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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 249

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DIARY.

MINUTES OF LAST CONSULTATION OF THE 23RD INSTANT, APPROVED.

The following Diary Papers are ordered to be recorded.

No. 1. From the Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th June 1857, No. 48.

SIR,

1. With reference to the orders of Government, dated 22nd December last, No. 396, passed on a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 3rd December last, No. 113, I have the honor to state that I called upon the Civil Auditor on the 14th January * and 17th April last, to furnish me with such information as would enable me to report on the points adverted to in the orders of Government abovementioned, relative to the unpaid shares of Burmah Donation Batta due to Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Navy.

† Copy of his letter is enclosed.

‡ These 2 Lists are intended to be substituted in lieu of the one marked D. sent with my letter to Government, dated 21st October last.

the other of such names as he was able to trace as belonging to the same Individual, though serving on different Vessels.

§ No. II. 3. In reference to the last mentioned list a copy of which he sent to me, he requested that I should omit from the Roll marked A prepared by me, all those names which have already been drawn for, or entered more than once.

4. As several names had been previously omitted upon information furnished by the Civil Auditor, which he again entered in the list now furnished, he was requested to specify particularly,

R. South, Rope maker "Cleopatra."

T. Cavley, Gunner "Contest."

T. Wilkinson, Boy 1st Class "Sphinx."

what were the names to be now excluded. In his letter, dated 22nd Ultimo, he has given three names, specified in the margin, which have now been excluded from the revised Roll A, and a fresh copy is herewith forwarded for transmission to Bengal, to be substituted in lieu of the one sent with my letter, dated 21st October last, No. 243.

5. With respect to the recoveries of over payments referred to in the 3rd para : of the orders of Government, the Civil Auditor has stated that he is awaiting the final instruction of Government on that subject, and that so soon as the recoveries are made he will furnish a list of the same.

|| Received with the orders of Government, dated 22nd December last. The Military Auditor General at Fort William, in the 5th para : of his letter || dated 27th November 1856, requires a *Supplementary Return* of payments erroneously made under Powers of

Attorney, authorizing Agents to receive the gross sums of War Batta or Donation Batta. The Civil Auditor explains this matter in the 3rd para : of his letter, dated 5th May herewith forwarded.

6. In the accompanying revised Roll A, the sum of Rupees 114 or £11-8-0 has been omitted in consequence of the exclusion of the three names adverted to in para : 4.

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,
Accountant General.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 30th June 1857.

From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor, dated 14th June 1857, No. 2075.

SIR,

* To be returned.
8th October 1855.
11th " "
19th January 1856.
25th August "
30th " "

1. With reference to the orders of Government, dated 22nd Ultimo, No. 396, I have the honor to enclose for your information copy of the letter dated 21st October last, No. 243, * addressed by me to Government, and the 4 Original Lists therein referred to marked A. B. C. D. prepared from the Statements received with your letters noted in the margin.

2. The Military Auditor General at Fort William requires in the 7th para: of his letter that the Lists D. † be revised by you. This revision to be for the purpose of shewing distinctly every instance in which the party claiming share bears the same name or names as another claimant. Thus you will have to furnish a correct List of all the names entered twice or thrice in the Crew Lists and the List marked A ‡ will be sent to the Honorable Court of Directors, only after the List D shall have been thus carefully revised and laid by you before Government.

3. Have the goodness to intimate to me whether such a revision has rendered necessary the omission of any of the Items and Names exhibited in the List A

4. You will, of course, endeavour to effect the recoveries of the over-payments made as directed in the 3rd para: of the Orders of Government under reference, and furnish me with a Memorandum of the sums thus recovered.

