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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th August 1861.

No. 89. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1861, No. 3,453 :—

Read letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated 6th June 1861, No. 439.

(In Cons. 11th June 1861, No. 3,557.)

1. With his letter dated 10th January 1861, the Collector forwarded a memorandum of certain items of expenditure included in the contingent Bill for October 1860 but objected to by the Civil Auditor, and requested the Board to obtain the special sanction of Government for their admission ; but the Board not being satisfied with the authority quoted by the Collector in support of the several charges, called for further information, and this Mr. Thornhill now submits in the letter above recorded.

In Cons. 16th January 1861, No. 319.

2. The Collector explains that this sum* was not paid in ready cash to the village Officers, as supposed by the Board, but was deducted from the Beriz. If this is actually the case, it is not clear why the sum in question should be debited in the Collector's accounts to the head of "Extra Revenue" and placed to the credit of the balance of revenue due by village officers. If the remuneration payable to these officers is deducted from the Beriz as the Collector states, there cannot appear any balance against them in the accounts of the District to render any adjustment necessary. Paragraph 14 of the Order of Government, dated 11th March 1856, No. 285, quoted by the Collector indeed directs that the large part of the arrear then brought to notice, which was only nominal, should be entered as collected, and then debited as paid to the village servants, but the Board must repeat that there can be no such balance now in the accounts, if the remuneration were deducted from the Beriz, and the adjustment must be consequently wrong. On referring to the Statement of Demand, Collection and Balance for May 1861, the whole Land Revenue Balance of Land Revenue appears to be Rupees 13,323, and the Board cannot understand how a sum of Rupees 20,036 can be credited to that head. The Board must also observe that Extra Revenue is no head of charge to which the Collector says the pay of village officers is debited. Mr. Thornhill is now requested to submit fuller information on the points noticed, and forward copy of the adjustment entry made by him in the accounts of the District furnished to the Accountant General. Before receiving this, the Board are unable to submit it for the sanction of Government.

* 1. Vundra or Fees of Curnums and salaries of village Munsiffs for Fasli 1269.....Rs. 20,036-7-4.

3. The Order of Government quoted by the Collector in support of this charge is wrong; but as the Board are satisfied of the necessity for the charge, they recommend that the special sanction of Government may be granted for Rupees 158-2-6.

2. Hire for cutting soapnuts in Fasli 1266..... Rs. 158-2-6.

4. The Collector states that application was made to the Secretary of the Exhibition Committee to obtain the necessary sanction for this charge. This is the proper course and the interference of the Board is unnecessary.

3. Articles sent to Madras Exhibition in 1859..... Rs. 303-12-9.

5. Item No. 4 requires no orders as it appears to have been since passed by the Civil Auditor.

6. The charge was no doubt incurred under proper authority, but the Order of Government not specifying the amount, the Civil Auditor objects to pass it. The special sanction of Government is, therefore, requested for the payment of Rupees 578-5-11, made under their Orders dated 12th September 1859, No. 1,224.

5. Amount refunded, being the collections of certain Inám lands reverted to Sary from Fasli 1264..... ..... Rs. 578-5-11.

In Cons. 13th September 1859, No. 4,561.

7. These payments appear to have been made in carrying out the arrangements ordered by Government in their Proceedings, dated 16th February and 6th August 1860; but the Collector should have reported the sums to be paid, and obtained the sanction of Government for them. The Board recommend that special sanction be granted for both sums.

6. Paid to Plaintiffs in Suit No. 116, of the Masulipatam District Munsiff's Court's file..... ..... Rs. 66-4-7.

7. Paid to M. Vencata Charloo, on account of Stregvencataswaraswamy at Batchoopelt..... ..... Rs. 278-3-7.

In Cons. 17th February 1860, No. 748.
In Cons. 7th August 1860, No. 3,861.

8. Mohturfa remission granted to several Zamíndárs for Fasli 1269.

		Rs. A. P.
Sanctioned by Government on 18th March 1851		4,614-12-0
Deduct on account of Estates transferred to the Godavery District	1,549-11-6	
Do. do. Pentapad Estate purchased by Government..	586-15-9	
		2,136-12-3
Remainder..		2,477-15-9

In Cons. 25th February 1861, No. 1,145.

8. This is a compensation allowed to certain ancient Zamíndárs on account of Mohturfa resumed and collected by Government, and forms a part of Rupees 4,614-12-0 sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 18th March 1861. Out of this a sum of Rupees 2,477-15-9 is annually payable, as shown in the margin. The payment has been made under sufficient authority of Government; but as the Civil Auditor objects to pass it, the Board request the sanction of Government for the charge. The final disposal of this and similar cases of compensation elsewhere must be deferred till the general report on the resumption of the Mohturfa, as ordered in Government Proceedings dated 23rd February 1861, No. 430, Revenue Department, shall be submitted.

