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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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19th June 1863.

Read the following papers:—

No. 197. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st March, 1863, No. 708.

Account Department.

I have the honor with reference to Government Order, No. 395, dated 13th March 1863, to forward the accompanying letter from Captain Drever, Deputy Inspector General of Police, relative to the sum of Rupees 659-1-3 not duly accounted for.

2. That Officer being at Madras on leave, I requested him to call at the Accountant General's Office, and after careful investigation this is the result.

3. It appears that on the Detachment of Kurnool Horse finally quitting North Canara in April 1860, Captain Drever gave the Duffadar of the party an advance of Rupees 700 for the use of himself and men, and in the midst of other duties, and perhaps trusting to the Duffadar himself as a matter of course accounting to the authorities at Kurnool for the advance he had received, omitted to report having done so. The Duffadar has long since died, many of the men have been discharged. It is, therefore, hopeless to expect any recovery to be made from them.

4. From a perusal of the letter it will be seen that confusion and misunderstanding prevailed throughout, relative to the payment of this Detachment; and when it is borne in mind that Captain Drever was at this time actively and incessantly engaged in the suppression of the Bund disturbances, for his energy in which duty he received the thanks of Government, I trust the Government will sanction the charge being written off.

5. To be mulcted so considerable a sum would be a serious inconvenience to an Officer in Captain Drever's position.

No. 198. From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 12th June 1863, No. 73.

Book and Adjustment Department.

I have the honor now to lay before His Excellency in Council, a report on the case of Captain Drever, which forms the subject of Government Resolution, No. 395, of the 13th March last.

2. I beg to point out in explanation of the delay which has taken place in submitting this report, that I have been obliged to master a large file of correspondence, with which, I, as a perfect stranger in this office, was wholly unacquainted, and that the preparation of the report on the Financial condition of the Presidency for the last year, and other matters which could not be delayed, have taken up nearly all my time, and prevented my turning my undivided attention to the present case.

3. I propose to take the points referred to in the Government Resolution, in detail.

4. In paragraph 2, Government point out that no mention has been made of the date of arrival of the 2nd party of Kurnool Irregular Horse in North Canara, and that the very fact of this party being a relief or not, is not explained; with reference to this, I beg to call attention to the documents hereto annexed, marked A and B, and to point out that the second party relieved the first, it having reached North Canara in January, when the other left that District.

5. Referring to paragraph 3, I beg to observe that the sum paid in Bellary, was the pay of the second Detachment which did not leave that District, till the next month—vide abstract and letter attached, marked C.

6. Paragraph 4 requires no remark, as the second Detachment left North Canara in April for Kurnool, and were properly therefore paid from the Kurnool Treasury, for that month.

7. Paragraph 5 calls also for no other remark, than that the dates of the Bills are as per margin, it being admitted on all hands that the sums therein mentioned, were paid to Captain Drever, a fact which is substantiated by that Officer having signed each of these documents, contents received.

	Rs.	A.	P.
A Bill of Exchange drawn by the Collector of Kurnool, dated 9th January 1860.	670	0	0
Do. do. 8th March "	659	1	3
A Regular Pay Abstract for December 1859, 7th January 1860.	670	0	0
Do. do. February 1860, 4th March 1860.	659	1	3
Do. do. March 1860, 4th April 1860.	659	3	11

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8. I now come to paragraph 6, in which the omission on the part of this Department to point out the Officer who prepared the Pay Abstracts is noticed by Government, I beg, in reference to this point, to direct attention to the accompanying letter* from Captain Robinson, in which that Officer explains how the Abstracts for the Kurnool Horse were prepared up to May 1860, when the horse were incorporated with the Police. The bills themselves bear out that Officer's assertion, as they are signed by the Magistrate, and not by him. It is, therefore, I respectfully submit, clear that Captain Robinson till May 1860, was not the preparer of the Abstracts of the Kurnool Horse.

9. In paragraph 7, Government refer to a statement made by Captain Drever, relative to the non-entry of the months in some of the bills sent him, but I beg respectfully to draw the attention of His Excellency in Council to the annexure marked E, wherein the months for which the bills were sent, are clearly enough set forth. In the abstracts for the other month's pay, each of which has Captain Drever's Receipt on it, the particular months for which they are drawn up, are also specified.

10. The conclusion I have arrived at, from the facts above set forth, is, that Captain Drever certainly received the full sum of Rupees 3,317-6-5, and having signed the several documents whereon that sum was paid, contents received, is liable for the disbursement of the whole. That he being in charge of the Detachments during the period embraced in these documents, should have known how much was required for the pay of, and had been in each month paid to, the men, and should be able to speak with certainty as to the disposal of the sum of Rupees 639-1-3, which he received over and above the amount due to the second Detachment.

