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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th October 1858.

No. 36. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Collector of Bellary; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 24th September 1858, No. 51.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th April, No. 461, directing the amount of balance due to the Sutlers on account of provisions supplied to the four Regiments marginally noted, to be paid to them at once, and then recovered from the several Commanding Officers, I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that the balance in question has been paid to the Sutters as per accompanying Statement. From which it will be observed that, Rupees 262-2-6 is the balance on account of provisions actually supplied to the Regiment; Rupees 32-5-6 is the amount of provisions damaged and payable by Government, &c., and Rupees 2-10-10 is the amount for which no sanction is necessary, making in all Rupees 297-2-10 and corresponding with the amount inserted in my Report to Government under date the 11th March 1858, No. 15. I requested Mr. Arbuthnott, then Sub-Collector, to adjust the matter, but it was not settled when he left the District, and Mr. Collett has now finally settled the account as far as the Sutlers are concerned.

2. In reply to the letters addressed to the several Commanding Officers for the payment of the balance, due by their respective Corps, I have received the following answers.

*Amount due by this Regiment, Rupees 109-11-3.
†Under date 8th May 1858.

3. Lieutenant Colonel L. Fyler, Commanding H. M.'s 12th Royal Lancers writes†; "I have the honor to inform you that I directed all articles of supplies, &c., should be paid for on the spot, and the Regimental Cutwal had instructions to tell the head men of all the villages to make any complaints if any thing was due to them; several complaints were made and settled on the spot. I therefore feel confident nothing is owing by this Regiment to any one, and it is also remarkable, no similar letter of claims has come from either the Mysore or Nizam's country, through which the Regiment passed in the way to this station.

‡Amount due by this Regiment and the 19th Regiment is Rupees 176-6-8.

4. Lieutenant Colonel Primrose, Commanding H. M.'s 43rd L. I., states "I beg to state that I am not aware of any sum being due for provisions supplied to the Regiment under my command, as every thing purchased by the men at the various camps, where it halted, was paid for to the villagers on delivery.

I do not therefore consider that there is any claim due by the Regiment, and I am not therefore prepared to call upon the men to pay the amount of Mr. Arbuthnott's demand."

5. And Lieutenant Colonel G. Nott, Commanding 19th Regiment N. I., states, "I beg to state that it would appear that nothing is due from the Regiment under my command, as I have a receipt from the Native Official at each village where supplies were furnished to the Brigade, from Bangalore to Kurnool, stating that no claim exists against 19th Regiment N. I."

§Amount due by this Regiment is Rupees 8-6-1.

6. And General Whitlock, then Commanding the Brigade with the 50th§ Regiment N. I., was not written to on the subject, as the Sub-Collector explains he did know where he was.

7. The Sub-Collector was requested to report why the balance in question was not recovered on the spot immediately as required by the Rules referred to by Government. Mr. Collett in reply, states as follows:

"In a Military camp there is no one appointed to receive the supplies; every body wants to be served at the same time, the men, Soldiers and Sepoys gather in a crowd round the Sutlers little heap of supplies and take up what they have a fancy to, and what between the noise and the numbers, the ignorance of any Native language of some, and the impatience of all, many things are carried off without being paid for, or the would-be honest purchaser in despair throws down what he fancies a fair equivalent and walks off. Such must always be the result unless the supplies are made over to some Military authority and issued only by him."

8. There was a very great demand for supplies on this route owing to the frequent march of Troops in this critical time, and the authorities had great difficulty in meeting them, and the

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example made by Colonel Fyler in flogging a Cutwal would no doubt frighten many, and this act coupled with the usual confusion noticed by Mr. Collett, would in many cases, prevent the regular and full payment of supplies being enforced on the spot. The Officers of the Regiment may be convinced that all demands were satisfied, but such was not the case nevertheless; and I must trust to the indulgence of Government to allow me to debit the sum of Rs. 262-2-6 due by Regiments besides the sum of Rupees 32-5-6 payable by Government to the public accounts, for I think it inexpedient to push the matter further with the Officers. The Native authorities did their best, I believe, for I had punished some at an early date, who were on the least relax in exerting themselves to provide for the extraordinary demands made on the country for the Troops. The amount for which sanction is required is Rupees 294-8.

Statement shewing the amount of loss, &c., incurred in the supplies provided for the 12th Royal Lancers and 43rd Light Infantry and 19th and 50th Regiment Native Infantry in the Bellary District.					
Item.	12th Royal Lancers.	43rd L. I., 19th and 50th Regt. N. I.	Total.	Particulars of the Total.	
				Items wholly not paid.	Items partially paid.
Amount of articles purchased including both the items wholly not paid and partially not paid....	78 7 0	152 9 5	231 0 5	104 9 8	126 6 9
The hire of Bearers and Carts comprising both what is wholly to be recovered and what is partially to be recovered... Regi-	22 12 0	...	22 12 0	14 5 0	8 7 0
On account of provisions made to the Regiment under General Whitlock...	...	...	8 6 1	8 6 1	...
Total...	101 3 0	152 9 5	253 2 5	127 4 9	134 13 9
Loss sustained on account of supplies damaged	8 8 3	14 9 3	23 1 6	23 1 6	...
Hire of carriage of provisions to the camp...	...	9 4 0	9 4 0	9 4 0	...
Total amount to be sanctioned by Government...	8 8 3	23 13 3	32 5 6	32 5 6	...
Profit that occurred in selling the surplus of the provision stored in Anantapoor Talook.	109 11 3	176 6 8	285 8 1	159 10 3	134 13 9
Price of Tent pegs supplied to certain Artillery encamped at Palasamoodrum on the 13th and 14th of December 1857, and disallowed, not knowing who the Commanding Officer was...	...	...	1 15 0	...	...
Net accountable...	...	...	0 8 4	...	...
Total...	...	...	0 3 6	...	...
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Bellary, Collector's Office, }
24th September 1858.

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No. 37. ORDER THEREON, No. 1450 ; dated 14th October 1858.

In Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 461, dated 9th April last, Government directed the Collector of Bellary to disburse to certain Sutlers the balance alleged to be due to them on account of provisions supplied to Her Majesty's 12th Lancers and three other Corps on their recent march through that District ; and to recover the sum from the several Commanding Officers.

2. The Sutlers have been satisfied accordingly, but the Collector has not been successful in recovering the money from the Officers Commanding the four Regiments, who one and all contest the validity of the demand. Mr. Pelly, on the other hand, feels assured that the several sums are really due, and suggests, as further enquiries cannot be profitably pursued, that the amount may be debited to the public accounts. The Government are pleased accordingly to convey their sanction to the sum of Rupees 262-2-6 being written off to profit and loss. The remainder Rupees 32-5-6, it is remarked, is properly disbursable by Government, being the amount of "loss by supplies damaged" and "hire of carriage of provisions to the camps."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Emc. D/ 14 October 1858.

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JP D.L. 6/10/58

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