10. The items for which the sanction of Government is solicited in these Proceedings, are as follow:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
2.	Hire for cutting soapnuts in Fasli 1266	158	2	6
5.	Amount refunded, being the collections of certain Inám lands reverted to Sary from Fasli 1264	578	5	11
6.	Paid to Plaintiffs in Suit No. 116 of the Masulipatam District Munsiff's Court's file	66	4	7
7.	Paid to M. Vencata Charloo on account of Streevencataswaraswamy at Batchoopelt	278	8	7
8.	Mohturfa remission granted to several Zamíndárs for Fasli 1269...	2,477	15	9
		3,559	0	4

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1861, No. 1,573.

		Rs. A. P.
Sanctioned in March 1851		4,614 12 0
Deduct on account of Estates transferred to Godavery ...	1,549 11 6	
Do. do. Pentapad Estate purchased by Government ...	586 15 9	
	2,136 11 3	
	2,478 0 9	

Under the circumstances brought to notice, the Government sanction the first four items specified in paragraph 10 of these Proceedings, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (1,081-0-7) one thousand and eighty-one, and Pice seven. The Board will report the correct amount of the last item requiring the sanction of Government; that amount, according to the figures in the margin of paragraph 8 of their present Proceedings, is Rupees 2,478-0-9, not Rupees 2,477-15-9.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

IN CONS. 16TH JANUARY 1861, No. 319.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of the KISTNA DISTRICT, dated Repalli, 10th January 1861, No. 11.

I have the honor to forward a Memorandum showing the items of expenditure for which the Civil Auditor has called for special sanction of Government amounting, in the aggregate, to Rupees 21,106-6-8. The sum was duly disbursed as usual hitherto, under authority set opposite to each item, and was included in the contingent bill for October 1860; but as it was retrenched by the Civil Auditor, I request that the special sanction of Government may be obtained for transmission to that officer.

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ABSTRACT.—Memorandum of items included in the contingent bill for October 1860, of the Kistna District and struck off by the Civil Auditor.

[illegible]d. J. Tulloch.

IN CONS. 11TH JUNE 1861, No. 3,557.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of the KISTNA DISTRICT,
dated Masulipatam, 6th June 1861, No. 439.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st ultimo, No. 2,216, calling for further information on certain items objected to by the Civil Auditor, and in reply beg to state as follows :—

Item No. 1, Vundras of Curnums and salaries of Munsiffs, Rupees 20,036-7-4.

2. This sum was not paid in ready cash to the village officers as supposed by the Board, but was deducted from the beriz under orders of Government, dated 11th March 1856, No. 285, paragraph 14. This allowance was adjusted in the accounts up to Fasli 1268, by debiting to the head of "Extra Revenue" and placing the sums so debited to the credit of the balance of revenue due by those officers. Such sums were afterwards duly passed by the Civil Auditor without objection. In Fasli 1269, in consequence of the Accountant General's Circular, dated 12th March 1860, No. 2,244, paragraph 11, which directs that no charges "susceptible of Civil audit, excepting pensions, should be paid prior to audit," the sum under retrenchment was debited to the head of "Advance" and credited as balance due by Curnums and Munsiffs for that Fasli, and was included in the contingent bill sent for audit. The items of Rupees 9,952 and 18,699-7-8, shown in Statement No. 4, are the usual remissions annually granted to individuals other than village officers.

Item No. 2, Rupees 158 2 6.

3. Similar charges were usually debited to the head of "Advance" and included in the contingent bill sent for audit up to Fasli 1267; but in Fasli 1268 the Civil Auditor having objected to pass the same, sanction was requested. The amount expended in Fasli 1269 on this account Rupees 294-11-9 has been sanctioned by Government, under date the 14th February 1861, No. 347. The produce of the soapnut jungle is gathered annually by coolies and sold in public auction. The amount of sale proceeds thereof for the last five years is entered in the margin.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fasli 1266.....	2,000	0	0
" 1267.....	3,736	8	0
" 1268.....	2,100	0	0
" 1269.....	4,150	0	0
" 1270.....	5,131	0	0
	17,117	8	0
Average per year...	3,423	8	0

Item No. 3, Rupees 303 12 9.

4. Copy of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th June 1858, No. 749, is sent herewith, as directed in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings under reply; application was made to the Secretary of the Exhibition Committee on the 29th ultimo, No. 418.

