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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Read again letter from the Magistrate of Kurnool, dated 14th February 1860, No. 7, and recorded in Proceedings, 28th February 1860, No. 239.

No. 35. Read also the following letter from E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Civil Auditor, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd March 1860, No. 208.

With reference to the Order of Government of 28th ultimo, No. 239, Judicial Department, I have the honor to state that I am entirely unable to account for the men of the Karnúl Irregular Horse being kept so long in arrears with their pay as is represented to be the case. I have had a Memo. prepared showing the date on which the Abstracts of the Establishment of the Karnúl Horse were received, audited and returned from this Office since February 1859.

This Memo. is annexed and from the dates of despatch of the audited abstracts I should have supposed that in no case could a period of *nearly two months* have elapsed before the bills reached the several disbursing Collectors, to whom they are sent direct by this Office.

The interval shewn between the dates of receipt and despatch must, I think, be considered creditable to the Audit Office. The interval of 4 days which will be observed to have occurred in May 1859, between the receipt and audit of the Abstract, was occupied in the examination of the detailed list of the establishment which is annually submitted in that month, and in entering the particulars in the new Audit Register for the official year which commenced with the first of that month.

I would however recommended that the Collectors may be permitted to advance on the responsibility of the Commandant such sums as may be necessary for the regular and timely payment of the Karnúl horse, provided that the advance is not made until the Abstracts have been despatched for audit.

MEMORANDUM.

Abstracts for the month of	Date of receipt.		Date of despatch.	
February 1859...	March 1859.	14	March 1859.	15
March ,, ...	April ,, ...	11	April ,, ...	13
April ,, ...	May ,, ...	27	May ,, ...	27
May ,, ...	June ,, ...	9	June ,, ...	13
June ,, ...	July ,, ...	16	July ,, ...	18
July ,, ...	August ,, ...	11	August ,, ...	12
August ,, ...	September ,, ...	13	September ,, ...	14
September ,, ...	October ,, ...	13	October ,, ...	13
October ,, ...	November ,, ...	15	November ,, ...	16
November ,, ...	December ,, ...	12	December ,, ...	13
December ,, ...	January 1860.	16	January 1860	18
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No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1860, No. 327.

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2. The length of time in which, as is represented, the men have been kept in arrears of pay cannot therefore be attributed to the system of pre-audit, but to some other cause which the Magistrates of Kurnool and the Magistrates of the other Districts in which portions of the Horse are serving, should endeavour to discover and correct. Meanwhile the Governor in Council is not prepared to authorize the pay being disbursed in anticipation of the sanctioned Abstracts.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From, 25 March

To, The Civil Auditor

The Chief Secretary to Government

Dated } 22 March 1860.
Received }

No 208.

No 350

Reports in the reference
to the Orders of Government
No 284 Alting No 359 Mod
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arrears of pay of the Establish-
ment of Kurnool Irregular Horse.

With an Order

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To Magistrate of Kurnool.
" Civil Auditor.
" Inspector General of Police.

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Memorandum

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...ary 1859	March/59	14	March/59	15	
...h "	April "	11	April "	13	
...l "	May "	27	May "	27	4
...y "	June "	9	June "	13	4
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... "	August "	11	August "	12	1
...t "	September "	13	September "	14	1
...ber "	October "	13	October "	13	0
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