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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of February 1860.

No. 87. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 21st February 1860, No. 211.

Leaving it discretionary with heads of offices to use candles for themselves and their establishments instead of oil. } (Vide Judicial Proceedings from 21st to 29th February 1860, Nos. 7 @ 10.)

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1860, No. 422.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From Lieutenant Colonel H. COLBECK, Senior Magistrate of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Royapet, 23rd January 1860, No. 1.

I have the honor to state that in the Contingent Bill of this Court for November last, an item of two Rupees for the purchase of candles was struck out by the Acting Civil Auditor, upon the plea that an Order of Government, dated 10th of October 1834, prohibited the use of any thing but oil lights.

2. I have known and done business in this Court for 14 years and I never knew any thing but candles used for the bench when the Court is detained beyond day-light.

3. No Mashalchee is employed here and the waiting for oil lights would be extremely inconvenient even if they could be prepared at all. The charge for candles does not average more than a Rupee a month, as they are only used upon emergent occasions, and I trust the Government will not object to so trifling an expenditure when the prohibition would be attended with so much inconvenience.

4. Candles are invariably used in the Supreme Court, Sheriff's Office, Town Police and I believe in other Departments of the Government.

Referred for the report of the Civil Auditor.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

26th January 1860.

From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th February 1860, No. 635.

Rs.	*A.*	*P.*
1	8	0

I have the honor to inform you that the Civil Auditor, quoting an Order of Government of the 10th October 1834, No. 1295, has objected to admit one item in my last month's Contingent Bill for wax candles. These are articles which cannot be dispensed with, and I would solicit the authority of Government for such charges being passed.

From W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th February 1860, No. 103.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Order of Government, dated 26th January 1860, referring for my report a letter to your address from Lieutenant Colonel Colbeck, Senior Magistrate of Police, who represents that a charge of Rupees 2 for the purchase of candles was struck out by me from the Contingent Bill of his Court; that during a number of years he has not known any thing but candles used when the Court has been detained beyond day-light; and that as the expenditure on this account is trifling, he trusts Government will not object to its being incurred.

Prior to the Preaudit system passed by the late Committee for Contingent charges.				
April 1854. *Purchasing* 4 *Candles* and Cocoanut Oil.....	*Rs.*	3	6	0
June 1855. *Do.* 1 *viss candles*	,,	1	12	0
Under the Preaudit system passed by the Civil Auditor.				
December 1857. ½ *lb. Candles*...	*Rs.*	0	8	0
July 1858. 8 *Candles*.....	,,	1	10	0
September 1858. 1 *lb. do*.....	,,	1	0	0
November 1859. 6 *Candles*.....	,,	2	0	0

2. In reply I beg to state, that the monthly bills of the Royapettah Police Court from the date of its establishment, and those of the General Police Court previously, have been carefully examined for the last six years from 1854; and I have found that in a few instances, as shewn in the margin, charges for candles have been passed, either from inadvertence, or rather, as I believe, from the sums being comparatively trifling. On this ground I had already passed the item, now in question, not wishing to trouble Government about so trifling a matter. I only requested that such charges might not be incurred again, as I am prohibited from admitting them.

Mashalchee

3. The Orders of Government, No. 1295, Public Department, dated the 10th of October 1834, direct that candles are not to be allowed in any Public Office, except the Observatory, Government however continued to sanction the charge in the contingent bills of the Supreme Court, and therefore the Committee, and since their abolition the Civil Auditor, admitted the cost in their case without demur, but such has not been the rule with respect to any other Department.

4. However I see no objection to a modification of the Order of 1834; and of course that is my only reason for disallowing the charge in such cases as the present.

ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1860, No. 211.

The Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to modify the Order of 10th October 1834, Public Department, No. 1295, and to leave it discretionary with heads of Offices to use candles for themselves and their establishments, instead of oil, when they may find it convenient to do so.

2. The Civil Auditor will pass such charges in the monthly Contingent Bills when the amount is not unreasonable.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Auditor.
To Lieutenant Colonel H. Colbeck.
To the Superintendent of Marine.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Military Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Public Works 1860 Dept.
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No 514.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt in the Judicial Depart.

Dated 21st
Rec'd 25th } February 1860.

Leaving it discretionary with Heads of Offices to use candles for themselves and their Establishments instead of oil.

No 87 & 88.

No 422 27th Feb.
With an Order

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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engr.

Fort St George
27th February 1860 } Secretary

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