Item No. 4, Rupees 207 2 1.

5. Of this sum, Rupees 8-5-0 belong to the sanction of the 1st November 1859, No. 1,483, and Rupees 198-13-0 to Rupees 1,430-6-2 sanctioned on the 4th April 1860, No. 521. The enclosed Memorandum will show the total amount sanctioned, amount hitherto paid, and the balance on hand. This item has since been passed by the Civil Auditor on the 31st May 1861, further explanation having been furnished.

Item No. 5.

6. The 5th Item in support of which Government Order 12th September 1859, No. 1,224, was quoted, was paid on the following grounds :—The order of Government of 12th September 1859, No. 1,224, was forwarded to the Collector with Board's Proceedings of the 14th idem, No. 3,654, in which the Collector was directed to carry out the proposals made by the Board in paragraph 7 of Board's Proceedings* 12th August 1859. On referring to paragraph 7 of the said Proceedings, it is found that the Board recommended adjustment of the claims in the manner sanctioned by Government in the Order of the 18th November 1858, No. 1,546. The said Order sanctions the restoration of certain Inams and directs the adoption of the course suggested in paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings of the 4th November 1858, No. 4,103. On referring to the said paragraph 10, it is found to contain a request from the Board for sanction for the adjustment of the accounts by taking credit for the arrears of quit-rent out-

* No. 3,133.

standing when the Inams were resumed, and by *repaying the surplus collections received beyond that amount*. The Board will therefore see that the payment was strictly in accordance with the Orders and sanction of Government.

Item No. 6, Rupees..... 66 4 7
„ No. 7, „ 278 3 7

7. The sum of Rupees 66-4-7 comprises the following item:—

Interest.....	33	9	7
Pleader's fees.....	31	4	0
Value of Stamps.....	1	7	0
	66	4	7

The Government having sanctioned the withdrawal* from the defence of this Suit and payment of interest, &c., it seems to have been inferred that the expenses of the Suit were also to be paid; hence the charge for Stamps and Pleader's fees.

* Government 16th February 1860, No. 244.

8. The 2nd Item of Rupees 278-3-7 consists of Rupees 197-8-0, being surplus collections of the Inams, and Rupees 80-11-7 on account of costs of Suits as detailed in the Decree.* The Government in their Proceedings having acquiesced in the Decree of the Court that Order was considered sufficient authority for the payments in question.

* Forwarded to the Board with letter dated 8th June 1860, No. 114.

Item No. 8, Rupees 2,477 15 9.

* Amount sanctioned on account of four proprietors of subdivisions of the Nedadavole Zemindary.....		2,163 0 0
Deduct on account of estates transferred to the Godavari District.....	1,549 11 6	
Do. do. on Pentapad estate purchased by Government.....	586 15 9	
		2,136 12 3
Remainder.....		26 3 9

9. A Memorandum showing the amount of the Moturpha remission granted to several Zemindars for Fasli 1269, and the amount of Peshcush collected from them, is sent herewith as directed in paragraph 8 of the Proceedings under reply. The sum of Rupees 26-3-9, referred to in the above paragraph, is that portion of Rupees 2,163, sanctioned on account of the proprietors of the four subdivisions of the Nedadavole Zemindary in paragraph 2 of the Minutes of Consultation, dated 18th March 1851, No. 280, as shown in the margin,* which belongs to the Chevendra Mootta, the only part of the original Zemindary now attached to the Kistna district. The changes in the succession to the ancient Zemindars were reported when they occurred as directed in the above Proceedings.

* Amount sanctioned in Board's — Rs. A. P. 46 14-12-11
Deduct on account of Estates transferred to Godavery — 1549-11-6
Do — Do. Pentapad Estate purchased by Government — 386-15-9 = 2136-11-3
2478-1-9

margin of Para 8 of their present Proceedings is Rupees 2478-1-9.

10. The Memorandum of the Items is herewith re-transmitted.

Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th June 1858, No. 749, Public Department.

Enc. 2.

Abstract.—Account Particular of sums sanctioned and paid to Inamdars, &c., as compensation on lands taken by annicut channels.

Enc. 3.

Abstract.—Memorandum showing the remissions granted to several Zemindars on account of Moturpha tax in Fasli 1269, and the Peshcush collected from them.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No 1573.

" Under the circumstances brought to notice, the Bd's sanction to the first four items specified in para 10 of these Proceedings, amounting in the aggregate to Rs 2081-11-7 One thousand and eighty one, and five seven. The Board will report the correct amount of the last item requiring the sanction of Bd's; that amount according to the figures in the not Rs 2477-15-9.

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