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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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| Dated 18 — 1 — 1860. | |

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No. 57. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1860, No. 18.

Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of Guntúr; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 15th December 1859, No. 159.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 4852, under date 25th ultimo, communicating an order of the Madras Government, dated 21st November 1859, No. 1583, calling for further information regarding a claim made by Y. Chidumbara Ráu, Deputy Collector in this district, for Rupees 99-5-8, being the amount due for the days from the 21st to 31st July last, the time taken up for joining his station, in excess of the period allowed by the Civil Auditor's Manual.

2. As to the correctness of the facts stated by the Deputy Collector, it appears from a letter from Mr. Dykes, the Officiating Collector of Nellúr, dated 8th instant, No. 412, that Chidumbara Ráu's account of the excessive rains and consequent heavy freshes in the river Penakeny between the 2nd and 17th July 1859, was partially correct. Mr. Dykes writes "from "such inquires as I have been able to make it appear, that there was a good deal of rain just "then, and that there were heavy freshes in the river. The rain fall shews 7 inches on the "12th as you will observe from the enclosed memorandum, and from the copy of a letter of the "Executive Engineer, in charge of the anekatte, of this day's date, you will further observe that "the river was impassable for foot travellers from the 10th to the 29th July. But as Mr. Sage, "the Executive Engineer, observes, the river could be passed by means of the ferry boats any "day with the exception of the 14th, and this being the case, I am not of opinion that the state "either of the weather or the river was such as to absolutely prevent Y. Chidumbara Ráu "from starting between the 10th and 17th July last." It is true that the 28th July was a holiday in the Kachahrí, and also, as far as I can learn, that the 29th was occupied, as the Deputy Collector states, in selecting Kachahrí rooms, &c. It also appears from a letter from the Civil Judge of the 5th instant, No. 207, that an application was made to him during Saturday the 30th requesting him to administer the oaths of office to Chidumbara Ráu, and that he did so on the next Court day, viz. Monday 1st August.

3. As to the amount of his claim being calculated aright or no, he was entitled under paragraph 7 chapter 3 of the Civil Auditor's Manual to draw pay equal to that of his former post as head Sarishtádar of Nellúr, from the time of his giving over charge of the latter post and until he assumed charge of his new appointment, i. e. at the rate of Rupees 280 per mensem, provided he joined within the prescribed period. The amount now claimed is calculated at this rate, viz. Rupees 99-5-8 for 11 days. As he had to travel from Nellúr to Guntúr, a distance of 143 miles, he should, as he gave up charge at the former place on 2d July, have left Nellúr at the latest on the 11th idem, being allowed a week for preparation under Section XIII Chapter III of the Civil Auditor's Manual; and at the rate of travelling laid down in Section XIII Chapter III he should have reached Guntúr on the 21st, i. e. at the rate of 15 miles a day with a halt on Sunday.

4. With regard to the possibility of Chidumbara Ráu's getting the declaration administered to him on the 27th or 28th July, or on any subsequent day before the 1st August, and whether he did all in his power to procure such administration, I beg to observe that, as he did not arrive in Guntúr until the evening of the 27th, it was of course impossible that day. The 28th being, as before observed, a holiday, the Court was closed, and when he applied on the 30th, (the 29th having been occupied in other ways,) he was directed to attend for the purpose of being sworn in on the next Court day, viz. Monday 1st August.

5. It would appear then, that though the Deputy Collector made no delay in his journey after he had once started, he might have started somewhat earlier, i. e. the state of the weather and river was not such as absolutely to prevent him. Some allowance may perhaps be made for him under the circumstances; it is very certain that the monsoon was remarkably heavy this year in Nellúr, and as to whether he did all within his power to procure the administration of the oaths after his arrival, it appears that had he so arranged, he might have taken them on the 30th July, i. e. two days earlier than he actually did: the delay, however, is not excessive, and may be excused, considering that the appointment and mode of procedure were both new to him.

Submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings, dated 21st November 1859, No. 1583, R. D., calling for further information regarding Chidumbara Ráu's claim for ten days' pay on account of the period in excess of that allowed occupied by him in joining his new station calculated at the rate of the pay attached to his former appointment of head Sarishtádar.

*In Consultation, 22nd November* 1859.

2. There is little doubt but that Chidumbara Ráu might have joined earlier, though the season was not fair for travelling.

3. Under the circumstances of the case, however, the Board beg to renew their recommendation, that the consideration sought may be shown him.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1860, No. 87.

Ordered that the above papers be referred to the Civil Auditor for report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

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No. 87

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th January 1860

Read again Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
dated 11th and recorded in
Proceedings of Govt. 21st Nov.
1859 No 1583.

Read also the following Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Submitting with the Board's recommendation a letter from the Head Asst. Collr. in charge of Gudur furnishing the further information required by Govt. regarding Cheduimbara Rau's claim for ten days pay on account of the period in excess of that allowed calculated at the rate of the pay attached to his former appointment of Head Sarishtadar

(Here enter 4th Jany 1860 No 18)

Ordered that the above papers be referred to the Civil Auditor for report.

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