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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 9th February 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 76. Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 12th January 1874, No. 111.

Read the following extract from a Financial Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 20th November 1873, No. 129 :—

With reference to your letters noted in the margin, I forward, herewith, letters from Surgeon H. King, the Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion, 21st Foot, the Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion, 10th Foot, Captain F. M. Salmond and Captain W. Coningham, objecting to the claims preferred against them.

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From Surgeon H. KING, A.M., M.B., Madras Establishment, to the Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, dated Wilton Terrace, Dublin, 24th April 1873.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Assistant Financial Secretary's letter of 19th instant, enclosing a claim upon me on the part of the Accountant-General at Fort St. George for Rupees 3,341-9-11, and also a "Receivable Order for £334-3-3." The latter I return herewith as it is quite out of my power to meet a demand so large and so utterly unexpected. If the Secretary of State decides, after consideration of the circumstances, that the amount overdrawn is to be retrenched, I can only submit to its deduction from my furlough pay, which forms the sole means of subsistence of a large family. I cannot, however, avoid hoping that His Grace will be able, on examination of the nature of the claim, to remit it altogether. In any case it is quite obvious (as I shall presently show) that, owing to an extraordinary error of the Financial Department in Madras, the amount now claimed is not much less than double the sum overdrawn.

2. The grounds on which I rest my hope that the claim will not be pressed by the Secretary of State are, simply, the facts that the money in question was drawn so long ago as June 1869 to December 1870 ; that the Accountant-General at Fort St. George, in the 3rd paragraph of his letter,* states, in the strongest possible manner, that I was entitled to the higher allowances during the entire period for which they were drawn ; and that my bills for them were passed by the Financial Department in Madras without any intimation whatever that I was incurring any risk either of retrenchment or of forfeiting choice of Furlough Regulations ; nor did the faintest suspicion of this danger occur to me at the time. It was only on my recent application for furlough that I had any reason to suppose that I had either bound myself to the Rules of 1854, or rendered myself liable to a heavy retrenchment. I hope I may be permitted to mention, as an additional claim upon the favourable consideration of the Secretary of State, that, on the abolition of the Madras Assay Office (by which more than Rupees 1,500 monthly was saved), I undertook, at the request of Government, the duties of Assay Master in addition to my own, and continued to perform them until I left India, without being granted any remuneration of any kind.

* To the Financial Secretary to Government of India, No. 2884, September 1872, No. 4845.

3. If, however, the amount overdrawn under these circumstances must be repaid, I have the honour to point out that no less than Rupees 1,800 has to be deducted from the total, as stated in the papers under reference. The full pay of the Chemical Examiner in Madras is Rupees 1,050, not Rupees 1,150, the difference in Presidency house-rent, to which I was entitled in either case and in any case, and which is altogether unconnected with furlough rules. In Mr. McDonald's memorandum house-rent is included in the statement of what I did receive, and omitted from that

of what I was entitled to receive under any circumstances. I have not in this country the means of verifying the other figures of the memorandum. I may add that the conversion of rupees into sterling at 2*s.*, while furlough pay is converted at 1*s.* 11*d.*, must also, I think, be a mistake.

4. In conclusion, I have the honour to beg that you will be good enough to lay before the Secretary of State my earnest request that he will be pleased to defer the recovery of any part of the claim from my furlough allowances until the question has been considered by him and the error in the total claim corrected. Should retrenchment of the full amount be now enforced recovery of the overcharge, by correspondence with the Financial Department in India, will be well-nigh hopeless. I ask, also, that, if it should be considered that retrenchment must take place, I may be permitted to refund by moderate instalments from my pay.

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2. Copy of paragraph 1 of the despatch will also be forwarded to the Financial Department, together with Surgeon King's letter, with advertence to the despatch from that department to the Secretary of State for India, No. 4, dated 21st February 1873.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

Referred to the Accountant-General for his remarks, with reference to G.O., dated 11th February 1873, No. 202, Financial.

