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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 20th August 1863.

No. 174. Read the following letter from W. J. RAYNOR, Esq., Officiating Civil Paymaster, Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd July 1863, No. 1,047.

The Officer in charge of Details, Fort Saint George, having submitted a Bill for Rupees 900 on account of gratuity granted to Mr. Bruce, in Orders of the Government of India, dated 20th March last, No. 770, I have the honor to request instructions on the subject.

2. In Proceedings dated 7th January last, No. 19, Judicial Department, Government desired that the recovery of the amount already drawn by Mr. Bruce should not be pressed, but that it should be adjusted against the gratuity applied for on his behalf if sanctioned by the Government of India. The sum overdrawn by Mr. Bruce on account of pay from 23rd October 1861 (the date of disbandment of the Corps), to 31st January 1862, amounts to Rupees 987-1-7, which is Rupees 87-1-7 in excess of the gratuity sanctioned to the extent of six months' half pay,* and I beg to know if this excess is to be recovered, or whether it may be remitted under paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of 7th January last, above cited. The remaining 900 Rupees will be adjusted by the gratuity, which will be passed and recovered in full to credit of Government, unless otherwise ordered.

* 150×6=900.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1863, No. 1,348.

The Governor in Council does not think it necessary that the sum of Rupees 87-1-7, referred to in the foregoing letter, should be recovered from Mr. Bruce.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Memo for orders.

The order of the Govt. of India (dated March 20th/63) granted by the Civil Paymaster appeared to me to sanction only the part of half command allowance to Lt. Bruce from the date on which the Corps was broken up, during the time he was actually employed in winding up the accounts of the Corps, provided such time did not exceed six months.

From the letters of the Commissioner more especially from that of Major Lee Mellowby Para 3. recorded in Proceedings of Govt. 7th January last, it seemed that Lt. Bruce's connection with the Corps ceased on the 15th June 1862, & that he could therefore under the order of the Govt. of India get his half-command allowance for less than three instead of for six months, & have to refund the other half of the fully pay he had already drawn.

I therefore went to the Civil Paymaster's Office to enquire how the six months half pay could be obtained. I find from him that Lt. Bruce

Per Civil Paymaster states that no fresh sanction or orders regarding the money Lt. Bruce has already received, will be necessary; that the sum proposed will of course be granted under the order of Govt. of India dated March 20th

W. H. L.

Order 20th August 1863. No 1345

The Governor in Council does not think it necessary that the sum of Rs. 87-1-1 referred to in the foregoing letter should be received from Lt. Bruce.

W. H. L.

The Civil Paymr. duly 21