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Government of Madras.

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From

H. Sutherland Esq

Chief Auditor.

To

V. Dwyer Esq

Chief Secretary

to Government.

Sir,

Dated 21st January 1857-1858

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 2^d from the Secy. of Consultation, dated 22^d ultimo at 396, Marine Dept., forwarding copies of a letter from the Secy. to the Government of India in the Military Department and of a report from the Officiating Brig. Auditor General at Fort Williams on the rolls of Annual Donations. I have prepared at this Presidency, together with copy of a dispatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors on the subject of the double payments of such batta, and directing me to take immediate steps for the recovery of the payments erroneously made under Powers of Attorney to Agents at Madras.

I.

In my letter of the 30th

November

November 1855, I acquainted Govt. with the measures taken by me for the recovery of the sums which there was reason to apprehend were twice paid, and also of the refusal of Messrs. Parry & Co. and Arbutnot & Co. to repay the amounts drawn by them on account of H. M. S. "Hinchester" "Fox" and "Rattler" and of their reasons for refusing.

3. On the 5th of the following month I again addressed Messrs. Parry and Co. and Arbutnot and Co. on the subject and requested that no further payments of the sums which has been received by them might be made until I had received the Orders of Government on the reference which has been made to it; and in the course of a correspondence which subsequently passed between this Office and those firms, they proposed on certain conditions to repay the unremitted portion of the amounts which they had respectively received on account of the above vessels.

But

2. But as the matter was at that time before Government, and as sufficient time had elapsed to allow of the receipt of the Honble Comdr's Orders on the subject of the apparent double payments, I deemed it proper to defer taking any measures in respect to those conditions pending the receipt of more definite instructions. As however the Honorable Comdr's Orders have now been received, and I am required to take steps for the immediate recovery of the sums remaining in the hands of the Agents. They to forward copies of the letters from Messrs. Parry & Co. and Arbutnot & Co. stating the terms on which they agree to refund these sums, and request the instructions of Govt. as to the course I am to adopt in reference to these propositions.

4. I beg to add that the preparation of the list marked as D in the correspondence received with the Order ^{under} acknowledgment has already been commenced, and I shall endeavor to make it as complete as possible; but the other list of the sums

which

which may be recovered under
the order not received will
necessarily be delayed till
the result of this reference
and of a demand for the
refund of the sum in
dispute shall have trans-
pired.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Civil Audit Office

Westminster

21st January 1857

L.H.

J. Lubbock

Civil Auditor

From Mess^{rs} Parry & Co

Madras 17th May 1856.

The Civil Auditor,

Fort Saint George.

Dated 17 May 1856

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge
 & lodge receipt of your letter of 3rd Instant,
 informing us, that you had ascertained
 from Calcutta that the several sums
 of Burmah Batta, we have drawn under
 the authority of Powers &c from the
 Parties entitled to it, and alluded to in
 your letters of 24th November 1855, and 21st
 January 1856, have been remitted by the
 Bengal Government to the Court of
 Directors, and requesting us to refund into
 the Treasury the sums mentioned as
 remaining with us in our letter of 21st
 November.

In reply we have the honor to
 state that we are prepared to comply with
 your request upon the following terms

1 In your last mentioned letter,
 we stated, that the parties entitled to the
 Batta had been informed, that we held
 it at their disposal-as these are Naval
 Officers

Received 1857
 by the Com. of the
 Civil Auditor

The Civil Auditor
 to Government

Recd 21st May 1857
 Recd 22nd 1856

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 Audited

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Subscribed copy of
 letter from Burmah Company
 to the Civil Auditor
 dated 3rd April 1856
 which contains a list of
 names of the parties
 entitled to the Batta
 and that the Auditor
 D. Parry & Co is now
 under preparation

In Com^{rs} 28th Dec 1856
 by the Com. of the
 Civil Auditor
 1857

Copy to Com^{rs} of the
 Civil Auditor
 dated 17 May 1856
 copy of the Batta

Officers Scattered in various parts of the world, a considerable period may elapse before their drafts or instructions reach us. We propose therefore, that in the event of our being drawn upon for any portion of the Batta you ask us to return, that you on behalf of Government, undertake to pay such drafts, or will place us in funds for that purpose.

2. That our Bonds be returned to us Cancelled.

3. That with regard to the sums we have remitted, you furnish us with an indemnity, relieving us from all liability, in consequence of the Bengal Government having, as we submit, erroneously remitted the same Batta to London, or, that our Bonds, in respect to such Batta be returned to us.

