Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

7th September 1858

Book Nos 1 and 2.

Order No. 1196 dated 1st Sept 1858.

No. 1. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Chetterpore, 19th August 1858, No. 139.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to request you will submit for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the following statement and the request that I respectfully venture to found upon it.

2. I have been Officiating Agent in this District for exactly 12 weeks and had to commence with 2 months' arrears, as neither Mr. Lushington nor Mr. Thornhill had done any Agent's work, one from ill health and the other from not being entrusted with the powers. I had also, as the Government are aware, a disordered office and many troublesome matters to settle; and as I find my pecuniary remuneration will be very small, I feel sure I may justly appeal to the liberality of Government, especially as I came here by order of Government, and not at my own request.

3. The extra expenses I have incurred by this trip are Rupees 700, including 92 Rupees a month I have had to pay for a house at Waltair, and as my acting allowances will be about 1,200 Rupees, I shall leave this District with 500 Rupees as my remuneration for no ordinary amount of heavy work and responsibility. I may also mention that in the last 2 years this is the second acting appointment I have had under 3 months' duration, and the loss I have sustained in damaged furniture and property by marches equal to 1000 miles, is considerable.

4. I would not now complain did I not see that it is in the power of Government to do me a favor, and I respectfully solicit that I be permitted to draw the full pay as Agent from the date of Mr. Lushington's death till the day Mr. Gordon Forbes assumed charge; and I understand from the Civil Auditor's Manual that Government have the power to order this without reference to any authority.

5. I confess I feel very reluctant to ask Government for this money; but as I have done the work I may justly seek the pay, and I may observe that the difference between the Agent's full allowances and that drawn by Mr. Lushington from 22nd April the date he gave over charge to 26th May the date I assumed it, upon which there are no other claims and so a positive saving to Government, would satisfy my request.

6. I confess I shall feel a very great satisfaction if Government are pleased to grant my request, not so much for the money as for the mark I should esteem it that Government were satisfied with my performance of my public duties.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 1196; dated 1st September 1858.

Referred to the Financial Department for disposal.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Mr. Secretary Cartier

Mr. P.C. Martin

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Sir,

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