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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1143-44.	Press / Mis.
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Dated 23. 5. 1862.	

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No. 433. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1862, No. 2,443:—

Read again the following Correspondence.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1862, No. 607.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1862, No. 1,683.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 2nd April 1862, No. 76.

(In Cons. 8th April 1862, No. 2,057.)

1. It appears from the above correspondence that certain charges connected with the payment of Peons and Sweepers at the Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills, as sanctioned in orders of Government, under date 1st and 15th May 1838, Nos. 1,549 and 1,708, have been hitherto borne by the Military Department. When the Military command at Ootacamund was discontinued,* no arrangement was made for the transfer of this charge to the Civil Department, and the salary of these servants was drawn through the Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly up to the end of July 1861, when that Officer seems to have become aware that the charge, being a purely civil one, was not provided for in the Military Budget Estimate for 1861-62. The result has been that the Collector has paid the amount due to these servants from August up to the close of the past calendar year, debiting the charge to advances to be adjusted hereafter, and the Joint Magistrate at Ootacamund has been compelled to debit to his permanent advance Fund a sum equal to their pay from the commencement of the current official year up to the end of July, as the Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly has corrected his own error in passing the amount up to the latter date, by retrenching an amount equal to the whole sum paid, from the remittances of December and January last, for the discharge of the pay and allowances of Officers residing on the Neilgherry Hills.

* Government Order, 9th December 1859, No. 4,352, Military Department.

2. The whole amount of the charge from the beginning of the current official year up to the end of December last stands therefore under the head of Advance, amounting in all to Rupees 431-10-8. The establishment was revised and sanctioned under the orders of Government quoted† in the margin, and the charge for the new establishment from January up to the close of the present official year is entered in the Collector's Statement at Rupees 284, but of this sum Rupees 36 being the charge for the servant at the Sispara Bungalow, is provided for in the Budget Estimate of the Collector of Malabar for both the current and ensuing official years.

† 28th June 1861, No. 1,287.
9th October 1861, No. 1,959.
In Cons. 1st July 1861, No. 3,967.
" 10th Oct. " " 6,457.

3. The Accountant General has explained that the only way in which the difficulty can be met is by an application to Government of India for special sanction, and the Board therefore recommend that this be requested for Rupees 744, being the amount of the charge for the next official year 1862-63, and for Rupees 679-10-8, being the amount unprovided for in the Budget of 1861-62. Sispara being excluded in both cases, provision having been made in the Budget of Malabar, and that pending the receipt of this sanction the Collector be authorized to debit the charge under the head of Advances to be adjusted hereafter.

4. It is very much to be regretted that the Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly should have failed to object to the charge until three months after the commencement of the official year, and that the Collector did not at once bring the matter to notice, as the charge for the present year might then have been provided in the Supplemental Budget, and the charge for the coming year in the Budget Estimate of that year.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1862, No. 1,143.

1. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Government resolve to apply to the Government of India for special and early sanction to the sums mentioned in paragraph 3 of these Proceedings. Meanwhile they grant authority for the adoption of the course suggested in the latter part of the same paragraph.

2. The pay of the servants if still in arrears should be issued without delay. The matter ought to have been at once reported to Government.

3. The Government consider that the Paymaster at Trichinopoly acted wrongly in retrenching the amount erroneously paid by him from his subsequent remittances for the discharge of the pay, &c. of Officers residing on the Hills.

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

Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

No. 435. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 23rd May 1862, No. 1,144.

SIR,

1. I am directed to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India copies of the accompanying communication from the Board of Revenue and of its enclosures, explaining the circumstances under which provision was omitted to be made in the Civil Budgets for 1861-62 and 1862-63 for the pay of the Peons and Sweepers employed in the Public Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills.

Dated 12th April 1862, No. 2,443.

2. The charges on this account for the official years 1861-62 and 1862-63, are respectively Rupees 679-10-8 and Rupees 744; and I am directed to request that under the explanation furnished in the papers now submitted, the special and early sanction of the Government of India may be granted to the above mentioned sums to enable the Civil Paymaster to pass the salary bills.

No. 607.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th January 1862.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Ootacamund, 14th January 1862, No. 8:—

1. With reference to the Board's Order of the 11th October 1861, No. 5,577, communicating the Government Proceedings of the 9th idem, No. 1,959, I have the honor to report that the revised scale of pay and numbers of Peons and Sweepers employed in the Public Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills sanctioned by Government, has been introduced from the 1st of this month.

2. The pay of the Peons hitherto employed in the above Bungalows (except that at Sispara) as per sanction of Government, dated 1st and 15th May 1838, Nos. 1,549 and 1,708, was always drawn from the Military Department through the Pay Master at Trichinopoly by the late Commanding Officer at Ootacamund, who had charge of the above Bungalows, and the same practice was continued since the above Bungalows were taken charge of by my Department, in consequence of the abolition of the Military Command at Ootacamund, as per Government Order of the 9th December 1859, No. 4,352, Military Department.

