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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Dated

22nd July 18 59

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 16th to 22d July 1859.*

No. 37. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department ; dated 28th June 1859, No. 446.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of this Government in the Revenue Department and the order thereon, No. 821 dated the 21st Instant,—directing me to report what sums I consider to be outstanding against Mr. Whittingham, Collector of North Arcot, and under what circumstances.

2. In reply I beg to state that, in the old accounts of this office, viz. in the expenditure incurred up to 30th April 1856 by disbursements made by the Collector of North Arcot, there is still a considerable balance of Company's Rupees 19,96,155-6-8, as will be seen from para. 3 of this letter, to be accounted for by that officer, by the submission of passed bills and sanctions, accompanied with the necessary explanations in respect to them, as submitted by all Collectors ; upon which, the amount they refer to are admitted on audit, by this office.

3. By the audit of this expenditure up to 30th April 1856 by this office, the amount the Collector was called upon to account for as outstanding against him, was

Company's Rupees	24,60,026	1	5
The total amount of the sanctions of Mahramut expenditure since communicated to this office, is Rupees...	4,63,870	10	9
Leaving still a balance to be accounted for by the Collector of Company's Rupees...	19,96,155	6	8

4. The Accountant General however in a letter to my predecessor's address dated the 26th November 1858 declares, that the correct amount of unpassed Mahramut expenditure up to 30th April 1856 against the Collector of North Arcot, is only Company's Rupees 6,42,015-9-4 ; and from the better information possessed by that officer on this subject, under whose instructions all the numerous adjustments made in the Collector's accounts in Fuslies 1264 and 1265 took place, I have not the least doubt that his statement is much nearer the true amount than the amount made out by this office against the Collector.

5. Under these circumstances I am unable at present to specify the amount outstanding against Mr. Whittingham, since, in consequence of the very large discrepancy just mentioned between the amount originally retrenched by this office and that stated by the Accountant General to be still outstanding against that officer ; and from the statements made by Mr. Whittingham in his reply to the audit of his accounts for Fuslies 1264 and 1265, I am convinced that, that audit embraced a number of items taken from the closing entries of the Accountant General for those years, which ought either to have been excluded from it, or in respect of which corresponding credits should have been allowed ; and that, *other adjustments* made by the Accountant General in communication with the Collector, of which this office had no knowledge, had consequently not been taken in diminution of the items which had been thus added on.

6. The Collector's reply to the audit, moreover, not having been given, as usual, in detail, renders it impossible to say at present what is the actual amount to be accounted for by him.

7. I have under these circumstances directed a fresh audit of his accounts (of Mahramut charges) to be made, for the two Fuslies abovementioned.

8. Meanwhile, I beg to forward copy of a Memo. furnished to me by the Accountant General of the outstanding amount, as made out by him, against Mr. Whittingham, and the manner of its adjustment ; from which it will be seen, that, he considers the Collector of North Arcot acquitted of all responsibility in the matter of these accounts.

9. In respect to the disbursements made by the Collector of North Arcot since the 1st May 1856, there does not appear to be any demand against him as far as the accounts which come before me, exhibit.

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MEMORANDUM.

Rs. A. P.

Original Amount of unpassed expenditure in the District of North Arcot.	6,42,015	9	4
Amount admitted by the Civil Auditor to have been passed by the Chief Engineer as per letter from the Civil Auditor dated 31st January 1859.....	3,65,493	13	2
Amount do. do. do. as per letter 11th May 1859.....	98,376	13	7
	4,63,870	10	9

Balance...1,78,144 14 7

*These accounts were enquired into, by the Commission on Public Establishments, and in the order of Government dated the 5th April 1859, No. 811 Rupees 56,232-10-11 were set down as the amount of outstanding in the Mahramut Department respecting which, Bills were prepared for Rupees 54,917-2-10 leaving Rupees 1,393-6-9 to be accounted for, of this sum Government have sanctioned Rupees 77-14-8 to be written off altogether, and Rupees 1,315-8-1 also to be written off in the first instance but to be recovered if possible hereafter.

The Collector of North Arcot has thus been acquitted of all responsibility in the matter of these accounts.

PATER'S GARDENS, }
Acct. Genl's Office, }
21st June 1859.

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,

Accountant General.

To the Civil Auditor for his consideration with reference to his letter to the Accountant General dated 18th June 1859, No. 407.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. L. LUSHINGTON,
Civil Auditor.

No. 38.

ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1859, No. 964.

The Governor in Council will await the result of the re-audit alluded to in para. 7, which he desires to have reported to Government as soon as the operation shall have been completed.

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

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The Governor in Council will await the result of the re-audit already in press, which he desires to have reported to Governor as soon as the situation shall have been completed.

Int. 1st 400.
20 July 1859

[Signature]

Copy to the Civil Auditor Sept 21st

Rev. 1859 Sept 22nd July
Hon. No 1210

The Civil Auditor
The Secretary to Gov.
Hon. Dep. Secy.

Dated 1859 June 1859.
Recd 29th July 1859.
From Civil Aud 27th Aug 1st 59
Per 1859. 1st 44th 9.
No 964. 20th July 1859.

Referring to the
Proceedings of this Govt.
Rev. Dep. Secy No 821 dated
the 21st inst. in regard
the same to the outstanding
against Mrs. M. H. Thompson
Collector of the South District
with explanation.

Print on order

18th June 5th 1859
24th June 1859

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27 July 1859