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29th June 1861.*

No. 338. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th May 1861, No. 2,679:—

Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Sircy, 10th May 1861, No. 65.

SIR,

1. With reference to the accompanying copies of my letter to the Accountant General, dated 11th ultimo, No. 218, and of his reply, dated 22nd idem, No. 3,059, I have the honor to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for an addition of Rupees 2,000 to the permanent advance fund of this District, thus raising it from Rupees 5,000 to Rupees 7,000.

2. I make this request, as my present fund is quite inadequate to meet the demands of this District, especially during the fair season, when my Kacheri is out on circuit for several months, and Salt is received into store and transported to the several sale Depôts. The Accountant General now proposes that the latter charge should be debited to "Miscellaneous advances," and not defrayed from the permanent advance fund. This measure will be carried out for the future, but as a large amount is required for the payment of French and Kharda paper, I am compelled to submit this application for extended funds.

3. The purchase of a stock of paper sufficient to meet the demands of a whole year, is strictly speaking an extraordinary charge (like the transport of salt), but should this item be debited to "Miscellaneous advances," it will be months, perhaps a year, before the item can be adjusted by audited bills; and if I do not defray the charge from the permanent advance fund, I must obtain special sanction of Government for the amount.

4. At this moment there is a large sum due to Messrs. Martin, Cammiade & Co., for paper supplied for this District, and I have no funds wherewith to pay them.

5. The Accountant General has in his Circular No. 2,244, dated 12th March 1860, laid it down that the permanent advance fund should not exceed the ordinary contingent charges of two months, but it often happens that these charges are much larger in one month than another, and that the bills are not audited before the third month, and I am of opinion that the permanent advance fund should be sufficient to meet the demand of three instead of two months.

6. The fact of having to pay for a large supply of paper, appears to have been overlooked at the time of calculating the amount required as a permanent advance fund, and under the above circumstances, I beg that the sanction of Government may be obtained at an early date for the addition of Rupees 2,000 to my present permanent advance fund.

7. I beg to add that this fund in South Canara, the requirements of which are not so extensive as those of this District, is Rupees 6,538-7-8.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the increase of his permanent advance fund from Rupees 5,000 to Rupees 7,000 be sanctioned.

2. The Board agree with the Accountant General that it is very desirable to limit these funds as much as possible without loss of efficiency, and thus to prevent an unnecessarily large amount of dead capital, but as the Collector states that the sum at present at his disposal is insufficient for the needs of the District, the Board support his application for an increase.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 339. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1861, No. 1,297.

1. This exceptional increase of the permanent advance fund cannot be sanctioned. A fund equal to the aggregate of the petty charges of two months must be fully sufficient if properly managed, for it is unlikely that the audit of the abstract of the ordinary charges of one month

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will be delayed till the third month if the abstract is forward promptly to the Audit Office. The Collector of North Canara can always bring to the notice of Government, through the Board of Revenue, cases of extraordinary delay in the Audit Office.

2. Should the Board still think that Mr. Fisher's request should be complied with, they will procure from the Accountant General a statement of the permanent fund in the several Districts, and ascertain on what grounds North Canara should be an exception to the rule laid down by the Accountant General, viz., that the fund shall not exceed the amount of two months' petty charges.

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

Revenue Department

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Under date the 29th June 1861*

*Read the following Proceed-
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*Submitting with recommen-
dation certain correspondence
from the Collector of N. Canara,
requesting sanction for an
addition of 2000 Rupees to
the Permanent Advances
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J. D. S.

14 Copies Board of Revenue. ^{with file}
 3 " Accountant General.
 3 " Civil Paymaster.

Sanction for Rs 2000 to the Per-
manent Revenue Fund of N. Canara.

Revenue, 1861-62
Sanction for Rs 2000

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Sanction for Rs 2000
Permanent Revenue Fund

Referring to
sanction to the Board's
recommendation for an
addition of two thousand
Rupees to the Permanent
Advanced Fund as applied
for by the Collector of N. Canara.

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