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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th April 1861.

No. 315. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 11th April 1861, No. 1,319 :—

Communicate papers relating to the supply of carts for the use of the H. Troop Royal Horse Artillery from Madras enroute to Secunderabad, in view to notice being taken for the prevention of similar irregularity, in future cases, as that referred to. (Vide Military Proceedings, 11th April 1861, Nos. 176—178.)

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1861, No. 879.

Ordered to be referred to the Acting Collector of Kurnool, through the Board of Revenue, for early explanation as to the causes of the long delay to take measures for the adjustment of the charge referred to.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 6th February 1861, *No.* 49 *; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward a Contingent Bill with eleven Vouchers attached, received from the Deputy Collector Kurnool, and to request you will be so good as to obtain sanction of Government for the payment of the item of Rupees 141-14 therein entered, for expenses incurred on account of Batta paid for sixty-five Carts, which were collected for the use of the Royal Horse Artillery under Colonel Turner, marching to Secunderabad, in December 1858.

2. On 29th November 1858, a requisition was made by this Department on the Collector of Cuddapah for forty Carts for the Artillery. He was requested to communicate to the Collector of Kurnool, the number of Carts which would require to be relieved. A copy of this letter was also forwarded to the Collector of Kurnool, for his information.

3. In explanation of the excess number of Carts collected, the Deputy Collector replies as follows :—

" That though only forty Carts are stated to be required in your letter of the 29th " November 1858, No. 2672, to the Collector of Cuddapah, copy of which I had the honor to " enclose in my letter of the 29th November 1860, No. 318, yet, in the letter from the Joint " Magistrate of North Arcot, dated 8th December 1858, No. 358, no less than 102 Bandies are " stated to be required for the use of Royal Artillery, consequently, sixty-five Carts were collect- " ed so that the Corps should not be detained, with a view of getting the remainder if required ; " and as that is a sufficient guarantee for the collection of the above number of Carts, I beg you " will have the goodness to admit the same and pass the Contingent Bill."

4. A copy of the letter from the Joint Magistrate, referred to by the Deputy Collector, is attached to the Bill as a Voucher. In this it is stated, that the Artillery were supplied with twenty-seven Carts which would require to be relieved at Kurnool, and that irrespective of these Carts, seventy-five more would probably be required by the Commissariat Authorities, for the use of the Troop.

5. From Colonel Turner's Certificate attached to the Bill it appears, that the first Carts were retained on the 24th December 1858, and the last payment for Batta was on 1st January 1859, a total period of nine days.

6. With regard to the length of time which has elapsed since the charges entered in the Bill were incurred, I am directed to say, that a letter from the Deputy Collector under date 15th September 1860, requesting measures might be adopted to settle the claims, gave the first intimation to this Department that they were unadjusted. Since that date delay has been prolonged by the necessity of correspondence with that Officer.

7. The other items in the Contingent Bill need no consideration at the hands of Government.

Memorandum from the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 27th March 1861, *No.* 94*; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

With reference to Memorandum of 9th ultimo, from the Deputy Secretary to Government, the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army has the honor to state, with reference to the report called for, " whether Mr. Sullivan made his requisition for the seventy-five Carts for Commissariat purposes spontaneously, or at the suggestion of any competent authority in the Commissariat Department," that the Sub Collector who was called on for information states that, beyond a letter from the Assistant Commissary General at Vellore for seventy-eight Carts required for the H Troop Royal Horse Artillery in December 1858, there is nothing on the records of his Office to shew the circumstances wnich led to the application of Mr. Sullivan to the Collector of Kurnool.

2. The Assistant Commissary General's (Major Nicholl's) letter referred to, is as follows :—

" Have the goodness to furnish me with seventy-eight country Carts *very urgently required* " for the use of the H Troop Royal Horse Artillery expected to arrive from Madras by Rail " on the 4th instant, en route to Secunderabad."

"Arrangement will be made for the relief of all the Carts at Cuddapah, but if any of the "Cart owners are willing to proceed with the Troop to its destination, will you kindly intimate "the same to this Office."

3. No reply appears to have been sent to paragraph 2 of the above letter, and therefore, possibly, some arrangement may have been entered into personally between these Officers on which the application was made by Mr. Sullivan. The Commissary General states he is unable to trace any information regarding the seventy-five Carts for which Mr. Sullivan made a requisition on the Collector of Kurnool.

ORDER, No. 1319, 11*th April* 1861.

Under the circumstances of the case as detailed in the foregoing papers, the Governor in Council specially sanctions payment of the Batta for the Carts referred to.

Rupees (141-14-0) *one hundred and forty one and Annas fourteen.*

2. His Excellency however observes that, although this charge was incurred so far back as January 1859, the first intimation of its existence only reached the Quarter Master General, in September 1860.

3. As such delay in adjusting charges of this description must, under the new Budget system, be attended with great inconvenience and lead to error in the Estimates of probable expenditure, the Governor in Council directs that these papers be communicated to the Revenue Department, in view to such notice being taken of the irregularity in the present instance as will prevent similar delay in any future cases.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Military Auditor General, with Bill, &c.
" Military Accountant.
" Revenue Department. With 10 spare Copies.

Exd. W. D'Arachy.

Recd 18th April 1861
Pro: of Govt for April
No 936.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt in the Military Dept.

Date 11th April 1861
Recd 17th " No 1319.

No. 879. 18th April.

Communicate papers relating to the supply of carts for the use of the Mounted Troop Royal Horse Artillery from Madras en route to Secunderabad in view to notice being taken for the prevention of similar irregularity in future cases as that referred to.—

With an Order

No 315 & 316.

No 879

Ordered to be referred to the Acting Collector of Chingleput through the Board of Revenue for early explanation as to the causes of the long delay to take measures for the adjustment of the charges referred to.

Fort St. Geo.
18th April 1861

6 Copies to Mr B. of Rev. with Pro: M. D. No. 1319.

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