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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 28-9-1860.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th September 1860.

No. 513. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 7th September 1860, No. 176 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of their Order No. 1,450, dated 27th ultimo, in which the Government remark, that I have not given in my letter No. 156, dated 25th idem, any particulars as to the unsatisfactory state of the Conservancy Department accounts; and that they are not aware what satisfaction respecting them I required, or in what respects Dr. Cleghorn has failed to give it, I have the honor to explain, that I deemed it my duty to report to Government, that the accounts of the Forest Conservancy Department were in an unsatisfactory state, because there were advances outstanding against that Department to the extent of 2¾ lacs, many of which were made so far back as 1850; and the Officers of the Department were unable to account to the Civil Auditor how that sum was expended.

2. The only satisfaction which I required from Dr. Cleghorn, was the pass of the Civil Auditor that the Forest Department had satisfied him, that the money had been properly expended on account of the public service, and this, it appears Dr. Cleghorn has been unable to do up to the present time.

3. I beg at the same time to remark, that I imputed no blame to Dr. Cleghorn for the state of his accounts, but considering the very large sums of money which had passed through the Department, and which had in no way been accounted for, I was of opinion that the Government had a right to hold the head of the Department responsible, for the final adjustment of the advances made to it.

No. 514. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1860, No. 1,739.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

R. No. 1905.

Memorandum.—

The Honble the Governor in his remark on this letter enquires "Are we never to have them" (the Forest Accounts,). These accounts have lately received much alteration both from Govt. and the Board pr the orders in the margin will show. The Board now systematically examine the accounts of this Deptt. and they have been called upon to furnish a Statement of the Financial result of the formation of the Conservancy Department and to explain the orders which the Accts. General in his letter of 25th Augt. 1860 No. 156 states

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they (the Board) issued for the ad-
-justment of a large sum in anticipa-
-tion of the Audit of the Civil Auditor.

2. The accountant General's requisition has no reference to the accounts of the Dept, but to vouchers or issued accounts for the expenditure of the above five years ago, (before the Forest Dept. was formed,) in the Anamalai forest. The Collector is the party chiefly to blame for the failure to render his accounts at the time. It is of course more difficult to supply the information now. See accountant General's letter of aug 25. Paras 3 & 4.

2 Nd Septr 1868.

3. I propose to record the foregoing letter. No order or if seems to me to be necessary, as the matter is already before the Bd of Rev; but the orders of Govt on the point will be requested

J.H. Sept. 22.

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Fort St. George.
Account Gen.l Office.
7th September 1860.

General Department

No. 176

From J. Lushington Esqr.
The Actg. Accountant General

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

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I have the honor to be,
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Your obedient Servant.

F. Lushington
Ag. Accountt. General

Compd. S. D. King
Copd Sarasoondrum
Copy 24th September 1827

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10th Revenue 1860 Depart.
Secretary's Office
Treas of Govt for Sept
1860

The Auditor of Public Accounts

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Dated
Rec'd 7th } September 1860.

No.

States that the only satisfaction required of Capt Eleghart was the pass of the Civil Auditor that the money had been properly expended on account of the public service.

Recorded.

J Guthrie Asst Sec

No. 1739. 28th Sept.

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Recorded

28th September
1860.

Addressed to Secretary of State
Explains - Thinks Lieut Eleghart
has paid the troops the sum
for which credit is claimed
Requests that the Auditor
may be instructed to allow
this credit - Recommends
that Lieut Eleghart be
allowed to resign

10th September 1860
24 Dept. No 27

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