

Marine (1892) Department.

G.O., No. 330 *war*

DATED 3^d Mar 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Remuneration to Sir Alexander Leitch:

Communicating to the Chairman, Marine
Harbour Trust Board, ^{with rememo} letter from the Accountant
General explaining his action in connection
with the payment, by the Board, of £ 630 as

Dr
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Marine DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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Marine
Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 523

From the Accountant General.
Madras.

Order

No. 1593.

Dated 23^d April 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Returning government Endorser
No. 262 dated 15 Instant
on letter from the Chairman
Harbour Trust Board dated
30th ultimo, with certain
remarks.

BACK PAPERS.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

From, Telephone

the Secretary
H. J. Board

To,

H.C.

M. Deptt

No. G.O. The payment
of 500£ was^{as} in the case
of the present 630£, paid
upon a claim received
thro' the Acct. Genl.
for Feb. & March 1891,
against payments made
in England and was
remitted to the Madras
Bank with Cheilan
d/25th June 91.

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Harbour Trust Office,
MADRAS, 30th March 1898.

~~Handwritten note~~ Telephone

To
The Head Office
H.T.B.

In the Chairman's letter
No. 2 A. of 30th March 98
para 3, it is stated that
Sir Alexander Russell
was paid £500 in 1891.
Will you please quote
the no & date of the
Go. which ordered that
payment?

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Harbour Trust Office,
MADRAS, 20th March 1898.

No. 21.

FROM

J. N. Atkinson Esq., I.C.S.

CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,

MADRAS.

TO

W. B. deWinton Esq.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Marine Department.

Sir

Referring to G. O. No. 172 Marine, dated 10th March I have the honor to report that, I have so directed therein paid the sum of Rs 10,427. 9. 5 to credit of Government with the Madras Bank on account of remuneration to Sir Alexander Rendel—

I note that the Secretary of State will be addressed in regard to the information asked for in para 2 of my letter No. 4457 A dated 20th January 1898—

The claim has taken the Trustees by surprise; they have received no intimation that any regular allowance was expected. £500 was paid to Sir Alexander Rendel in 1891; and the present claim is for his remuneration since his appointment as Consulting Engineer in 1889, covering the date of his visit to Madras in 1891. Has the payment of £500. been lost sight of?

I would also bring to notice that the claim is for £630 Sterling, but the Accountant General declined to receive a Bank Demand draft on London for that amount, which at

The Secy of State has been asked how the present payment has been calculated. The reply was that it was the £500 which has been lost sight of.

at the then current rate of exchange $\frac{5}{4}$ would have cost only Rs 9,450/ thus saving the Trust Rs 977.. 9.. 5.—

5. It is not understood why, when the demand is in Sterling, nearly a thousand Rupees over the current equivalent due, should be claimed. Article 1289 Civil Account Code specially provides that sterling bills may be tendered in payment; but the Accountant General says this has been altered. I submit that the Harbour Trust Board should not be called upon to pay Rupees here at the Government fixed rate of exchange when a Bank demand draft would have satisfied Sir Alexander Rendel, and would have been cheaper.—

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

J. H. Atkinson
Chairman

Harbour Trust Board

Chief Clerk

No. 2002

Government of Madras,

Marine DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement
MEMORANDUM.

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Dated Madras, 15th April 1898.

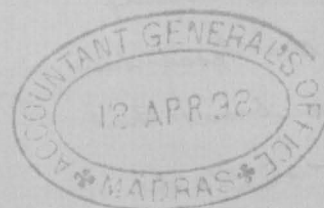
From the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, Madras, No. 2 A dated 30th March 1898.

Referred to the Accountant-General for remarks on paras 4 & 5 of the Chairman's letter

C. M. M. M.
Under Secretary

To,

The Acct. General to be returned.



Book DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
23^d April 1898.

No. 1593

From

J. Hesketh Biggs Esquire,

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Secretary to Government,
Marine Department.

SIR,

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Herewith returned.

With reference to Government endorsement No 2002, dated 15 Instant on a letter from the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, dated 30 Ultimo, in which he reports that this office declined to receive a draft on London on payment of a sum of £ 630/- which was paid and charged to the Madras Harbour Works by the India office, I have the honour to state as follows:-

Formerly under article 1289 of the civil Account code, whenever a sum was due to Government in sterling money, it could be accepted in Indian currency at the official rate of exchange at the time the necessary demand was made or at the

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the option of the debtor, a bill payable on demand
and drawn on London could be received in lieu.
But at the time the demand for the payment of
the £ 630, in question was forwarded to the Harbour
Trust Board (ie) on the 18th January last, the option
to the debtor which is referred to above had been
cancelled by the ^{11th} Correction List to the Civil
Account Code dated 31 December 1897. Hence this office
pointed out the alteration of the rule to the Board
and requested it to meet the payment in Indian
Currency.

x bill received
either in this or
the 31st amendment
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.,

Wm M. B.
Accountant General.