15*th January* 1874.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 77.

No. 495.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honour to report that Mr. King is in error in saying that the memorandum, appended to this office letter to Government, No. 640, dated 3rd February 1873, recorded in Proceedings of Government, dated 11th idem, No. 202, Financial, is incorrect.

2. The pay of the Chemical Examiner is doubtless Rupees 1,050 + 100 house-rent, but for convenience these were lumped in the memorandum. The house-rent of rank is also included in each of the monthly rates of pay shown as due to Mr. King, viz., Rupees 945-7-3, 927-3-0, 945-7-3, and 1,031-11-9.

3. As these sums are composed of the following items, viz.—

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Unemployed pay of rank	640	14	6	640	14	6	640	14	6
Net moiety of permanent appointment, Civil Surgeon of Cochin...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	8	9
Net moiety of acting appointment.	204	8	9	186	4	6	186	4	6
House-rent	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0
Total ...	945	7	3	927	3	0	1,031	11	9

Government will thus perceive that the amount of retrenchment issued against Mr. King is perfectly correct.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17*th January* 1874.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Accountant-General.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1874, No. 218.

Ordered that, under the circumstances stated, and in consideration of the duties of the Assay Master having devolved on Dr. King as Chemical Examiner without additional renumeration, the Government of India be requested to sanction the withdrawal of the retrenchment.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

Dated February, 9th.

Read.

G.O., 9th February 1874, No. 218.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 76—79.

Retrenchment against Dr. King.—The Government of India ordered to be requested to sanction the withdrawal of the retrenchment against Dr. King, Chemical Examiner, in consideration of his having performed the duties of Assay Master without additional remuneration.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
12th January 1874, No. 111

Read the following :—

No. 145. Extract from a Financial despatch from His Grace the DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George; dated India Office, London, 20th November 1873, No. 129.

With reference to your letters noted in the margin,* I forward, herewith, letters from Surgeon H. King, the Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion, 21st Foot, the Officer Commanding 2nd Battalion, 10th Foot, Captian F. M. Salmond and Captain W. Coningham, objecting to the claims preferred against them.

* Finl. No. 4, dated 21st Feb. 1873.
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Do. „ 43, „ 15th March „ p. 1.
Do. „ 142, „ 17th Sept. „ p. 3.
Do. „ 144, „ 24th „ „ p. 1.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1874, No. 111.

2. Copy of paragraph 1 of the despatch will also be forwarded to the Financial Department, together with Surgeon King's letter, with advertence to the despatch from that department to the Secretary of State for India, No. 4, dated 21st February 1873.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department, with Surgeon King's letter. 4 5 Spare Copies.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ Proceedings of Govt., Mily Dept., dated 12th January 1874, No 111.

Read also Report from Accountant General, dated 17th January 1874, No 495.

Order thereon, 9 Feby 74 No 218.

Ordered that under the circumstances stated and in consideration of the duties of the Assay Master having devolved on Dr King as Chemical Examiner without additional remuneration, the Government of India be requested to sanction the withdrawal of the retrenchment.

The Accountant General

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

To

Govt. of {1874} Madras

MILITARY.

Fin'l 1874 Dept.

Dated January, 12th.

Recd. " 15th.

G. O., 12th January 1874, No. 111.

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JANUARY.

Nos. 145-146.

Communicating despatch from the Home Government, forwarding letters from certain officers objecting to the claims preferred against them, on account of stores found deficient on their battalions leaving India.

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Refer to the Acct. Genl. for his remarks with reference to G.O. 8/11/73 No. 202. Financial

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No 495

The undersigned has the honor to report [illegible]

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To

The Accountant General.

Dated 9 Feby
Recd. {1874}, No 218.

Nos. 76-79.

Retrenchment against Dr. Kurig - The Govt. of India ordered to be requested to sanction the withdrawal of the retrenchment against Dr. Kurig Chemical Examiner in consideration of his having performed the duties of Assay Master without additional remuneration -