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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th November 1869.

No. 53. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th October 1869, No. 59.

I have the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 326, 22nd July 1869, Financial Department, regarding Colonel Ford's transactions with Contractor Ramasawmy Moodelliar to report as follows: the latter individual was not in Madras, but at Rangoon, and repeated references had to be made to him; hence the delay in furnishing the information wanted.

2. Ramasawmy has sent me a statement of all he supplied to Colonel Ford, which I herein enclose. It will be observed that the amounts acknowledged by him correspond with those entered in Colonel Ford's accounts, with the exception of one rupee in the aggregate. I have also obtained from the Accountant-General the original drafts for the sums remitted, and find that No. 40 for Rupees 6000, dated 27th April 1866, was not sent to Ramasawmy till January 1867, the preceding bill for Rupees 6159, dated the 26th April, bears the No. 39, there was consequently no tampering with numbers or dates.

3. I herewith forward a sample of Punjum cloth of, I believe, the description supplied to Colonel Ford. I have not absolutely ascertained as a fact that it is identical with that furnished by Ramasawmy, but presume it is, as the weight of a piece of thirty-six yards of *this* specimen corresponds with the weight (14 lbs.) of pieces of like dimensions supplied to Ramasawmy by sub-contractors now here with whom I have communicated. A piece of Punjum cloth of this kind costs at Bimlipatam, where it is manufactured, about six rupees and four annas per thirty-six yards. Several Madras merchants have informed me that they supplied Ramasawmy with Punjum cloth at rates running from Rupees 7-14-0 to Rupees 8 per full piece, or Rupees 3-15-0 per half-piece of eighteen yards. It will be observed that Ramasawmy charged Government Rupees 12-8-0 and Rupees 6-4-0, respectively, for all he sent to Port Blair, so that these accounts show him to have cleared 18,000 to 20,000 rupees on the cloth alone.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1869, No. 555.

Ordered that a copy of this report, together with the statement and cloth referred to therein, be sent to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Police.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1869} Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Dated November, 17th.

Read.

G. O., 17th November 1869, No. 555.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 53–55.

Directing that the report of the Commissioner of Police in connexion with Colonel Ford's transactions with Contractor Ramasawmy Moodelliar, be forwarded to the Government of India.

N: 59 of 1869/70

Madras Police
Commissioner's Office
25 October 1869

From

Major W. S. Drever
Commissioner of Police
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir

I have the honor with reference to G. O. N: 556-22 July 1869 F. D. regarding Colonel Ford's transactions with Contractor Ramasawmy Moodelliar to report as follows – the latter Individual was not in Madras, but at Rangoon, and repeated references had to be made to him, hence the delay in furnishing the information wanted.

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entered in Colonel Ford's accounts, with the exception of one rupee in the aggregate. I have also obtained from the Accountant General, the original Drafts for the sums remitted and find that No. 40. for 6000 dated 27th April 1866, was not sent to Ramasawmy till January 1867, the preceding Bill for 6159. dated the 26 April, bears the No 39. there was consequently no tampering with numbers or dates.

I herewith forward a sample of Punjum cloth of, I believe, the description supplied to Colonel Ford, I have not absolutely ascertained as a fact that it is identical with that furnished by Ramasawmy, but presume it is as the weight of a Piece of 36 Yards of this specimen corresponds with the weight (14 lbs) of Pieces of like dimensions supplied to Ramasawmy by Sub. contractors now here with whom I have communicated. A piece of Punjum cloth of this kind costs at Bimlipatam where it is manufactured, about 6 Rupees 4 Annas per 36 Yards, several Madras merchants have informed me that they supplied Ramasawmy with Punjum cloth at rates running from 7-14 to 8-5- per full piece or 3-15- per ½ piece of 18 Yards.

It will be observed that Ramasawmy charged Government Rs 12-8 and Rs 6-4 respectively for all he sent to Port Blair, so that these accounts show him to have cleared 18 to 20000 Rupees on the cloth alone.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant
W. Crawen
Commissioner of Police

No 555 — 17 Nov/69.

Ordered that a Copy of this Report, together with the Statement & Clothing referred to therein be sent to the Govt of India.

To the Comr of Police — dispd 22/11 19.

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The Chief Secretary
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To

The Commr. of Police.

Dated Nov. 17.

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 17 Nov. 1869, No. 5354.

Nos. 5354.

Report of the Commr of Police
Enclosing [illegible] in connection with
Colonel Ford's transaction
with Contractor Ramaswamy
Moodelliar, to be forwarded
to the Govt. of India.