On these Conditions being Complied with, we shall be prepared to pay into the Treasury the Batta we have not disbursed.

With respect to the last Clause in your letter under acknowledgment

ment, we beg to inform you, that we remitted Lieutt Genl's Batta on 23^d October 1854, and Captain Hillyar's on 7th February 1855.

We have J^{ce}
/Signed/ P. H. C.

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2. That our Bonds be returned to us Cancelled.

3. That with regard to the sums we have permitted, you furnish us with an indemnity, relieving us from all liability, in consequence of the Bengal Government having, as we submit, erroneously permitted the same Batta to London, or, that our Bonds, in respect to such Batta be returned to us.

On these Conditions being complied with, we shall be prepared to pay into the Treasury the Batta we have not disbursed.

With respect to the last Clause in your letter under acknowledge-

ment, we beg to inform you, that we permitted Lieut. Genl. Batta on 23^d October 1854, and Captain Hillyar's on 7th February 1855.

We have J^{ce}
/Signed/ Parry H^{rs}

From Mrs. Robert H. Madras 26th May 1856. 6

To J. Lushington, Esqre,
Civil Auditor.

Fort Saint George, dated

26 May 1856

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant in which you request us to refund the amount of Burmah Batta which we have received and have not yet parted with.

We enclose a list of parties in whose behalf we have received Burmah Batta which remains in our hands. Most of them are Seamen on board the Winchester which ship is still in the Indian Station, and may very probably at some future period visit Madras in which case the Batta would no doubt be claimed here.

We learn from your letter under acknowledgment and we have ascertained the same fact for other quarters that this Batta has not been paid to those parties, but that nominal rolls have been forwarded to the India House with a view to its being paid there. Such being the case, we conclude there could be no difficulty in stopping the payment of the Batta to such persons as have already received it in this Country.

We

We incur a very serious responsibility in pay-
ing away without authority Money which we
have received on behalf of our Constituents under
Special powers of attorney and which we have
advised them we have placed to their credit.
We shall not however object to refund the
Amount if the Government will engage to hold us
harmless in the event of these Sums being claimed
by the parties respectively entitled to receive
them, and will also relieve us of all liability
in respect to the Sums which we have already
parted with. We have long ago remitted the
Batta which we have received on behalf of
Sir George Lambert and Mr Southy. —

We have &c &c

Signed / Arthur H. C.

True Copies /

Arthur H. C.
Civil Auditor.

20/11/54

Dispt 26th P. Steamer

Just

N^o 11. From the Chief Secretary to Govt, Madras
Fort St George

To

Secy to the Govt of India
in the Secretary Dept,
dated Fort St George, 16 January 1857
No 40 A

With reference to
your letter of the 3rd Inst.
(No. 113) on the sub-
ject of the Amittanase
Rolls prepared at this
Presidency of Burmah So-
pation Ratta payable
to Vessels of the Royal
Navy, I am directed by
H^o R. & The Governor
in Council to transmit
for submission to the Govt
of India copy of a com-
munication from the
Civil Auditor, with
copies of letters ad-
dressed to him by Messrs
Pany & Co and Smith
& Co stating the
terms

Dated 27th Aug 1857. No 40 B.

1857 Dec.

In a letter from
the Civil Auditor
to the Chief Secy.
to Govt dated 21st
January 1857. No 40 B.

See to Sup & Aug 1857
1857.

Copy of letter
from Chief Secy to
Govt dated 21st
relating to Burmah
Donation Ratta.

No 1857 J
No 9025

terms on which they agree to refund the sums paid to them and remaining in their hands on the above account. and to solicit instructions whether this Govt is at liberty to accede to the terms proposed by the Agents. It is requested that an early answer to this reference may be sent if possible by Electric Telegraph, as the information is necessary to enable the Civil Auditor to complete the Lists to be despatched to the Honble the Court of Directors.

Lat St George,
26 January, 1857

(Sd) J. P. G. P.
Chief Secretary

Entered in the U.S. 1st of 6/27/57
In Aug. 8 " Aug 20 7 of
1857

in Aug. 29. January
March 1857 (Departure)

No. 404

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The Secy. Genl. of India
& Military Department

29th Jan 1857

Ref. to 2719 & 2720
2281 of 1/57.