5. As the Agents before resisted your demand for the refund of these sums, it seems to me as probable, that they will still decline to repay the sums which they received under Bonds of Indemnity. The orders of the Honorable Court being peremptory, it occurs to me that you should put the question fairly to these Agents, if they do decline, how they can expect, now that they cast aside the obligations involved in those Bonds the said sums having been handed to them in the expectation that there would be no dispute about the matter, how they can expect that Government will again permit any transaction of any similar kind to be effected. It occurs to me also that you should obtain from them, distinct information, in every case of non-refund, where the money now is, whether in their hands or remitted, and, if remitted, when and how, i. e. on what date, in what shape, to whom the remittance has been made, whether they have received any acknowledgment of each remittance and on what date, and whether they are aware who is now in possession of the money, their own correspondents? And who their correspondents are, or the claimant himself. The object is to enable the Honorable Court to trace the actual course of the remittance, and to recover from the Navy Agents in England, the shares that may have been paid to them on behalf of each claimant, who may have thus obtained his share through the Agents at Madras.

6. A Supplementary Return§ should also be prepared by you of the payments referred to in the 3rd and 5th paras: of the letter from the Military Auditor General at Fort William, (consisting of payments erroneously made under Powers of Attorney, authorizing Agents to receive the gross sums of War Batta or Donation Batta) after the same shall have been recovered under the present orders of the Honorable Court.

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7. A list should also be prepared of sums (if any) which may be recovered by you of payments made here under Powers of Attorney authorizing Agents to draw individual shares, for although the Military Auditor General at Fort William says in para: 3 that such payments were correct. The Honorable Court point out to the Supreme Government that "Powers of Attorney of the description referred to should not be acted on either in respect to the gross amount of the Shares payable to the Officers and Crews of H. Majesty's Ships or to the separate shares of Individuals."

In para: 4 of their Despatch to Governor General in Council, No. 39 of 1855, which accompanied to Extract Proceedings of the Supreme Government in Financial Department dated 12th April 1855? (54, in office Copy) received in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 59 of this Government of 9th May 1856.

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,
Accountant General.

From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General, dated 5th May 1857.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letters of the 14th January and 17th April last, I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the instructions I have received, I forwarded on the 2nd Instant to Government two lists, one being an enumeration of all such names as were alike, completed so as to include every repetition of a name, except in cases in which it was clear that it could not belong to the same individual; and the other of such names as I was able to trace, as belonging to the same individual, though serving on different Vessels. Of this latter list, I beg to enclose you a Copy, in view to your omitting from the list of unpaid Shares of Burmah Donation Batta marked A, which is to be forwarded by you to the Honorable the Court of Directors, all those names which have already been drawn for, or entered more than once in that List.

2. With reference to the 4th and 5th paras: of your letter first quoted, I beg to state that I am now awaiting the final instructions of Government, in respect to the recovery of the over-payments, but as soon as the recovery shall have been made, I shall forward to you a list of the same, and I shall also request the Agents to furnish me with information on the several points suggested by you, in the instances in which they have already remitted the batta drawn by them to the parties concerned.

3. As regards the 6th para: of the above letter, I beg to observe that several of the Powers of Attorney under which the payments were made were executed by several parties, each party empowering the Agents to receive only his own Share, and in no instance was the share of any individual paid except the Power of Attorney bore his individual signature or mark to it.

4. The list required in the 7th para: which will be the same as the Memorandum required in the 4th para: will be forwarded to you on the recovery of the sums, which the Agents have yet in their hands being completed.

5. The four original lists received with the above letter are herewith returned.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Acting 1st Assistant Accountant General.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 249; dated 25th June 1857.

1. It is observed that the Civil Auditor forwarded with his letter of the 8th Instant, No. 201, certain Statements furnished by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. and Parry & Co. of the Burmah

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Donation Batta drawn by them on account of the Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, and also a Duplicate of the List No. II, to be substituted for the one similarly marked, submitted with his previous communication of the 2nd May last, No. 9. These have been transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors with the Despatch of the 16th Instant, No. 10.

2. The Government now resolve to forward to the Honorable Court the letter from the Accountant General above recorded and the revised Roll which accompanied it, in continuation of that communication appear from the Civil Auditor's letter of the 8th Instant to have been already recovered from the Agents; but they desire to receive from Mr. Lushington a distinct intimation to that effect, specifying the amount that has been refunded by each Firm, for communication to the Government of India and the Honorable Court.

Marine Department

No. 2149

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date 25th June 1857

Read letter from the
Accountant General.

(dated 12th June 1857. No. 18)

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