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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th May 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 62. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary to the Marine Board; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 31st March 1857, No. 1348.

SIR,

* In July 1855.
2 Female Convicts.
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1. I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board, to inform you, that Rupees 17-1-10 was deducted from the Bill for the remaining passage money of 5 Native Convicts (who proceeded * to Maulmain in the barque "Colonel Burney,") on account of Commissariat deficiencies chargeable against the Commander of the vessel, and passed by the Civil Auditor, on the 7th February 1856.

2. The statement shewing the deficiencies furnished to the Board by the Commissary General, was duly transmitted to the Agents of the "Colonel Burney," with a request that they would furnish any explanation that they might have to offer as to the cause of the deficiencies with the value of which they were so charged; but after allowing a considerable time to elapse, they have written to say that they have no explanation to offer.

3. The Board therefore beg to recommend, that the Civil Auditor may be authorized to pass for payment, the amount under retrenchment, to the Commissary General.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

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No. 63. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 13th May 1857, No. 23.

Contingent Department.

SIR,

* Herewith returned.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Official Memo. in the Judicial Department, dated the 3rd Ultimo, forwarding a letter* from the Marine Board, to the address of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated the 31st March last, and requesting to be informed whether the course recommended in the last para. thereof is necessary: the course recommended being, that, the Civil Auditor may be instructed to pass for payment to the Commissary General, the amount value, Rupees 17-1-10, of the deficiencies which were found in the Stores shipped by the Commissariat, on board of the barque Colonel Burney, which amount being chargeable, in the absence of satisfactory explanation, to the Commander of that Vessel, was accordingly deducted from the Bill for the remaining passage money of 5 Native Convicts transported by that vessel to Maulmain.

2. In reply, I beg to state that, if it be, as I presume it is, the practice of the Commissary General, to debit in his accounts to the Commander of the vessel, or other head, the value of the Stores shipped by him for public purposes, it follows, that, in order to close the transaction on his books, it is requisite that the full or total sum at debit of the account be accounted for by entries of credit, exhibiting the disposal of the full amount charged in that account. In the instance under reference, the testimony of the proper authority at Maulmain certifying to the quantity of the stores correctly expended; the quantity handed over, and that not accounted for, will enable the Commissary General to give corresponding credits in the account originally debited with the total value of the stores, leaving the value of that portion of them not accounted for to be recovred if practicable, or otherwise eventually admitted by being written off to the head of "profit and loss," and until this be done, the transaction on that Officer's books will not be closed.

* February 1856.

3. The value of the deficiencies therefore in the stores shipped on board the "Colonel Burney," amounting to Rupees 17-1-10, which, I find by my register, was deducted* from the Bill for the remaining passage money of the Convicts above-mentioned, being thus recovered into the Company's cash, is however not available to the Commissary General, until he be authorised to draw the amount from the General Treasury, into which it was recovered by the deduction from the Passage Money Bill before mentioned.

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4. The course recommended by the Marine Board, that this Office be authorized to pass the amount in question to the Commissary General, appears to me therefore the proper one.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, No. 585; dated 19th May 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Civil Auditor to pass for payment to the Commissary General the value, Rupees (17-1-10,) seventeen, Anna one and Pice ten, of the deficiencies which were found in the stores shipped by the Commissariat Department on board the Barque "Colonel Burney," which amount is reported to have been deducted from the Bill for the balance of passage money of certain Convicts transported by that vessel to Maulmain.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 19th May 1857

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Copy to Marine Board
" Civil Auditor
" Accountant General.
" Commissary General

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