11. His letter of explanation is submitted herewith, together with one from Mr. Robinson.

12. In this, Captain Drever acknowledges not having reported an advance which he made the second Detachment on leaving North Canara, and lays blame on the men, for, as he states, not making known this advance on their arrival at Kurnool. I beg, with regard to this, to point

Vide letter, No. 153, dated 9th May 1863, marked D.

out that as far as can be gathered from Captain Robinson's statements*, and the correspondence generally, the advance made by Captain Drever was most honestly acknowledged by the Sowars, and duly repaid Captain Drever in consequence.

13. It will be seen that the Collector of North Canara cashed a Bill and an Abstract for December 1859, when both were for the pay of the same party†. This was very careless, but I cannot think that Captain Drever's explanation is satisfactory as contained in his 8th paragraph, for it is difficult to understand how he could have supposed the Abstract to belong to the 1st party, when the names of the persons therein, were all of men belonging to the 2nd party, and where he must have seen that the amount was smaller than was necessary for the 1st party, which consisted of 2 Duffadars, 1 Naib Duffadar, and 22 Sowars; whereas, the 2nd party was composed of 1 Duffadar, and 2 Naib Duffadars, and 22 Sowars.

14. I do not think any blame can be attached to the Civil Paymaster,‡ for that Officer, as is customary in Madras, made the bills payable on the North Canara Treasury, because the men for whom it was drawn up, were serving in that District, and it will be observed that the bill, before being passed, was returned, in order that it might be stated where it was to be made payable§.

¶ Vide paragraph 14 of Captain Drever's letter.

§ Vide Note at foot of December's bill, marked F.

15. The Collector of Kurnool ought not to have acted in the manner he did. It will be observed that he drew a Bill of Exchange on the 7th, and sent in a bill for audit for the same amount on the 9th, thus breaking the orders of this Department which were in force at the time, and which directed sums to be paid on the receipt of audited bills only.

Vide document marked E.

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No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1863, No. 965.

These letters furnish further information, as called for by the Government, relative to the sum of Rupees 659-1-3 overdrawn on account of the pay of the Detachments of the Kurnool Irregular Horse, which served in North Canara from November 1859 to April 1860.

2. There seems no room for doubt that Captain Drever drew and erroneously paid the money away. He is clearly responsible, though there also was carelessness on the part of the other Officers concerned, which tended to complicate the transaction.

3. His Excellency in Council is of opinion, however, that allowance may fairly be made for the difficult circumstances in which Captain Drever was placed, having at the time to cope with an insurrection, which, although of limited area, was from the nature of the country of a harassing character.

4. The retrenchment of the amount overdrawn will not, therefore, be enforced. The Accountant General will direct its being written off as irrecoverable.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Judicial Department.

N: 1272.

From The Acting Accountant General.

Dated 12th June 1863.

For Orders.

I would not enforce recovery. Capt^l
Dunn is a very energetic hard
working Officer - and allowance
may fairly be made for the diffi-
cult circumstances in which
he was placed, having to cope
with an insurrection which
altho' of limited area was from
the nature of the country of a very
harassing character. JPD

and to have been managed in a very
- And Auditor - & the collector of humor
added in the payments in such a
wholly to people any man - I think
the circumstance may be relieved from

MA

For Order.

There seems no room
for doubt that Capt. Brewer
 drew the money and ex-
-posedly paid the men
twice over - He is clearly
responsible, though there also
was carelessness in other
quarters. The question is,
how far will you enforce
the responsibility, con-
-sidering the circumstances
in which Capt. Brewer was
placed, suppressing dis-
-tortions, &c. &c. as set forth
in Mr. Robinson's letter en-
closed. J.D.S.

Judicial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters—

From the Inspector Genl.

of Police ——— Enter 21st Mar. '03 N^o 708.

The Accts. Genl. ——— 12th June ——— 73.

Order — 19th June 1863 N^o 965.

These letters furnish further information, as called for by the Govt., relative to the sum of Rs. 659.1.3 overdrawn on accts. of the pay of the detachments of the Kurnool Sregular Horse, which served in North Canara from Nov. 59 to April '00.

2. There seems no room for doubt that Capt.

Drever

Drew drew the money & erroneously paid the money ^{amount} twice over. He is clearly responsible, tho' there also was carelessness on the part of the other Officers concerned, which tended to complicate the transaction.

3. H. E. in Council is of opinion, however, that allowance may fairly be made for the difficult circumstances in which Captain Drew was placed, having at the time to cope with an insurrection, which, altho' of limited area, was

was from the nature of the country of a harassing character.

4. The retrenchment of the amount overdrawn will not, therefore, be enforced. The Acct. Genl. will direct it being written off as irrecoverable.

The Inspector Genl. of Police, with enclosures add
" Acct. Genl.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Collector of Kurruck
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Cap. F. D. [unclear]
died 30 June?

Indiana 1863. Department.

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Dated 19 June 1863.

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