

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th September 1862.*

No. 333. Read the following letter from the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, the 5th August 1862, No. 77A:—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,144, dated the 23rd May last, with enclosures, on the subject of an extra grant to the Madras Civil Budget for 1861-62 and for 1862-63, on account of the pay of peons and sweepers employed in the Public Bungalows on the Neilgherry Hills.

2. It appears that although Ootacamund ceased to be a Military Command since December 1859, the Military Department continued to pay the above establishment till 31st July 1861, when the Paymaster having discovered that it had not been provided for in the Military Estimate for 1861-62, payment was recovered, retrospectively, from 1st May to 31st July 1861, from the Joint Magistrate at Ootacamund, who made good the amount from his permanent advance.

3. For subsequent months, from 1st August to 31st December 1861, the pay of the establishment was advanced by the Collector of Coimbatore, who held it in his Accounts Current under Unadjusted Advances.

4. The Madras Government has confirmed the Collector's proceeding, and authorized him to continue the same course till the sanction of this Government is accorded to the charge, which was unavoidably omitted from the Civil Budget Estimate for 1861-62, because, until July 1861, the Military Department had continued to pay it; and from that of 1862-63, by reason of the payments to December 1861 having been debited to Unadjusted Advances and been thus kept out of the charges for 1861-62, which guided the preparation of the Estimates for 1862-63.

5. Under such circumstances, His Excellency the Governor General in Council would not object to the issue of a Supplemental Grant. But it is not clear why the establishment, which cost Rupees 60 a month till August, or say till September* 1861, when it was reduced, to Rupees 45 monthly, was increased to Rupees 62 from 1st January 1862, and again to Rupees 74 from 1st February, while yet in the cold season; and His Excellency in Council therefore directs that

May to August @ 60 Rs. each.....	240	0	0	the Supplemental Grant for 1861-62 be restricted to the payments from May to December 1861, amounting to Rupees 431-10-8† plus Rupees 45 monthly from 1st January to 31st March 1862, the total being Rupees 566-10-8;‡ and for 1862-63, to Rupees 45 per mensem for pay from April 1862 to March 1863, or Rupees 540 in all; leaving the residue in suspense till
September.....	56	10	8	
October to December @ 45 Rs. each..	135	0	0	
	† 431	10	8	
January to March @ 45 Rs. each..	135	0	0	
	‡ 566	10	8	

the submission in regular course by the Madras Government of the proceedings, in which they sanctioned the revision of the establishment and the attendant extra charge from 1st January 1862.

6. I am at the same time to request that when submitting for formal sanction the proposition regarding the revision of the establishment, the Government may be moved to explain on what grounds the establishments for public Bungalows are kept up at the public charge. In Bengal and the North-Western Provinces, their cost is covered by fees from travellers who use the Staging Bungalows, and similarly the public Bungalows in the Neilgherries and throughout the Madras Presidency ought, His Excellency in Council thinks, to be made self-supporting as regards establishments and contingencies. And His Excellency directs that the total charge and the total set-off in receipts on this account in the Madras Presidency be reported in your reply.

No. 334. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1862, No. 2,016.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance, with reference to the Proceedings of Government 23rd May 1862, No. 1,143.

2. The Board will submit at an early date a full report on paragraphs 5 and 6 of this letter.

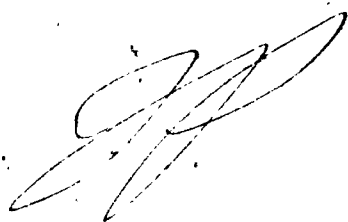
(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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to the B^d of Revenue for their information
and guidance with reference to the
Proceedings of Govt. 23rd May 1862 No 1143.

The Board will submit at
an early date a full report on paras 5
and 6 of this letter.

From Mr. George
17th Apr. 1862



1st B^d of Revenue Secy^r
3 Accountant General
3 Civil Paymaster
7 Military Department

Rev. No. 433 to 435

1. Procs 23-5-62
C. No. 2102 in P. 30 Sept 62
2. Procs 23-5-62
to B^d of Rev - 1726 717-7-63
20. Jan 63 No 126

In the evening
23-10-62 C. No. 3170