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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 5th September 1860.

No. 16. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Officiating Collector of Cuddapah, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th August 1860, No. 23.

* *From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to Lieutenant Colonel W. G. Woods, Adjutant General of the Army, dated 4th February* 1860.
From Adjutant General of the Army, to the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 14th April 1860, *with enclosures.*
† *Rupees* 80-12.

I have the honor to submit copies of correspondence as per margin* relating to an unadjusted balance† due by Captain Stone late of the 44th Regiment N. I., being an advance from the Treasury of this Collectorate, on account of the Military Detachment at Cumbum in September 1856, which sum being irrecoverable, I beg may be written off the accounts with the sanction of Government.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddapah, 4th February 1860, No. 87.

I have the honor to inform you that in September 1856, a sum of Rupees 80-12-0 was advanced to Captain W. H. Stone, Commanding Detachment 44th Regiment N. I., at Cumbum, upon his application* on account of the hire of Bandies engaged for the service of the Detachment from Kurnool to Cumbum, and in January 1857, another advance of Rupees 140 was made on account of hire of Bandies to convey the families of the men of the same Detachment from Cumbum to Vellore on an application† from Lieutenant Colonel Dudgeon, Commanding the Regiment then at Kurnool. Of this latter amount, however, Rupees 23-10-0 were returned by the Sub Collector as not required, and Rupees 116-6-0 are still due.

* *Enclosure No.* 1.

† *Enclosure No.* 2.

In the concluding part of his letter,‡ Colonel Dudgeon stated that the above amount would be remitted on his receiving a receipt called for in that letter for another advance applied for, but not disbursed from this Treasury. On the 23rd March 1857, he was requested to remit the amount as early as convenient, but no reply was received from him, and the Regiment having, in the mean time, embarked for Burmah on foreign service, no measures appear to have been adopted for the recovery of the amount.

‡ *Enclosure No.* 3.

As these are still unadjusted in the accounts of this Collectorate, and as strict instructions have been received from the Accountant General with regard to their speedy adjustment, I beg to bring the matter to your notice and to request that you will be so good as to adopt early measures for the recovery of the sums due, viz., Rupees 197-2-0.

Copies of the correspondence on the subject are herewith sent for your information.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army, to the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Fort Saint George, 14th April 1860, No. 2,599.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 87 of 4th February 1860, with its enclosures, I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief to annex copies of correspondence as per margin* received from the Officer Commanding 44th Regiment N. I., and to observe that as Captain Stone has been dismissed the Service, he cannot now be held accountable for the loss incurred through his carelessness. It being clear also that the advance made to his Detachment was recovered from the men, they cannot be held liable, and accordingly the loss must be borne by Government.

* *Letters Nos.* 70 *and* 82, *of* 1*st and* 7*th April* 1860.

The second claim appears to have been adjusted by Lieutenant Williams paying it up.

From Lieutenant Colonel A. G. YOUNG, Commanding 44th Regiment N. I., to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated 1st April 1860, No. 70.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1,231, enclosing a correspondence from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah who therein preferred a claim for Rupees 197-2-0 on account of advances made to a Detachment of this Regiment on account of Bandy hire.

Regarding the first claim it seems to have been advanced on the receipt of Captain Stone late of this Regiment. The Officer then Commanding the Regiment having only pointed out to that Officer the proper mode of obtaining the necessary advance for the discharge of the Bandies, and the amount should have been repaid on the first issue of pay after the receipt of it, whether it was so or not, I have no means of determining, Captain Stone not being now in the Service, but by a reference to the Acquittance Rolls of the Companies composing this Detachment it appears that the amount of this advance was deducted from the men concerned from the pay issued at Cumbum on the following month.

The second claim for Rupees 116-6 was granted to the same Detachment then under Command of Lieutenant Williams of this Regiment on the receipt of Colonel Dudgeon Commanding the Regiment, and although it appears by the Acquittance Rolls of the Companies which formed this Detachment that the money was deducted from the pay of the men in question, it does not appear from the records of the Regiment that the money ever passed through the Regiment, it is therefore to be presumed that the Officer Commanding the Detachment paid the amount direct to the Civil Authority from whom it was drawn or else is responsible for the amount. This Officer however is now doing duty with the Sappers and Miners and not under my Command. I shall therefore be obliged by your obtaining the instructions of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and informing me what course he wishes me to adopt under the circumstances.

