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No. 15. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3d June 1859, No. 2039.

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated 30th April 1859, No. 51.

(In Con. 4th May 1859, No. 1995.)

Resolved that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted for the orders of Government, with the Board's recommendation, that under the explanation afforded on each item, sanction be granted for the amount of the loss incurred in supplying provisions, &c., to the 35th Regiment N. I., when encamped at Coortany and other villages of the Bellary talook in January and February last, being Rupees 152-9-3, the particulars of which are exhibited in the Statement furnished by the Collector.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1859, No. 779.

Sanction granted accordingly, for writing off to profit and loss Rupees (152-9-3,) one hundred and fifty-two, annas nine and pice three.

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

In Con. 4th May 1859, No. 1995.

From C. PELLY, Esq., Collector of BELLARY,
dated Bellary, 30th April 1859, No. 51.

I have the honor to enclose a statement shewing the loss occasioned in supplying provisions, &c., to the 35th Regiment Native Infantry, when encamped at Coortany and other villages of the Bellary Talook, in January and February last, with explanation of the causes assigned by the Tahsildar for each item. It will be observed that items 4 to 9 are charges incurred on account of batta, hire, &c., to coolies engaged for the use of the Regiment, amounting in all to Rupees 42-13-0—these items, I believe are properly debitable to Government, and sanction is accordingly requested for this sum.

2. With regard to the first three items in the statement, amounting to 109-12-3, being the lose occasioned by the grain and wood being sold at a rate lower than that at which they were purchased in Bellary, which is said to have been done by order of the Officers of the Regiment, I requested the Officer Commanding the 35th Regiment Native Infantry to inform me whether he was prepared to make it good. But that Officer denies having given orders for the sale of the grain, &c., at a lower rate. The Tahsildar explains that when the Regiment first entered the Talook, the bazar people themselves sold grain to the Regiment; and rice was then sold at 12 seers per Rupee; but cholera broke out and the Regiment was repeatedly moved from place to place and the bazarmen deserted the camp, and rice, &c., had to be purchased and taken to camp at a cost of 10¾ seers per Rupee, which the sepoys having immediately before paid only at the rate of 12 seers, refused to accede to, and the Tahsildar says the Officer ordered it to be sold at 12 seers. But there could not have been any such order given formally. The Tahsildar should have received a written order from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment if such had been the case. But as cholera was raging, and much confusion and trouble in consequence, I would beg to recommend that the amount of loss Rupees 109-12-3 may be allowed to the Tahsildar, who otherwise will have to be held responsible for it.

3. This Regiment was encamped in the vicinity of the Military station at Bellary where there is a large Commissariat, and I suggested to the General the propriety of supplying its wants through the Commissariat Department; but he considered it to be my duty, and in consequence of the ravages of cholera, it may easily be imagined that this duty was one of great difficulty.

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Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the loss incurred in supplying provisions, &c., to the 35th Regiment Native Infantry when encamped at Coortany and other villages of the Bellary Talook from 21st January to 12th February 1859.

IN CON. 11TH JUNE 1859, No. 2714.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of GANJAM,

dated Chetterpore, 2d June 1859, No. 151.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Proceedings of the Board dated the 11th ultimo, No. 1707, relative to the provision to be assigned to the Ex-Rajah of Hautghur.

2. In stating that the transfer of the 50 Mocassa villages (to which the Ex-Rajah's title had been admitted) to the new proprietor in exchange for villages of equivalent revenue on the borders of a Government talook might be misunderstood by the tenantry, I was myself writing under a misapprehension of the intentions of Government. I had supposed that these villages on the frontier were to be made over to the ex-proprietor and not to the Government, as was I believe their meaning, and it was to such an arrangement that my remarks on the feeling of the tenantry for their former chief had reference. As I now understand the proposal of Government, however, the exchange is perhaps the best arrangement that can be made, and the present proprietor can offer no objection either on the ground of inaccuracy in the accounts or in the shape of a demand for the cost of management.

