

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th April 1861.*

No. 468. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 19th April 1861, No. 1,417:—

Observing that the amount sanctioned in the Order dated 17th April 1861, No. 859, Revenue Department, includes the charge for Dr. Macpherson's passage from Singapore to Java and back. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 19th April 1861, Nos. 316—319.)

No. 469. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1861, No. 957.
Ordered to be recorded.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

From the Quarter Master General, { Recorded in Proceedings of Govern- } Read again the paper
dated 23rd March 1861, No. 91. { ment, 25th March 1861 No. 1110. } noted in the margin.

Read also the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Deputy Military Auditor General, Fort Saint George, 9th April 1861, D ;
to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In reference to the application submitted by the Acting Quarter Master General of the Army in behalf of the Inspector General of Hospitals to be reimbursed the amount paid for his passage from Singapore to Java and back, the Deputy Military Auditor General has the honor to observe that, if Dr. Macpherson was ordered

to proceed, or if he can show that there was any pressing necessity for his proceeding to Labuan, (a Colony of the Crown not under the Government of India) whilst on his tour of Inspection in the Straits Settlements, he would appear to be entitled to the Passage Money claimed ; notwithstanding that, from the peculiar circumstances explained in the extract from his letter quoted by the Quarter Master General, he failed to reach the Island.

2. But as the Passage Money from Singapore to Labuan would under ordinary circumstances have been debitable to the Government of Labuan, it may seem expedient, before passing orders on the application, to ascertain whether that Government will be willing to take the debit under the explanation offered by Dr. Macpherson.

3. It is observed that there is but a single Company of Native Infantry, and half a Company of Golundauze at Labuan. When, therefore, Dr. Macpherson found he could get no direct passage from Singapore to Labuan, it may be a question for consideration how far he was warranted in incurring the greatly additional expense of proceeding thither by the very circuitous route of Java ; could he even have been sure of reaching Labuan by that route, Dr. Macpherson should show that there were Medical reasons of sufficient importance to justify the course he followed.

Referred for the observation of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 1110 of 25th March 1861.
11th April 1861.

From the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 17th April 1861,
No. 62 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to the memorandum* from the Military Auditor General, relative to the expense incurred by Inspector General of Hospitals, Dr. Macpherson, on account of passage from Singapore to Java and back, referred for my

• Herewith returned.

observations, I have the honor to submit the following explanation thereon :—

2. It is the duty of the Inspector General to visit and report on all Stations occupied by Madras Troops, (including the Straits) under the orders of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

3. In consequence of the sickly condition of the Detachments occupying Labuan, the Principal Inspector General was particularly anxious that Dr. Macpherson should inspect and report on the causes of the unhealthiness of the Station—with a view either to the adoption of remediable measures, if such were found practicable, or if they were such as could not be removed, of recommending to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Detachments should be withdrawn—and instructions were accordingly given to Dr. Macpherson to the above effect.

4. From Singapore that Officer wrote on the 20th August, stating his inability to procure a passage to Labuan, at that season of the year—he said there was not the most distant prospect of doing so—as a small Brig, *The Rover*, which went over once a month had sailed a few days before, and the Typhoon season was coming on &c.

5. Regarding the visit to Java, with the object as stated by Dr. Macpherson of procuring a passage from thence to Labuan, I am not in possession of information to enable me to state, whether such course was the one most likely to succeed, or if other inducements influenced his taking that circuitous route. The explanations given in that Officer's letter of the 5th ultimo, detail the reasons for the course followed, he however failed in reaching his destination.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department.

*Refer for consideration, Dr. Macpherson's bill for
Rupees 533 on account of passage and travelling
expenses to and from the Cinchona Plantations
in Java.*

Here enter 25th March 1861, No. 1110.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1861, No. 859.

The Government authorize the payment to Dr. Macpherson of the equivalent in Rupees of two hundred and thirty two (232) Dollars being the amount of the expenses incurred by him in proceeding from Singapore to the Cinchona Plantations in Java and back again.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

ORDER, No. 1417, 19th April 1861.

The Revenue Order dated 17th April 1861, will be communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, Principal Inspector General Medical Department and Military Auditor General. It is observed that the amount therein sanctioned includes the charge for Dr. Macpherson's passage from Singapore to Java and back.

(True Extract.)

W. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. *With 3 copies*

- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
- „ Military Auditor General.
- „ Military Accountant.

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