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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th May 1866.*

No. 578. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Sanctioning the expenditure (Rupees 31-6-6) in-
curred in conveying a horse from Cannanore } (Here enter 19th May 1866, No. 1,732.)
to the Remount Depot at Oosoor.

No. 579. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1866, No. 1,652.

ACCOUNT, No. 62.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Agent for Remounts, Remount Depôt, Oosoor, 9th May 1866, No. 16; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to submit the following case, as well as the documents* bearing upon it, for the consideration and orders of Government.

* To be returned.

2. In 1865, it unavoidably happened, that two or three horses bore a similar hoof number in the register of the Depôt, in consequence of the horses from the reduced Batteries having been returned to the Depôt for re-issue to the service—thus a horse of the season 1864-65, a horse returned for further service from the E Battery 23rd Brigade, and a horse returned for ditto from the B Battery 20th Brigade, all bore the hoof number of 43.

3. In December 1865, I despatched 19 Remounts to the D Battery 20th Brigade, Royal Artillery, at Cannanore, amongst them was a chesnut horse No. 43, aged 12 years, from the reduced E Battery 23rd Brigade Royal Artillery, but in making out the descriptive register of the 19 horses for the Officer Commanding the Battery, (Major Elwyn) the marks of a chesnut Australian mare 4 years old, also No. 43, were entered, through a clerical error in my office.

4. On the arrival of the 19 Remounts at Cannanore, Major Elwyn, on seeing that the chesnut gelding No. 43, did not correspond with the marks assigned in the register to that number, at once forwarded the horse to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General at Cannanore, and requested that Officer to return him by rail to the Remount Depôt, which he did, at a cost of 31-6-6 for rail, besides 5 Rupees for road expenses, and 15 for returning the horse again to Cannanore.

5. The bill was forwarded to me for payment, and I refused to comply with the demand for two reasons—the first that Major Elwyn was not authorized to return the horse without having first communicated with me; and secondly because had he written to me, he would have received a reply under a week, and would have found that the horse was the correct one—although there had been a clerical error in his register, and I conceived therefore he was the party to pay for his own want of consideration and error of judgment.

6. Major Elwyn however has declined to pay, and the railway Company are now pressing the Sub-Assistant Commissary General to do so, as will be seen from his letter to me.

7. A decision of Government therefore appears necessary to settle the question.

8. I may mention further in support of the position I have taken up, that one other mistake of a like nature occurred (in the despatching of 458 horses from the Depôt) by sending a wrong register of a horse to Trichinopoly, and that on its being detected, the Officer Commanding communicated the mistake to me, which I corrected and explained by return of Post, and there was no further trouble in the matter.

From the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore, 5th May 1866, No. 36; to the Agent for Remounts, Oosoor.

I have the honor to forward for re-consideration the enclosed correspondence, (to be returned) regarding the sum of Rupees 31-6-6, which I am called upon by the railway authorities to adjust, on account of the charger returned to Oosoor in December 1865, as rejected by the Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery, this animal not corresponding with the register furnished by you.

The mutsuddy who came in charge of the Remount horses, personally requested me to take steps upon his responsibility to have the rejected horse conveyed by rail to Oosoor, and at his request I applied to the railway authorities.

Under these circumstances, I trust you will be pleased to favor me with the remittance of the above sum of Rupees 31-6-6, otherwise to submit the case for the decision of Government.

From the Officer Commanding D Battery 20th Brigade Royal Artillery, Cannanore, 24th February 1866, No. 213; to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore.

I have the honor to return the accompanying bill for Rupees 31-6-6, for expenses of railway transit to Oosoor of a Remount horse (which I refused to receive as not corresponding with the register) as I decline to pay it, not considering myself responsible for expense incurred through an error committed in the office of the Remount Agent.

In the register of Remount horses received from the Agent, No. 43 was entered as an Australian mare, four years old, instead of which was brought a gelding, appearing to all who examined it, nearly twenty years old, and which is acknowledged to be over twelve years old, I therefore declined to receive it, giving the man who came in charge a letter to you to that effect, and I do not consider that I had anything further to do in the matter, as the man might have remained at the station till he received his vouchers from the Agent.

No. 1618.

To the Officer Commanding the Artillery, Cannanore.....Dr.
To the Madras Railway Company.

Date.	From	To	No.	Particulars.	Amount.		
1865. December	20th	Beypoor.	Malloor.	1 Horse as per letter No. 1279, dated 16th December 1865, from Sub-Assistant Commissary General Cannanore.	RS.	A.	P.
					31	6	6
				Total Rupees...	31	6	6

E. E.

Contents received.

TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
25th December 1865. }

Traffic Manager.

From the Traffic Manager Madras Railway, 7th February 1866, No. 135; to the Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore.

With reference to the annexed copy of letter No. 413, dated 3rd ultimo, from the Agent for Remounts, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to present the enclosed bill No. 1618, for Rupees 31-6-6, to the Officer Commanding the Artillery Cannanore, and remit me the amount as early as practicable.

From the Agent for Remounts, Madras, 3rd January 1866, No. 413; to the Traffic Manager Madras.

I beg to return the accompanying bill No. 1618, dated 25th December 1865, and request you will be good enough to present it through the Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore, to the Officer Commanding the Artillery at that station for payment, as I conceive Government is in no way responsible for the expense of re-transmitting the horse from Cannanore to the Remount Depôt, and do not therefore feel justified in paying this bill. I have already communicated to this effect with the Officer Commanding the Artillery.

From the Agent for Remounts, Remount Depôt Oosoor, 27th February 1866, No. 517; to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 1588 of the 24th February 1866, forwarding to me for payment, a bill amounting to Rupees 31-6-6, due to the railway Company, for conveyance of a horse from Cannanore to Oosoor.

As this expense was not incurred by Government, or on account of the Remount Depôt, I regret that I feel precluded from paying it, as stated in my letter No. 413, dated 3rd January 1866.

From the Traffic Manager Madras Railway, 27th March 1866; to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore.

I beg to draw your attention to my letter as per margin, enclosing bills for carriage, amounting to Rupees (31-6-6) thirty-one, Annas six and Pies six, and I shall feel obliged by your kindly remitting the amount at your early convenience.

No. 135 of 7th February 1866.

From the Traffic Manager Madras Railway, 23rd April 1866, No. 429; to the Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Cannanore.

I beg to draw your particular attention to my bill, No. 1618 of December 1865, for carriage, amounting to Rupees (31-6-6) thirty-one, Annas six and Pies six, and shall feel obliged by an early remittance, I may mention, we have drawn attention to this matter more than once

ORDER, No. 1732, 19th May 1866.

The Governor in Council sanctions the adjustment of the bill for Rupees (31-6-6) thirty-one, Annas six and Pies six, leaving the question of responsibility for the charge incurred to be disposed of, on Government being favored with the views of the Commander-in-Chief on the question, for which purpose the papers will be communicated to His Excellency in the Adjutant General's Department.

(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Remount Agent Oosoor, with 6 enclosures.

- .. Adjutant General.
- .. Controller of Military Accounts, with bill.
- .. Military Accountant.
- .. Examiner Pay Department.
- .. Examiner Stud Accounts.
- .. Commissary General, ...
- .. Public Works Department,

for information. With 15 fair copies.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Pro. of Govt for May

Pro: of the Marras Post
in the Mily Depo

Of 19th May 1858
Recd 22nd May 1858

1732

Sanctioning the
the expenditure Re.
31-6-62 incurred in
conveying a horse
from Cannanore to
the Remount Depot
at Coopers.

A. 578.579.

16th - 25th May 1858