorable Sir S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council ; dated 16th December 1867, No. 460.

With reference to my Financial Despatch, dated the 7th October last, No. 344, I forward herewith copy of a letter from the Admiralty, dated the 28th October last, and of the Memorandum therewith enclosed, and I have to request that you will adopt measures for meeting, as far as practicable, the wishes of the Lords of the Admiralty, in regard to the preparation of the accounts of expenses incurred in connection with the sea transport of troops and stores for the Abyssinian expedition.

From the Secretary to the Admiralty, to the Under Secretary of State for India ; dated 28th October 1867.

It being necessary that a separate account should be kept of all expenses chargeable to Naval votes, incurred in connection with the sea transport of troops and stores for the Abyssinian expedition, in order that any claims for re-payment may be brought under examination as promptly as possible, and that their investigation may not be impeded by the mingling therewith of expenses chargeable to other Departments of the Imperial Government, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will lay before Secretary Sir Stafford Northcote the accompanying Memorandum, showing the requirements of the Naval Department, in order to facilitate this object, and my Lords will be glad for instructions to be issued to the authorities in India to cause the points adverted to in the Memorandum to be duly attended to.

ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.

It is desirable that the claims of the Indian Government for the re-payment of their expenditure for the transport service of the expedition should be made periodically.

The expenditure for transport service is classified in the Admiralty accounts under the following heads, and it will be convenient that, as far as practicable, a similar classification should be observed in the claims to be preferred, viz. :—

Hire of Transports.—Payments for the hire of ships on monthly pay, for the *purchase* of vessels, and for pilotage and dues when payable by the Government under the charters.

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Mess of Army Officers.—Payments for messing Army Officers, Civilians of the Army Department, and of transport Officers whilst on boardship.

Passage Money.—Payments for the passage of Officers and their servants (including freight of their baggage) *to and from England.*

The passage of Officers between India and the seat of operations will be chargeable to the head of *Freight of Troops.*

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Bedding and stores for Troops.—Purchases and supplies of articles of bedding, and mess utensils, and other miscellaneous stores for the use of troops on boardship, and cost of washing.

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REMARKS.

Provisions for land Service.—Medicines, clothing, (whether on boardship or for shore service) and arms and ammunition for land or sea service are Army charges in the Imperial accounts. The cost of such supplies should not, therefore, be included in the claims on the Admiralty, and, as far as may be practicable, they should form the subject of distinct vouchers.

The same observation applies to expenses of shipping and landing stores for land service.

It is desirable that the claims be preferred monthly, as the expenses are brought to account, and it is specially necessary that they should be supported by the cash vouchers for payments claimed, and in the case of supplies out of the Indian Government stores, by statements showing in detail the rate and value of the several articles. The claims for stores purchased or supplied should be accompanied by evidence of the supply to each particular ship, which should be the Master's receipt, if the vessel pass her accounts in England.

Copies of the charter-parties of ships engaged in India should be furnished as early as practicable, and it will be especially necessary that they be produced before the claims for the balance of hire can be admitted.

Vouchers for messing should show the names, rank, and regiments of the Officers, and specify the dates and places between which each Officer is messed.

In regard to transports engaged by the Bombay Government, and therefore passing their victualling and store accounts in India, the accounts, with vouchers, so soon as passed, should be forwarded to England, in order that re-claims may be made for returns or supplies to other Departments of the Imperial Government; the examination of the expenditure on board resting entirely with the Indian authorities.

The Indian Government should credit the Admiralty with the value of serviceable stores returned from the transports, and with the proceeds of sale of unserviceable stores.

In order that the audit of the ships' accounts may be complete, it is requested that steps may be taken to inform the Admiralty, as early as possible, of all supplies made from Indian ships and transports to vessels passing accounts in England, and directions will be given for communicating to the Government at Bombay the details of all supplies made by British transports to the Indian ships.

It is especially requisite that the receipt and issue of stores and provisions for land service should be kept distinct from the transactions for sea service, otherwise there must inevitably be delay in the final settlement of the claims between the two Governments.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above be furnished to the Military Department, the Public Works Department, the Comptroller General of Accounts, the Accountants General, Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, and the Governments of Fort Saint George, Bombay, and Bengal.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.
(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
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No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1868, No. 95.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for information.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Marine.

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