3. A list is given in the margin of nine villages with their average revenue, calculated from the same accounts as were used in estimating the revenue of the 50 Mocassa villages and for the same number of years so that the two estimates may be fairly set against each other. The slight deficit of the revenue of these villages below the total receipts from the Mocassa villages being yearly handed over by the new proprietor. These villages are all on the frontier line which divides the Hautghur estate and the Poobacondah talook, to which latter they may in future be annexed in exchange for the 50 Mocassa villages if the Government approve the arrangement. I would suggest in this case that the actual collections of these villages should be paid to the Ex-Rajah from the Hoozoor treasury as the kists are collected, subject to a deduction for the expenses of their management by Government officers at the rate of 8 per cent on the average value given in the margin, and which is about the amount a separate establishment for management would cost.

List.			
Mauchy	636	14	7
Rajapoor	817	5	0
Sorasingy	957	11	6
Billova	219	11	2
Gunganapoor	626	1	0
Jadoovoy	934	5	4
Goondrabady	563	12	10
Ambalapilly	444	2	4
Vantaroypilly	340	6	1
Total	5,440	5	10

Rupees 5,440-5-10.

4. I think this plan would be more acceptable to the Ex-Rajah than a regular money pension, and on receiving the approval of Government, I will communicate to him and to the present proprietor the terms of the arrangement, explaining to the latter that further objection is inadmissible and that it only remains for him to accept the decision of Government. The Ex-Rajah should I think continue to reside as at present at this place.

5. The Board have desired me to explain why I proposed an addition of 6,000 Rupees to the Peishcush of the Hautghur estate as a fair equivalent for the revenue of the 50 Mocassa villages when their revenue would appear from the accounts of ten years to average only 5,457 Rupees. I should have stated in proposing a sum in excess of the average that the revenue of the later years exhibits on the whole a decided tendency to improvement owing to the rise of prices, and as this tendency promises to be permanent, the lower receipts of the earlier years of the series necessarily depress the average somewhat unfairly in reference to the prospective revenue of the villages. I took 6,000 Rupees as a round sum which would leave a fair margin for such considerations.

6. If the Government eventually decide on an addition to the Peishcush of the estate in preference to an exchange of villages, I should suggest an allowance to the proprietor on account of management of 8 per cent on the amount which may be so added.

7. The Board referred in the closing para. of their Proceedings to the extension of the Moturpha to newly formed villages; strictly speaking, the Zemindar has no title to the tax in such villages and I will, if the Board desire it, call upon him to relinquish it, but I would observe that these new clearings are for the most part the work of the ryots of adjoining villages on the estate, and that the individuals who pay a Moturpha tax there, either paid it or would have paid it in their own villages, so that it seems scarcely fair to disallow the right of the proprietor under such circumstances besides discouraging his attempts at planting new communities about his estate.

Note Read the Enclosure

No. 2039.

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(A true Extract.)

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J. Sutherland
Sub Secretary.

To J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Collector of Bellary.

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1859 No. 2039
Read 4th
From
The Collector of
Bellary
To the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Dated 30th April 1859.
Rec'd 1st May
In Consn 4th June 1859.
No. 51. Disposal
Submitting for sanction
the expenditure
incurred by defraying
the 35 Mocadam Villages
of the Bangalore Talook

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Rs 152-9-3

Revenue 1859 Dept.
Pro: of Gov.t 17th June
No. 1033

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 3rd
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June 1859.

No. 3039

Submitting a letter with its enclosures from the Collector of Bellary and recommending that Sanction be granted for the Amount of loss incurred in supplying provisions &c to the 35th Regiment N. I. during January and February last Amounting to Rupees 152 9 3.

With an order.-

No. 779. 13th June 1859

No. 779.

Sanction granted accordingly. for writing off to profit and loss Rupees 152-9-3.

Fort St. Geo:
13th June 1859.

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