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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th October 1862.

No. 131. Read the following letter from J. TALBOYS WHEELER, Esq., Compiler of the "Madras Cotton Hand Book," to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Calcutta, 14th September 1862 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of the Governor in Council of the 13th ultimo, "that the Madras Government are not prepared to award me any further "remuneration for compiling the Hand Book of Cotton cultivation in the Madras Presidency "than that which has already been granted to me."

2. In reply I beg most respectfully to thank the Governor in Council for having so far considered my application; but as the question is a peculiar one, involving the valuation of purely literary labor, I humbly request that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to forward the enclosed respectful Memorial to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, for a further consideration of the application.

3. Moreover, with reference to the reason urged in the latter part of paragraph 2 of my Memorial, and with regard to the fact that in other literary labors connected with the Madras Presidency, I have neither sought nor received a subscription from Government, I respectfully express the hope that the Governor in Council will be pleased to support the prayer of the Memorial, and recommend it for favorable consideration.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1862, No. 2,186.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be brought to the notice of the Home Authorities and that an intimation of the same be given to the Memorialist.

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

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M. M.
Mail Receiver
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4 Russell St. Calcutta
14 k Septr 1862

My dear Sir,

I have transmitted to you by this days dawk an official application that the Madras Govt will be pleased to forward for favorable consideration a Memorial (copy enclosed) to the Secretary of State for further remuneration on account of my Cotton Hand Book. The points are these:-

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In the Bombay Hand Book
is no criterion

(1) the author made two
attempts to digest Sanskrit
his matter into a small
compass, thus saving himself
much trouble, and retaining
much expense in the first
in the way of printing

(2) the compiler had his
own commercial objects to
promote, in which he has
apparently succeeded.

2nd, The Bengal compiler was
a man literary known like
myself, and I contend that

my book exhibits at least
an equal amount of
labour and skill; but Rs 4000
was not thought sufficient
in his case, and another
Rs. 1000 was granted, making
Rs. 5000 in all, a sum which
I think was not at all too
much for the time labour
bestowed.

3rd, had I undertaken
the work for a private
publisher under similar
circumstances, I should
have obtained a further

remuneration. His loss of state upon my own personal expenses. The labour of compiling the Life Hands of Handbooks was greater than had been anticipated, and above Engineers gave me an additional sum of beyond what had been originally agreed.

I remain, Sir, Sir,
Your very faithfully
J. Talboys Wheeler

To

The Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council,

THE RESPECTFUL MEMORIAL OF JAMES TALBOYS WHEELER,

Compiler of the "Madras Cotton Hand Book."

SHEWETH,

That your Memorialist agreed to compile the Hand Book to the Cotton cultivation in the Madras Presidency, for the sum of Rs. 1,500 only, having been given to understand that the labour would be comparatively trifling; that after commencing the undertaking, your memorialist found the work of digestion and condensation very much heavier than he had anticipated; and that he completed the task, and then applied to the Government of Madras for further remuneration, representing the circumstances above stated, as he would have felt justified in doing had he undertaken the work under similar circumstances from an ordinary publisher; but he has been told in reply that the Government of Madras are not prepared to award him any further remuneration.

2. That your Memorialist would respectfully represent that the compiler of the Bengal Hand Book received Rs. 4,000; and that he is not aware what the Bombay compiler received, but that as the latter gentleman is a merchant, he would probably derive such large indirect advantages from the publication as would render the honorarium a matter of small importance.

3. That your Memorialist would humbly add that his Hand Book is by far the shortest and most condensed of the three, and consequently exhibits the greatest amount of labour.

4. That your Memorialist respectfully prays, on the grounds now mentioned, for a further consideration of his claim.

And your Memorialist will ever pray,

James Talboys Wheeler
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department

4 Russell St. Chowringhee
Calcutta
14th September, 1862.

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W Wilkes
Dy Secy to Govt

Fort St Geo:
2 Oct 1862

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From
Mr J. F. Wheeler.
Calcutta.

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No 1228

Forward for transmission to the Secy of State a memorial applying for reasons stated for further remuneration for compiling the Hand book of Cotton Cultivation in the Madras Presy.

No 2186 10 Oct

With an order

No 2186.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing Letter be brought to the notice of the Home Authorities and that an intimation of the same be given to the Memorialist.

J D M

Fort St George
10th October 1862

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