

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1756

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th September 1863.*

No. 311. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th September 1863 :—

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 7th September 1863, No. 151.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 31st July 1863, No. 4,781, and the Order of Government thereon dated 17th August 1863, No. 1,515, I venture to submit for their favorable consideration another point on which I am at issue with the Officiating Civil Paymaster.

2. The Order of Government quoted above had simply reference, as will be seen from paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, to my application to be permitted to draw fixed tentage from the 1st to the 8th March 1863.

3. On its authority, however, the Officiating Civil Paymaster has deducted from my last month's salary the sum of Rupees 18-12-0, being the amount of fixed tentage *passed to me by his predecessor in office* for the concluding days of February.

4. I submit that the order quoted gives no such authority, nor is the subsequent disavowal of a claim which has once been admitted as correct in the Audit Office consistent with the principles of the pre-audit system.

5. If passing the tentage was a blunder the responsibility of it rests with the Audit Office, and I cannot but consider it hard that I should now be retrenched for a claim which was passed as correct six months ago.

6. Trusting that the Board will submit the case for the orders of Government with their favorable recommendation.

P. S.—As the matter is of a purely personal nature and as the Collector is absent from head quarters, I have taken the liberty of addressing you direct.

Ordered to be submitted for the decision of Government.

No. 312. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1863, No. 1,756.

1. In the letter recorded in the foregoing Proceedings Mr. Sullivan in continuation of his previous complaint, which was decided upon in Government Order 17th August last, No. 1,515, appeals against a further retrenchment of Rupees 18-12-0 on account of fixed tentage for part of February last, which the Civil Paymaster considers to have been overdrawn.

2. Mr. Sullivan's objection is based on two grounds, first, because the order quoted above had no reference to *February's* tentage, and secondly, because it is inconsistent with the principles of the pre-audit system to retrench an amount once passed.

3. His Excellency in Council considers that the Civil Paymaster rightly applied to the tentage in question the ruling of the 17th August. The Board of Revenue also in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, dated 31st July last, No. 4,781, noticed that the Civil Paymaster's objection to the passing fixed tentage for the first eight days of March applied with precisely equal force to the allowance for those days in February during which Mr. Sullivan performed no revenue duties.

4. In regard to the other reason alleged by Mr. Sullivan in support of his claim, the Government cannot for a moment admit that because a bill has once been audited no possibility of a revision should exist if the necessity arises.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 1756

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 24th September 1863.

Read the following Progs
of the P. Board of Revenue.

Submitting for the
decision of Govt letter from the
Sub Collector of Coimbatore (Here enter 12 Sept 63)
complaining of the retrenchment
of Rs 18-12-0 made by the
Civil Auditor from his salary.

In the letter recorded
in the foregoing Proceedings
Mr Sullivan in continuation
of his previous complaint
which was decided upon
on 17 August last 1863
appeals against a further
retrenchment of 18-12-0
on account of Fixed Post-
age for part of February
last which the Civil
Paymaster considers to
have been overdrawn.

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passed.

3 His Excellency in
Council considers that
the Civil Paymaster rightly
applied to the tentage
in question the ruling
of the 17th August. The Board
of Revenue also in para 3
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with precisely equal
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those days in February
during which Mr. Sullivan
performed no revenue
duties.

4 In regard to the
other reason alleged by Mr.
Sullivan in support of his
claim the Gov^t cannot
for a moment admit that
because a bill has once
been audited no possibility
of a revision should exist
if the necessity arises.

C. W.

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2 - Civil Paymaster

Revenue 1865 Dep't.
o: of Gov: for Sept.

1865.

o: of the Madras Govt.
22nd Sep/65.

Dep't.

22nd No. 164-165
17-8-63

Mr. G. S. Sullivan
letter of 17th inst. against an
order of remittance of
Rs 18-12 on account of
fixed charges for part of
February last, in which the
Civil Engineer's office
orders to have been given.
I have, with orders thereon.

23/11/612.