The difficulty of obtaining information regarding a matter which took place so long ago, is the cause of the delay in answering the letter now under reply.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. G. WOODS,
Adjutant General of the Army.

From Lieutenant Colonel A. G. YOUNG, Commanding 44th Regiment N. I., to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, dated 7th April 1860, No. 82.

I have the honor to inform you that subsequent to the despatch of my letter No. 70, of the 31st ultimo, on the subject of claims made by the Collector of Cuddapah on account of an advance made for Bandies, I have received a letter from Lieutenant Williams, late Commanding the Detachment, to which the advance was made, in which he states that he is unable to give any information on the subject, owing to the long time which has elapsed since the advance was made, and therefore has forwarded a cheque for the amount of the claim in which he is concerned, viz., Rupees 116-6-0, which amount I shall forward to the Collector of Cuddapah as soon as realized.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. G. WOODS,
Adjutant General of the Army.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Officiating Collector.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1860, No. 1,130.

It appears, from the correspondence submitted, that in September 1856, Rupees 80-12-0 were advanced as bandy hire for a Detachment 44th N. I., marching from Kurnool to Cumbum. In February 1860, up to which time the advance remained unadjusted, a reference was made

to the Adjutant General, who informed the Collector, in April following, that Captain Stone, who Commanded the Detachment, had been dismissed the Service, and that it was clear that the advance had been recovered from the men. The loss must, therefore, be borne by Government. Authority is, accordingly, granted for writing off the amount, Rupees eighty and Annas twelve.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

" Adjt. Genl. "

No. 1130 - 5 September 1860. No. 1130.

It appears, from the correspondence submitted, that in Sept.r '56, Rs. 80..12.. were advanced as bandy hire for a detachment, 44th N.I., marching from Kurnool to Cumbum, 3rd Feb.y '57, up to which time the advance remained unadjusted, a reference was made to the Adjutant Genl., who informed the Collector, in April following, that Captain Stone, who commanded the detachment, had been dismissed the service, & that it was clear that the advance had been recovered from the men. The loss must, therefore, be borne by Govt.

Govt. Authority is, accordingly, granted for writing off the amount: Rupees eighty nine annas twelve

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To The Coller. of Cudolapah.
" Acct. Genl.
" Adjt. Genl.
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Judicial Dept. 1860

No. 1130

From

The Secretary Board of Revenue

To The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George

Dated 25th August 1860

Rec.d 29th August 1860

Subject

Enclosing Collector's Letter of 22nd Ultimo, stating that Captain Stone, who commanded the detachment of 44th N.I. marching from Kurnool to Cumbum in Feb.y last, was dismissed the service, & that it was clear that the advance had been recovered from the men, & requesting that the Collector may be authorized to write off the amount, Rs. 80..12.. as irrecoverable.

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th August 1860, No. 1130, and Enclosure, as noted in the Margin.

Ordered, That the Collector be authorized to write off the amount, Rs. 80..12.. as irrecoverable.

No 23

From the Acting Collector of Cuddapah to Chief Sec. to G. Fort St. George dated 14th April 1860 with enclosures.

To
J. Wedderburn Esquire
Actg Collector of Cuddapah

Do
J. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Sir, Fort Saint George

I have the honor to submit copies of correspondence as per margin relating to an unadjusted balance of Rs. 80-12-00 due by Captain Stone late of the 6th Regiment N. I. being an advance from this Treasury of this Collectorate, on account of the Military Detachment at Cumbum in September 1856, which sum being irrecoverable, I beg may be written off the accounts with the sanction of Government.

Rs. Rupees 80-12-00

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
Illegible
Acting Collector.

Cuddapah
Collector's Office
25th August 1860.

To
J. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Encl. Enclosures Nos