3. The Military Pay Master at Trichinopoly *passed their pay up to the end of July* 1861, but has refused to do so from August; he also states that the pay of the Peons attached to the Public Bungalows has been disallowed and objected to by the 1st Examiner Pay Department in arrears from May 1861—*vide* enclosed copy of certificate.

4. As the above Peons have always hitherto been paid from the Military Department, no provision was made for their pay in my Budget Estimate for 1861-62 under the impression that the Military Pay Master would have included it in his Budget. Consequently I fear the Civil Pay Master at Madras would not pass the pay due to the servants alluded to. As these poor Peons are, however, without any pay from August 1861 (now five months), and as they will leave their services if kept so unpaid any longer, I have, subject to the approval of the Board and Government, disbursed their pay in arrears up to December 1861, debiting the same to the head "Unadjusted Charges," and will submit a Supplemental Budget to the Accountant General. Meantime I request that the Civil Pay Master may be ordered to pass the pay of the above Peons on abstracts to be forwarded by me. It also becomes necessary to refund from the Civil Department to the Military Pay Master Southern Division the amount drawn from him from May to July 1861, and now retrenched; and I request to be favored with orders as to whether I may debit this also under the head "Unadjusted Charges," and remit it to the Military Pay Master, or whether the Board and Government would desire the Military Department to admit the amount paid by them from the commencement of the present official year to the end of July 1861.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of certificate of the Acting Pay Master Southern Division, Trichinopoly.

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1. The Accountant General will be requested to inform the Board how this matter can best be arranged. The Board fear it is too late to enter the charge in a Supplemental Budget for the current year 1861-62, and judging from the date since which the Military Department have refused to admit the charge, it seems probable that it was excluded from the Military Budget Estimate for this year.

2. If this was the case, notice ought to have been given to the Collector to enable him to make the necessary provision, but there will be no greater facility for adjusting the charge in the Military Department than in the Civil, if the necessary provision was not made in the former. The Collector will report whether he has provided for this charge in the Budget for 1862-63, and how he proposes to meet it from 1st January to 30th April of the current year.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To F. Lushington, Esq., Acting Accountant General, with enclosure.

Copy to E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

1862.

Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 24*th January* 1862.

Despatched.

Received

No. 607.

Communicating to the Accountant General letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, relative to the refusal of the Civil Auditor to pass the pay of certain Bungalow Peons, and requesting to know how the matter can best be arranged, and calling for further information from the Collector.

No. 1,683.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th March 1862.

Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to the PRESIDENT and MEMBERS of the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 12th February 1862, No. 3,828 :—

1. With reference to your Proceedings under date the 24th ultimo, No. 607, I have the honor to state that a reference was made to the Controller of Military Finance, to ascertain whether any provision was made in the Army Budget on account of the Peons and Sweepers employed in the Public Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills ; and if so, what amount was available for transfer on that account to the Civil Budget. In reply that Officer states that the charge in question being debitable to the Civil Department, has been excluded from the Military Budget Estimate for 1861-62.

2. The Supplemental Budget Estimate for that year has been already transmitted by Government to the Government of India, it only remains that application* should be made to the Madras Government for special sanction being obtained from the Government of India to enable the Civil Paymaster to pass the bills in arrears from April last, *i. e.*, April's pay payable in May. I may here remark that if the Collector had informed Government early in December (as he ought to have done) that the charge had been disallowed by the Military Department, it might have been included in the Supplemental Budget, which was not despatched until the second Mail Steamer of last month.

* The amount should be stated.

3. The Collector of Coimbatore states, in paragraph 4 of his letter recorded in your Proceedings under reply, that he has, subject to the approval of the Board and Government, disbursed the pay in arrears up to December 1861 of the Peons, and debited the same to the head "Unadjusted Charges ;" it must be remarked that he has done so on his own personal responsibility.

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Communicated to the Collector of Coimbatore, who is requested to furnish the Board with a Memorandum showing distinctly the pay of the Peons, &c., employed in the Public Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills from April to December 1861 according to the old scale, and that from January to March 1862 according to the new scale, in view to application being made to Government for the sanction of the Government of India being obtained for the total charge, as suggested by the Accountant General. He will at the same time supply the information called for in the Board's Proceedings, dated 24th January 1862, No. 607.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to F. Lushington, Esq., Acting Accountant General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Ent. No 2 in the Proc.ds of the Bd of Revt to the Secy to Govt R.D. dated 12 April 1862

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No. 1,683.

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of that year.

I have &c.

To
F. D. Ansell Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Collector

Rd.

No. 11143.

Special Dispatch

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Fin Dept

Sir,

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+ dated 12th April 1862
No 2443

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A form has been added to the order - & the Effect.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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Ry. 11143.

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S.D.S

Fort St. George
23d May 1862

Revenue 1862 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for May.

No 1164.

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India.
Finl. Dept.

Dy 23d. May 1862.

From the Secy to the Govt
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No 2616.

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From the Undersecy to the
Govt of India dy 31 March 63
& No 848.

Revenue Dept.

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Recd 19 May 62