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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th January 1866.*

No. 172. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Sanctioning the payment of detention batta
(Rupees 129) for the 42 carts employed in
conveying Ordnance Stores to Bellary from } (Here enter 22nd December 1865, No. 4,726.)
the Railway Station at Bangalore.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1866, No. 82.

RAILWAY, No. 14.

Communicated to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 2nd December 1865, A; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Commissary General, dated 23rd August 1865, No. 3053, with enclosures, requesting sanction to a charge for detention batta for forty-two carts detained

Rupees 129.

from 9th to 12th June 1865, at the Rail-

way Station at Bangalore, and for thirty of these carts further detained from 13th to 15th idem, at 8 Annas per cart per diem.

2. It appears from the Inspector General of Ordnance's letter, dated 7th October 1865, No. 4978, herewith submitted, that the Ordnance stores to be conveyed to Bangalore by rail and thence to Bellary were at the Goods Station at Madras on the 7th June, and that the delay in their transmission is due to the Railway Authorities.

3. Twelve of the carts were dispensed with on the 13th June, in consequence of a portion of the stores being countermanded at the instance of the Ordnance Officer at Bellary, as explained by the Commissary of Ordnance at the Presidency.
Letter dated 6th July 1865, No. 1038.

4. The statement in the 2nd paragraph of the Inspector General's letter, No. 4978, appeared to be made on the authority of the Commissary of Ordnance at the Presidency, and reference was again made to the Inspector General.

5. His reply is submitted, from which it seems that the Commissary of Ordnance has no knowledge of the number of carts supplied—the number appears to have been forty-two and not seventy-two, as supposed by the Inspector General. Thirty of the carts referred to by the Commissary General being a portion of the forty-two, all of which were ready at the Railway Station at Bangalore on the 8th June—the Ordnance stores did not arrive till the 15th.
Dated 28th November 1865, No. 6582.

6. Government may, therefore, see fit to authorize the payment of the batta.

7. It will be observed that the charge was incurred prior to the publication of the Proceedings of Government, 12th July 1865, No. 2572, on a similar charge arising from delay on the part of the Railway Authorities.

From the Deputy Commissary General, Madras, 23rd August 1865, No. 3053; to the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that, on the requisition of the Ordnance Officer at the Presidency, 42 carts were engaged and held in readiness at the Railway Terminus, Bangalore, from the 9th to 12th, and 30 carts from 13th to 15th June 1865, for conveyance of Ordnance stores to Bellary.

2. The Officer of the Ordnance Department at Madras was informed on the 1st June 1865, that the required number of carts would be ready at Bangalore on the 8th June, and that their detention beyond that date would entail a charge of 8 Annas per cart for each day.

3. Meantime it was discovered by the Ordnance Department, that certain portion of the stores intended to be conveyed to Bellary by 12 of the above 42 carts were not required for the Arsenal at that station, and a report to that effect was made by the Ordnance Officer, Bangalore, to the Commissariat Officer at that station on the 12th June, and the 12 carts were accordingly discharged on the same date after three days' detention.

4. The circumstances of the case are explained by the accompanying letter, dated 6th July 1865, from the Commissary of Ordnance, and a certificate from the Sub-Conductor who proceeded in charge of the convoy to Bangalore.

5. The Ordnance Stores arrived at Bangalore on the 15th June 1865, instead of on the 8th June, consequently detention batta is claimed for 42 carts from the 9th to 12th, and for 30 carts from 13th to 15th June 1865, at 8 Annas per cart for each day, amounting to Rupees 129.

6. Under these circumstances, I request you will be good enough to accord your sanction for the sum of Rupees 129 being admitted in the accounts of the Executive Commissariat Officer at the Presidency, or should you deem it necessary obtain the requisite sanction of Government for the same.

From the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, 6th July 1865, No. 1038; to the Assistant Commissary General, Madras

In reply to your letter No. 983, dated 1st July 1865, I have the honor to say, that the stores which were to have gone in the 12 carts to Bellary, were countermanded at the instance of the Ordnance Officer at that station, as recently arisen circumstances rendered them useless to him. The countermand was not received by me till after the stores had started hence.

2. I deemed it, however, more advantageous to the interests of Government, to stop them at Bangalore rather than incur the expense of sending them to Bellary to be there useless, even though batta should have been incurred.

This is to certify that from the 9th to the 12th June 1865, 42 carts were supplied at the Railway Station Bangalore, from the Commissariat Department for the transport of a convoy of Military stores from hence to Bellary. On the latter date, I ascertained that this number of carts would not be required, a portion of the stores being necessarily detained for the Magazine at this station. I directed the bandy maistry to take away the surplus, viz., 12 carts, the remaining 30 carts are taken up for the transport from hence of the convoy.

BANGALORE, 15th June 1865.

(Signed) A. FLEMING, Sub-Conductor,
Proceeding in charge of the convoy.
No. 1038.

Forwarded to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines for his opinion, with reference to paragraph 5. To be returned.

OFFICE OF CONTR. MILY. ACCTS. FORT }
ST. GEORGE, 29th August 1865. }

(Signed) C. H. DRURY, Major,
Ag. Contr. Mily. Accts.

From the Deputy Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 7th October 1865, No. 4978; to the Controller of Military Accounts.

With reference to your docket, No. 158, dated 29th August 1865, forwarding for the opinion of this Department, letter No. 3053, dated 23rd August 1865, from the Commissary General, relative to charges incurred on account of detention of certain carts at Bangalore, I have the honor to state that, on communicating with the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, on the subject, I learn that the whole of the stores for the transport of which carts had been engaged by the Commissariat Department at Bangalore, were delivered at the railway goods' station for despatch thither on the 7th June 1865; and the circumstance of the arrival of the stores at Bangalore at a later date than the 8th June 1865, is to be attributed, I presume, to delay on the part of the Railway Company.

2. If detention batta is claimable, it should, I am of opinion, be from the date on which the whole of the carts applied for were ready, viz., 13th June 1865, prior to that date a portion only of the carts were available, and under no circumstances could the stores have been divided and sent on piece-meal to Bellary—the Ordnance Officer, Bangalore, had, it must be borne in mind, been informed that the required number of carts (72) would be ready on the 8th June.

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Fort Saint George, 28th November 1865, No. 6582; to the Controller of Military Accounts.

Adverting to your letter, No. 669, dated 12th October 1865, I have the honor to state that the Commissary of Ordnance, Fort Saint George, is unable to report what number of carts was supplied at Bangalore on his requisition.

2. The Ordnance Officer's application to the Executive Commissariat Officer at Madras, was for provision of carriage for the transport of 48,622 lbs. of Military stores to Bellary (of which 1,282 lbs. were chargeable to Her Majesty's 21st Fusiliers) without any intimation however of the number of carts required.

3. On a subsequent date (6th June 1865) requisition was made to the Commissariat Officer for a cart with bullock and driver complete.

ORDER, No. 4726, 22nd December 1865.

Under the explanation afforded in the papers submitted with the foregoing letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, the Governor in Council sanctions payment of detention batta for the 42 carts employed in conveying Ordnance Stores.

2. It is observed that, under recent Orders,* similar charges are not likely to arise, if the precautions therein enjoined are duly attended to.

* Pro. of Govt, No. 1947, 26th May 1865.
" " 2572, 12th July "
" " 2785, 27th " "

(True Extract.)

M. Hamilton Col.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts, with 5 enclosures.

" Commissary General.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Military Accountant.
" Examiner Pay Department.
" Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
" Quarter Master General.
" Financial Railway Department.
" Adjutant General, for information.

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Exd. T. Stubbs.

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