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Government of Madras.

Judicial **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	308		**Press Mis.**
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No. 268. Read the following letter from the Acting Civil and Session Judge, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 14th December 1865, No. 82.

I have the honor to request Government will be pleased, for the following reasons, to sanction the refund to me of the sum of Rupees 15-11-2, being the amount of cooly hire paid for working the Court thermantidote in April last, &c., and which has been stopped by order of the Acting Deputy Accountant General, on the ground of its being forbidden by G. O., dated 18th October *eighteen hundred and thirty three.*

2. A similar item for cooly hire was passed, without any objection being raised by the Acting Deputy Accountant General's predecessor, in the Contingent bill for March last.

3. The General Order, dated 18th October 1833, page 767 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, on which the stoppage has been made, has no reference whatever to Civil Courts, but to Military Barracks.

4. The tatties were not of grass but of bamboo, they were substituted for similar old ones purchased about two years ago, and their price drawn on Contingent bill, and were used for the purpose of keeping out the rain and glare from the open verandah, the only place available for the cash chest to be kept in under a Police guard, and where also the under trial prisoners are kept through the day during the monthly Sessions.

5. The charges were purely for public purposes, and are essentially contingent items to which no objection has ever hitherto been raised by any of the Acting Deputy Accountant General's predecessors; were absolutely and indispensably necessary, and have always hitherto been paid for by Government.

6. Even had the antiquated Military Order quoted been applicable, it would appear to have been virtually, if not officially, cancelled by the all but immemorial usage which has obtained to the contrary.

7. The thermantidote is Government property, having been presented to the Court by the late Civil Judge, Mr. Strange, as, during the height of the hot season, the Court which is well known to be small, close, and confined, was hardly endurable without it.

No. 39.

MEMORANDUM of objectionable items in the Contingent Bill of the Civil and Sessions Court of Bellary, for the month of April 1865.

Items objected to.	Amount.	Objections by the Accountant General.	Replies or explanation.	Final orders of the Accountant General.
	RS. A. P.			
Wages paid to two men from 3rd to 29th April at Rupees 5-4-0 per mensem each, for working at the thermantidote.....	9 7 2	Forbidden by G. O., 18th October 1833, Notification at page 767 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette.*		The Treasury Officer has been requested to recover Rs. 15-11-2 from the next Contingent bill of the Civil and Sessions Court, Bellary.
Charges for making tatties for the use of the Court.....	6 0 0			(Signed) R. TAYLOR, *Ag. Dy. Acct. General.*
Ropes for the tatties..	0 4 0			
Total.....	15 11 2			

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
16*th September* 1865.

(True Copy).

(Signed) W. DAVIDSON,
Acting Civil Judge.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
28th February 1866.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1866, No. 308.

Ordered that the Accountant General be requested to pass the bill—the charges objected to being of a petty contingent nature, and the necessity for them being clearly shown by the Civil and Session Judge. In future, the work should be done by convicts.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Judge of Bellary.
" Accountant General.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

I moved this not passing this because I consider that with a jail under her own charge, containing some 500 prisoners, some of whom at least can be set for ordinary work like the turning a Persian wheel for the public purposes by employing said coolies.

28th February 1866 No 308.

Ordered that the Accountant General be requested to pass the Bill, the charges objected to being of a petty contingent nature, and the necessity for them being clearly shown by the Civil and Session Judge. In future the work should be done by Convicts.

Civil Judge of Bellary
Accountant General.