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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1559	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th October 1871.*

No. 66. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, dated Bombay Castle, 28th September 1871, No. 4032:—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1173, dated 4th August, and in transmitting, for the information of the Government of Fort St. George, the accompanying copy of a report by the Controller of Military Accounts, and of its accompaniment, I am directed to state that that Officer has been authorized to admit at once the claims of the artizans referred to as a debit to the Abyssinian Expedition.

No. 1253 of 1871.

REPORT.

I beg to forward a copy of the report* submitted by the Examiner of Commissariat Accounts when the present claim was under consideration last year, and to observe that if the artizans in question were engaged on the understanding that they should receive full pay up to the date of their return to Calicut, and if they did return to Calicut on the dates stated, then the claim of Rupees 923 would seem correct. There is nothing on record in this Department to show on what date they reached Calicut, but doubtless the Collector of Malabar can set this question at rest. The whole of the amount claimed seems, the Examiner observes, to be on account of pay, and does not include any claim for rations.

FOOT.
4th September 1871.

(Signed) H. J. BARR, Major-General,
Controller of Military Accounts.

No. 1645 of 1870.

REPORT.

The statement furnished by the Officer in charge of the Abyssinian Followers' Records at the Presidency, of the dates up to which the followers engaged at Calicut for the use of the Abyssinian expedition were paid by him, is correct.

2. The claim, viz., Rupees 53-12-6, on account of pay due to the followers for three days prior to the date from which they were paid by the Zoola Commissariat Officer, is admissible on its being supported by documentary proof, that the date of their entertainment was 25th of February 1868, as the agreement that may have been entered into with these followers is not furnished in support of the claim.

3. The pay, viz., Rupees 923-6-6, claimed by the followers up to the date of their reaching their final destination, is not considered due to them—vide Government Resolution, No. 3796, dated 22nd July 1868, and Circular from the Controller of Military Accounts, No. 23, dated 22nd May 1868, in reference to the settlement of the claims of the returned Abyssinian followers—unless there are any specific terms in the agreement entered into with them that they were to receive pay up to their arrival at their final destination.

4. The followers who were engaged in other Presidencies and provinces for the expedition, and discharged on the termination of that service, and who, on their return from Abyssinia, landed at Bombay, were paid up to the date of their disembarkation at Bombay; but whether they were further paid at the Presidencies to which they proceeded on return to their homes cannot be stated from the records of this office.

5. In the case of the followers who were engaged at Muscat to proceed to Abyssinia and who returned from the expedition, via Bombay, pay was allowed to them up to the date of disembarkation at Muscat, owing to the specific nature of the agreement under which they undertook the service.—Vide Government Resolution, No. 5842, dated 23rd November 1868.

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6. Regarding the compensation in lieu of rations claimed by the followers, as noted in the column of "Rations due," it is not clear under what circumstances the rations in kind were not drawn during the several broken periods therein specified, to which they consider themselves entitled, nor is there any document furnished in support thereof showing that rations were not drawn by them during the periods stated; it appears that some of the dates, for which compensation is now claimed, fall within the period prior to the date of landing at Bombay, viz., 6th July 1868. It will be perceived that all public followers were allowed free rations up to the date of their return to Bombay. Hence the claim for compensation for rations up to the date of their disembarkation at Bombay is inadmissible in the absence of the necessary certificates and explanation why rations in kind were not issued them.

7. As regards the rations claimed for the period after the date of the followers' disembarkation at Bombay, the Government Resolutions, Nos. 3175 and 5391, dated respectively 18th June and 29th October 1868, authorize this office to admit the issues already made prior to the dates of the Government Resolutions. There is, however, no authority allowing rations in kind, or compensation in lieu thereof, to the followers under the circumstances above noticed.

8. The accompaniments to memorandum, No. 1256, of the 23rd ultimo, received from the Controller of Military Accounts, are herewith returned.

6th April 1870.

(Signed) A. W. GRAHAM, Major, for Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th October 1871.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R. E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.,
for Military Secretary.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1871, No. 1559.

Communicated to the Collector of Malabar, with reference to his letter, dated the 25th July 1871, No. 60.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Acting Joint Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

N^o 1253 of 1871

Poonah, 4th September 1871.

