

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

1155

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Dated

2nd September 1899.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 27th August to 2d September 1859.*

No. 11. Read the following letter from T. J. KNOX, Esq., Officiating Collector of Salem ;
to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Port Saint George ; dated
Oosoor, 16th August 1859.

I had on a former occasion the misfortune of being obliged to bring to the notice of Government the ruinous expense I was put to when ordered by Government to officiate as Agent to the Governor in Ganjam and the very liberal treatment I then experienced induces me to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a somewhat similar grievance in the hopes both of receiving some redress and of bringing to the notice of Government a peculiar item in the expenses of a Revenue officer which will be more felt in future days when proposed reductions in allowances are enforced.

2. When en route for Salem I engaged my passage from Vizagapatam to Madras in the Government Steamer *Sydney* and paid the Master Attendant for my Cabin... Rs. 160 0 0
1 Horse " 48 0 0
1 Dog " 5 0 0
for 6 servants with families... .. " 157 8 0
Baggage and Tents. { at 24 Rupees the " 97 0 0
 { ton of 50 Cubic feet " 212 5 9
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Thus a sum exceeding half a month's pay was expended in 4 days, and I assure the Government I did not bring a single box with me I could have done without, for I was most anxious to travel cheaply.

3. I would first respectfully observe that these charges are on the whole very high. I went from Madras to Bimlipatam in 1855 in a 1000 Ton Ship with 3 Horses, 2 Palanqueens, Carriage, Piano, and 120 cases of furniture and many more servants and I only paid 400 Rupees, of course the great difference arises from the high rate of freight Government charge ; 24 Rupees for a Ton of 50 Cubic feet would be remunerative freight to England ; and on the Coromandel Coast the Government never pay for their stores more than 10 Rupees a Ton of 50 Cubic feet. However on this I must not remark more.

4. My special grievance however is the amount my tents have cost me, and as Government oblige me as a Revenue officer to carry them about I feel justified in attempting to recover from Government some portion at least of the money I have paid Government as freight.

5. My tents are considerably damaged by the journey, and judging from what I have seen of bags torn, bamboos broken, and ropes missing, I believe 50 Rupees will be required to render them fit for use :

So that with freight Rs. 212 0 0
Hire of 7 Carts to Oosoor " 108 0 0
And repairs " 50 0 0

I am out of pocket 370 Rupees with deteriorated tents and the pleasant prospect of a return journey.

6. I honestly declare that after nearly 20 years' service I am not in a position to think lightly of 370 Rupees, and however trifling the amount may appear to those members of my service who have reached the highest offices under Government it is not so with me. The more so when it is only a third of the actual extra expenses this removal has entailed upon me, which expenses including the travelling allowances I draw will swallow up 2 months' of my extra allowance as officiating Collector.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1859, No. 1155.

Mr. Knox has received the travelling allowance payable to him under the rules, and the Governor in Council is not aware how he can give him further relief from the expense which he incurred in joining his present acting appointment. It is observed too that it was Mr. Knox's own choice to go to Salem.

2. As he complains of the rates charged him by the Steamer as exorbitant, that part of his letter will be transferred to the Marine Department for consideration.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 29th Aug^r 1859

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Copy
To F. J. Knox Esq. *[Signature]*
U. S. Marine Dept. *[Signature]* Dispt. 20

Received 1859 - Sept 1st
from Govt £1. 10/6

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David McWilliam's Govt
27/29 to 28/29/59 -

Received

Mr. Jones, received
his travelling allow-
ance and can leave
nothing further.

1851/52.