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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	~~827~~ 821	Press Mis.
Dated	24th June	1858.

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No. 32. Read the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Collector of North Arcot; to the Secretary to Government in the Revenue and Public Works Department; dated 20th June 1859.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, the following circumstances which have arisen when I have attempted to avail myself of the leave of absence to England on sick certificate granted by Government to me about six weeks ago.

2. On my applying at the office of the Accountant General to learn whether, as I was going away on sick certificate, and therefore by the Civil Absentee Rules not liable to be called upon to furnish security, it was necessary for me to obtain any certificate from that office previous to my embarkation, I was informed that I was required to procure from the Civil Auditor's office a certificate that there were no demands against me in the books of that office. This necessity, I was informed, had arisen from the Resolution of the Government of India conveyed in Extract of the Proceedings of the Honorable President of the Council of India in Council in the Financial Department dated 14th July 1858.

3. On applying to the Civil Auditor I obtained from him a statement to the effect that there *are* outstanding balances against me in the books of his office.

4. Under these circumstances I am unable to furnish to the Accountant General the certificate required by him, and as it appears to me that the Accountant General and the Civil Auditor have misapprehended the order of the Government of India above referred to; and as my passage has in consequence of my having obtained leave on sick certificate, been taken in the steamer hourly expected, and beg to solicit the interference of Government in my behalf.

5. The order in question expressly states that the "tendency of the Government of India was to alleviate the vexation of the security, and no demand systems formerly in force," and that all "practical purposes of security will be answered if the several Governments before sanctioning applications for leave, have before them, in applications for leave from Civil officers, reports from the Accountants of their Governments, stating whether, according to the information before them, there is reason to require security as a *special case*, because of any *doubtful* items outstanding against the applicant, or because of anything *suspicious* or *extraordinary* in the state of the applicant's accounts." The Civil Auditor in his certificate, of which I beg to submit a copy, has not alleged that the present is a special case, and the Government are in a position to know that it is not so.

6. In a recent communication to the Collector of North Arcot, to which I am unable from the absence of records, more particularly to refer, the Government informed the Collector that they had received a report from the Commissioners for the revision of Public Establishments to the effect that the whole of the outstanding balances on account of Public Works in North Arcot, had been adjusted, with the exception of, I quote from memory, about 9,000 Rupees which might or might not be recovered.

7. The outstanding balances referred to by the Civil Auditor in the subjoined certificate are on account of Public Works, which in Fusly 1264-65 were transferred from the management of the Collector to that of the District Engineer, and which Mr. Peachey the Secretary to the Commission was deputed to adjust, and which he did adjust, with the exception of the small sum referred to in para. 6 of this letter.

8. I would solicit the favor of an early reply as the Steamer in which I have taken my passage is expected so soon at Madras.

No. . FIXED DEPARTMENT.

Certified that on a reference to the records of this office there are outstanding balances unadjusted in the District of Northern Division of Arcot for Fuslies 1264-65 during which Mr. C. Whittingham was Collector there, and which accounts are now under audit.

CIVIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
20th June 1859.

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

(True Copy.)
(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM,
Collector.

outstandings against

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 18th to 24th June 1859.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1859, No. 821.

The Governor in Council is at a loss to perceive how the order of the Government of India of July 14th 1858, quoted by Mr. Whittingham, can be made a reason for demanding security from an officer going away on leave; except under the special circumstances described, and which are not alleged in the present case. The Governor in Council is not aware that a certificate of "no demands" or any other is necessary to a Civil servant having obtained leave on Medical certificate. The order of the Government of India above quoted requires no more than that in certain special cases, an officer shall give security prior to obtaining leave.

2. Mr. Prendergast will be requested also to explain whether this demand of security has been enforced in other cases of Collectors leaving the country on leave, as for instance in that of Mr. Murray Collector of Cuddapah, of Mr. Wood Collector of Guntoor, or of Mr. Brett Collector of Salem; and if not, why it is made against Mr. Whittingham.

3. The Civil Auditor will also be required to report to Government what sums he considers to be outstanding against Mr. Whittingham, and under what circumstances.

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

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No. 821.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
dated 21st June 1859.
Read the following letter
from Mr. C. Whittingham,
Collr of North Arcot
(Received 20 June 1859.)

The Govt in C. is at a
loss to perceive how the
order of the Govt of India
of July 14/58 quoted by Mr
Whittingham, can be made
a reason for demanding
security from an Officer
going away on leave; except
under the special circum-
stances described, & which
are not alleged in the
present case. ~~The Govt~~
~~does not know~~ The Govt
Govt. shall be aware
of any "doubtful items
outstanding against
Whittingham," or of anything

The Govt C. is not aware that
a cert. of "no demands" or
any other is necessary to
a Civil Servant having
obtained leave on Medical
certe. The order of the
Govt of India above
quoted requires no more
than that in certain cases,
an Officer shall give
security prior to obtaining
leave ~~on~~

evidence or otherwise
in the state of his account,"
he shall immediately furnish
that gentleman with the usual
certificate.

2. Mr. Prendergast will
be requested also to explain
whether that demand formerly
has been enforced in other
cases of Collectors leaving the
Country on leave, as in instance
in the case of Mr. Cumming Collr.
of Cuddalore, of Mr. Wood Collr.
of Guntoor, & of Mr. Hett Collr.
of Salem: & if not, why it
is made against Mr. Whittingham.

3. The Civil Auditor
will also be required
to report & furnish what
cases he is aware of
where demands against
Collectors, & under what

circumstances

Mr. C. Whittingham Exam. Cert. 21st.
" Acct.-genl. ✓
" Civ. Auditor ✓

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 21st. June 59.
From the Acct. Genl. Dy 22d.
June 59 C/No 1168 inclo. 8 July

Certificate of "No Demands" is not necessary to a Civil Servant who obtained leave on Medical Certificate. Mr. Prendergast to explain whether this Certificate of "no Demands" was demanded in the Cases of the Collrs specified on their leaving the Country on leave and if not, why it is made against Mr. Whittingham, and the Civil Auditor to report

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report the sums outstanding against him and under what circumstances.

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