

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
7th October 1861.*

No. 8. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department,
dated 17th September 1861, No. 3,279.

*Communicating the Financial Resolution of the
Government of India, sanctioning the adjust-
ment on account of the sums paid as Rangoon
Port dues by vessels engaged in the relief of
Madras Troops serving in Burmah, debiting
Military expenditure.* } (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated
17th September 1861, Nos. 353 & 354.)

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1861, No. 321.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine, and to the Audit and Account Offices.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor;

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, under date the 21st August 1861, No. 10,436.

Read again Financial Resolution of the 15th March 1861, and the question of the payment of Port dues at Rangoon by Vessels engaged in the relief of Madras Troops serving in Burmah.

Read again Financial Resolution, No. 8894 of the 19th July 1861, on the question of the adjustment of these charges.

Read Report of the Accountant General on the subject, No. 7, dated 13th July 1861.

Read letter from the Chief of the Military Finance Department, No. 527A, dated 31st July 1861.

Accountant General's Report No. 7, on Financial Secretary's docket No. 6158, dated 28th May 1861, the enclosure of which is herewith returned.

The entire expenses connected with the relief of Madras Troops serving in Burmah, appear to have been hitherto borne by the Madras Government, and it is the practice to adjust similar charges as *ordinary* of the Presidency to which the Troops belong. Looking however to the fact that the Troops in Burmah are employed beyond the limits of their own Presidency, on account of the Government of India, the charges incurred in conveying them to and from the Province may fairly be classed as "Extraordinary" and debited as such to this Government on the principle laid down in Financial Resolution No. 10 of the 22nd November 1843.

FORT WILLIAM,
DURBAR AND REVENUE DEPT.,
13th July 1861.

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,

Acct. Genl. to the Govt. of India.

Fort William, Financial Department, 19th July 1861, No. 8894.

Ordered that copies of these letters be forwarded to the Military Finance Department, with the remark that as "Extraordinaries" similar charges of 1861/62, should be provided out of the 65 lacs and not out of the 1,215 lacs.

By Order,

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Chief of the Military Finance Department, Calcutta, 31st July 1861, No. 527 A; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.

Referring to your letter No. 8894, dated 19th July 1861, I beg to submit that I never calculated on the Port dues, referred to in that Resolution, being debited against the 65 lacs. I have already had too heavy charges (more than I expected) debited against the 65 lacs, and I trust that Government will give me every aid in relief from charges respecting which I may fairly claim relief.

2. I have adhered to the standard of Military Expenditure previously fixed at 1,280 lacs, because a standard of this kind is a useful guide-mark and although many events have arisen to vitiate the calculations made, yet I have hitherto continued to hope that the allotted sum would prove sufficient, and have not as yet asked Government to enlarge the margin of 65 lacs, but I fear unless the reductions I anticipated are promptly made by Government, the 1,280 lacs will not suffice.

3. I beg also to point out, that the detention of the Troops in Pegu after 1st May, has caused the Military charges of that Province to be swelled by one thousand times more than the amount which would have sufficed for the Pilot Fees, now claimed, by the Authorities in Pegu.

4. I beg also to submit, that the partition of charges to Government, should be made on the scale which will be established under Financial Resolution, No. 7343, dated 19th June 1861, calling on me for my Report thereon, and which I hope to send in shortly.

Resolution.—In connection with the relief of Madras Troops serving in Burmah, has arisen the question as to which of the Governments should be debited with the amount of the Rangoon Pilotage and Port dues payable by the Transports engaged in the relief.

The Auditor General to the Government of India in his Report, recommended that the charges should be classed as extraordinary and debited as such to the Government of India.

By Resolution of this Department No. 8894, of the 19th July last, similar charges of 1861/62 were to have been provided out of the reserve of 65 lacs apportioned in the Budget to Military charges. But as the debits against this reserve are represented by the Military Finance Department to be already far too heavy, and no provision has been made in the Budget for charges of this nature, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the adjustment on account of the sums paid in Burmah, debiting Military Expenditure.

Order.—Ordered that a copy of the above be sent to the Military Finance Department, with reference to their letter No. 527A, of the 31st July 1861.

Ordered that a copy be also sent with copy of Military Finance Department's letter No. 527A, of the 31st July 1861, to the Auditor General and to the Government of India, for information.

Ordered that a copy be also sent with copies of correspondence to the Government of Madras and the Commissioner of Pegu.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER, No. 3279, 17th September 1861.

Communicated to Departments concerned.

(True Extract.)

To the Financial Department. *With 2 spare Copies.*

„ Superintendent of Marine.

„ Quarter Master General.

„ Controller of Military Finance.

„ Military Accountant.

Mumtaz Ali Khan
Secretary to Government.

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No. 321 - 1st October 1861.

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Offices.

J. H. J.

The Supdt. of Marine, commanding the
" Civil Engineers, 37/10.
" Sect. Secd. 37/10.