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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1863.*

No. 338. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Fort Saint George, 24th February 1863, No. 393:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 225, dated 2nd instant, Revenue Department, forwarding to me a letter dated 8th ultimo, from Captain Magrath, Deputy Paymaster of Malabar and Canara, with its enclosures, and requesting me to state whether I see cause to differ from the opinion expressed by my predecessor, fourteen months ago, in his letter No. 2,771, dated 26th November 1861, regarding the extra aid required by the Deputy Paymaster in consequence of the additional work imposed on him by the transfer of the Civil Treasury at Tellicherry to his charge:

2. In reply, I beg to observe, that under the circumstances explained in Mr. F. Lushington's letter to the Board of Revenue above alluded to, I am of the same opinion as himself; that no additional aid is actually required by the Deputy Paymaster.

3. But as the present enquiry has reference to some extra allowance to Captain Magrath himself, I think that that Officer is entitled to some additional allowance, in consequence of the extra duties and responsibilities devolving on him, consequent on the transfer of the Civil Treasury to his charge.

4. With regard to the question, in paragraph 3 of the Government Order, as to Captain Magrath's proceeding in fixing on certain days only in each week, for the cashing of drafts, I beg to observe, that the reason assigned by him for so doing, is, that his limited establishment will not admit of his making payments oftener, but this reason cannot, in my opinion, be allowed. Should Government think fit to give an additional allowance to Captain Magrath, I would not recommend that he should pay for an extra Clerk from his own pocket; as though he may be willing to make the payment, his successor may object, and he should be directed to make his payment on all days of the week at other Treasuries.

5. The consideration of this question has brought to light two arguments, which, in my opinion, should be rectified. The first is, that the Paymaster draws cheques from the Treasury of which he is in charge, and cashes them; the second is, that the cost of the Paymaster's establishment is presently debited to the Military Department, although part of the work performed in it, properly appertains to the Civil Department.

6. The eleven enclosures received with the Order of Government are herewith returned.

No. 389. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1863, No. 417.

The Accountant General is requested to state what he considers would be a fair remuneration to Captain Magrath for the extra labor and responsibility devolving on him.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

The first is, that the Paymaster draws cheques on the Treasury of which he is in charge, and cashes them; the second is, that the cost of the Paymaster's Establishment is at present debited to the Military Department, although part of the work performed in it, properly appertains to the Civil Department.

The 11 Enclosures received with the order of Government, are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. [Signature]
Acting Secretary General.

Comp'd [Signature]

John M. Doobary

Howe's letter
of March 13th 1861
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Rev. J. P. Jones
of Southbury, Conn.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. P. Jones

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