Report,

1645 of 1871

I beg to forward a copy of the report submitted by the Examiner of Commissions and Accounts, when the present claim was under consideration last year, and to observe that if the Atyians in question, were engaged on the understanding that they should receive full pay up to the date of their return to Calicut, and if they did return to Calicut, on the date stated, then the claim of Rs. 623 would be correct. There is nothing on record in this Department to show on what date they reached Calicut, but doubtless the Collector of Malabar, can set this question at rest. The whole of the amount claimed seems, the Examiner observes, to be in account of pay, and does not include any claim for rations.

Signed H. J. Barr, Major General,
Controller of Military Accounts.

N^o 1645 of 1871.

Report,

The Statement furnished by the Officer in Charge of the Abyssinian Followers Records at the Presidency, of the dates up to which the Followers engaged at Calicut for the use of the Abyssinian Expedition were paid by him, is

Correct

correct.

2. The claim, vizt. Rs 53-12-6, on account of pay due to the Followers for three days prior to the date from which they were paid by the Yeola Commissariat Officer, is admissible on its being supported by documentary proof, that the date of their entertainment was 26th February 1868, & the agreement that may have been entered into with these Followers, is not furnished in support of the claim.

3. The pay, vizt. Rs 923-10, claimed by the Followers up to the date of their reaching their final destination, is not considered due to them. vide Government Resolution No 3794 dated 22nd July 1868, and Circular from the Controller of Military Accounts, No 23, dated 22nd May 1868, in reference to the settlement of the claims of the returned Abyssinian Followers, unless there are any specific terms in the agreement entered into with them, that they were to receive pay up to their arrival at their final destination.

4. The followers who were engaged in other Presidencies and Provinces for the Expedition, and discharged on the termination of that service, and who on their return from Abyssinia landed at Bombay, were paid up to the date of their disembarkation at Bombay, but whether they were further paid at the Presidencies to which they proceeded

on their return to their homes, cannot be stated from the records of this Office.

5. In the case of the Followers who were engaged at Muscat, to proceed to Abyssinia, and who returned from the Expedition, via Bombay, pay was allowed to them up to the date of disembarkation at Muscat, owing to the specific nature of the agreement, under which they undertook the service, vide Govt Resol. No 5842, dated 23rd November 1868.

6. Regarding the compensation in lieu of rations claimed by the Followers as noted in the column of "Rations due", it is not clear under what circumstances the rations of which kind were not drawn during the several broken periods, therein specified, to which they consider themselves entitled, nor is there any document furnished in support thereof, showing that rations were not drawn by them during the periods stated, it appears, that some of the dates for which compensation is now claimed fall within the period prior to the date of landing at Bombay vizt. 6th July 1868. It will be perceived that all public Followers were allowed free rations up to the date of their return to Bombay. Hence the claim for compensation for rations up to the date of their disembarkation at

Bombay

is inadmissible in the absence of the necessary certificate, and explanation, why rations in kind were not issued to them.

7. As regards the rations claimed for the period after the date of the Followers' disembarkation at Bombay, the Government Resolutions, Nos. 3185, and 3391, dated respectively 18th June, and 29th October 1868, authorizing this office to admit the issues already made prior to the dates of the Government Resolutions. There is however, no authority allowing rations in kind, or compensation in lieu thereof, to the Followers under the circumstances above noticed.

8. The accompaniments to Memo. No. 1256 of the 23rd Ultimo, received from the Controller of Military Accounts, herewith returned.

Signed J. H. Graham, Major
for Lieut. Colonel
Off. Examiner of Commissariat
Accounts.

"True Copy"

Signed J. Jones, Assistant
to Controller of Military Accounts.

W. H. H.

Military Department

18th Sept 1871

Bombay Castle,

28th September 1871.

From

The Secretary to Government.

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1073
dated 4th August, and in transmitting
for the information of the Government
of Fort St. George, the accompanying
copy of a report by the Controller
of Military Accounts, and of its accom-
paniment, I am directed to state that
that officer has been authorized to
admit at once the claims of the artists
referred to, as a debit to the Abyssinian
Expedition.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant

Lt. Colonel,
Secretary to Government

W. H. H.

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G. O. 16 Oct. 1871, No. 107.

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Commg. letter from Bombay
Govt. forwarding copy of
a report by the Controller of
Indy. Accounts on the
claim of the Antiquary re-
garded by the Collector of
Malabar for service in
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