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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 18-11-1859

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No. 57. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3d November 1859, No. 4490.

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 22d August 1859, No. 122, sending a Statement shewing the particulars of the loss sustained by the Ryots and Inamdars of a few villages in his district from the 35th Regiment N. I., being encamped in them, and requesting payment of compensation in lieu thereof.

(In Con. 26th August 1859, No. 4259.)

Submitted for the orders of Government, with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that the Collector of Bellary be authorised to reimburse the Ryots and Inamdars in question for the loss sustained by them from the encampment in their villages of the 35th Regiment N. I., the compensation awarded consisting of a remission of assessment and Jodi to the amount of Rupees 66-4-6, and the balance in cash to the amount of Rupees 134-12-0.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1859, No. 1567.

Before acceding to this application, the Government require to be informed under what circumstances of necessity, and under whose authority the 35th Regiment Native Infantry encamped at the place in question, and by whom the ground was assigned to them. A part of the compensation is stated to be due for damage done by the trespassing of the cattle belonging to the Regiment, and this appears to have extended over five villages. The circumstances of this alleged damage must be explained, and whether any representation was made at the time to the Regimental authorities on the subject; either by the village people or on their part by the Revenue officers.

2. It is observed also that the Tahsildar represented the compensation due as much more than the Collector admitted; it should be explained on what information the latter officer acted in checking the Táluq returns, and whether any notice has been taken of the conduct of the officers who thus from fraud or indolence misrepresented the facts. The Board will understand that the Government are quite willing to give compensation for boná fide damage done by the Troops. But claims for injury by trespass are easily made; and their investigation requires more care than it appears to have received in the present case.

3. In supplying this information the Collector should be called on to explain also why the application was not submitted at an earlier date; for if compensation is due, it ought to have been paid immediately. No reason appears why the amount should not have been ascertained at once; on the contrary it is self evident that this could have been done much better at the very time than afterwards.

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

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To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 18th November 1859

Read the following Letter

from the Board of Revenue

Submitting a Statement from the Collr of Bellary, and recommending that he be authorized to dismiss to the Ryots and Inamdars concerned the Compensation awarded to them for loss sustained consequent on the Encampment in their Villages of the 35th Regiment Native Infantry.

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