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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th January 1863.

No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,112 :—

Passing orders on a letter from the Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, regarding the objection entertained by Civil Paymaster and Military Auditor General in reference to certain Abstracts for pay and allowances due to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates employed in the European Jail, &c., at Ootacamund.

(Vide Judicial Proceedings, 23rd December 1862, Nos. 245, 246.)

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1863, No. 54.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from W. HODGSON, Esq., Assistant Collector, Ootacamund, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 8th December 1862, No. 286.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the subjoined particulars in reference to certain Abstracts for Pay and Allowances due to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates employed in the European Jail, Police, and Government Gardens at this station, which have been refused audit by both the Military and Civil Paymasters for the reasons respectively assigned by them.

2. The Military pay of these individuals had been duly passed by the Divisional Paymaster and drawn by this office up to the 1st August of the current year, when the Presidency Examiner Pay Department objected to the continuance of these payments and directed that they should be charged against the Civil Department as the recipients were in Civil employ.

3. The pay which had thus been drawn and disbursed to the men on regularly audited abstracts was consequently retrenched from the commencement of the financial year to the 1st August without any previous intimation to this office that the Military pay of these men was henceforth to become a Civil charge.

* Marked A.

4. The enclosed copies of two objectionable charges* received from the Presidency Examiner Pay Department through the Divisional Paymaster against Major Wapshare and myself, as the disbursing Officers, particularize the items retrenched, and the reply of the Civil Paymaster, Madras, furnishes his reasons† for withholding audit of abstracts submitted at the suggestion of the Presidency Examiner.

† Marked B.

5. The Paymaster, Southern Division, without previously allowing me an opportunity of getting the matter adjusted by the Civil Paymaster, at once stopped the amount of objectionable charge against myself, viz., Rupees 133-13-9, from the pay of pensioners for the month of September, and consequently the monthly demands against this office could not be met without supplying the deficiency from my private means, since my application to the Collector for a temporary advance of Rupees 150 to meet the deficit was refused on the grounds stated in the Deputy Collector's reply.‡ The amount of objectionable charge against Major Wapshare have yet to be recovered.

† Marked C.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	Abstract for Serjeant Tolay, with Pay Certificate	213	1	2
1	Do. for Serjeant W. Jones.....	150	0	10
1	Do. for Serjeant Moss.....	50	0	5
1	Do. for Private Copps.....	33	10	2
1	Do. for Private Whetnell.....	19	2	0
	Total amount retrenched...	465	14	7

Due to the following as per Abstracts :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	Abstract for Serjeant Jones, from August to 18th November 1862.....	135	2	3
1	Do. for Serjeant Tolay, from August to 12th October 1862.....	129	8	4
1	Do. for Serjeant Moss, from August to November 1862.....	100	0	10
1	Do. for Private Copps, for the month of August.....	17	0	2
	Total amount due...	381	11	7

6. There being no public funds of any description at my disposal, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the advance by the Collector of Coimbatore of the amount of the enclosed abstracts, to enable me to reimburse the Military Paymaster, Southern Division, the amount charged against Major Wapshare Rupees 332-0-10, myself Rupees 133-13-9, and to adjust the pay of the Warders, &c., as particularized in the margin, pending the adjustment of these several abstracts by the Civil or Military Paymaster as may be decided by Government.

From Lieutenant Colonel T. McGOUN, Controller of Military Finance; to all Paymasters, dated Bangalore, 23rd August 1862, Circular No. 173.

Under the decision of the Government of India, recorded in their Proceedings of the Financial Department, dated 30th April 1862, No. 3,272, the amount provided in the Military Budget, for the pay of the Warrant, Non-Commissioned Officers and men employed in the Civil and

Public Works Department, has been transferred to the credit of the Civil Department, and I have therefore the honor to inform you, with reference to Circular, dated 26th September 1861, No. 70, that the pay of such persons is no longer to be issued by Military Paymasters.

2. That issued during the current Financial year will fall to be retrenched.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. G. TOUCH, Major,
for Controller of Military Finance.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 30th April 1862, No. 3,222.

Extract from Audit Board, No. 337, dated the 14th March 1862.
Endorsement to Military Department, No. 2,312, dated 7th instant.
Office Memorandum from do. No. 728, dated 23rd instant.

Read the papers marginally noted, having reference to a proposal made by the Audit Board for extending to the Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the British Army in Civil employ, the rule under which the whole of the allowances of the Officers of the Staff Corps in Civil employ are to be borne by the Civil Department.

RESOLUTION.—As there appears to be no objection to the proposal, in the Military Department, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the adoption of the measure, and to direct that the Military Finance Department be requested to state the amounts, which will, in consequence, have to be shown in the several local Civil Budgets and in the Public Works Department Budget for 1862-63.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Audit Board for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Military Department, to the Military Finance Department, to the Auditor General of India, to all Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, and to all Civil Paymasters.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMOND DRUMMOND,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. G. TOUCH, Major,
for Controller of Military Finance.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1862, No. 2,112.

By Major Wapshare.	332	0	10
„ Mr. Hodgson..	133	13	9
Rupees...	465	14	7

In his letter recorded above, Mr. Hodgson states that a sum of Rupees 465-14-7 disbursed on passed abstracts on account of the Military pay of certain Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates employed in the Jail, Police, and Government Gardens, had been retrenched in the accounts of the Paymaster, Southern Division, and stopped from a remittance sent by that Officer to his office.

2. The retrenchment was made in pursuance of a Circular, recorded at the head of these Proceedings, to the effect that the pay of such ranks in Civil employ should no longer be issued by Military Paymasters, and that the allowances paid during the current financial year would have to be retrenched. As the objection made in no way impugns the correctness of the payments made by Mr. Hodgson, or by his predecessor, Major Wapshare, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Coimbatore to advance the sum of four hundred and sixty-six Rupees subject to adjustment under the Civil Paymaster's audit. As regards payments *to be made*, the advance applied for by Mr. Hodgson, seems unnecessary, as will hereafter appear.

3. Abstracts on account of the items retrenched have already been submitted to the Civil Paymaster, but that Officer declined to audit them "for want of authority sanctioning the payment, in addition to their Civil salary, of the Military pay of men of the Army employed in the Civil Department, and for want of provision for those allowances in the Civil Budget for 1862-63."

4. The want of provision in the Budget, appears from the Controller's Circular recorded above, to have been supplied by a transfer from the Military to the Civil Budget.

5. And as regards the former objection the Governor in Council observes that the rule under which the entire allowances of Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers in Civil employ are to be borne by the Civil Department in no way affects the amount to be drawn by such ranks. They are just as much entitled to Military pay now as they were previous to the passing of that order, the only difference being that the abstracts instead of being passed by the Military Department require to be audited by the Civil Paymaster. It appears therefore to His Excellency in Council that the order itself is in effect a sufficient authority for the Civil Paymaster to admit such charges. Moreover special orders have already been issued in regard to the men employed as Warders of the European Prison, whose pay is included among the items disallowed.

Proceedings 12th September 1862, No. 1,484, para. 2, and the previous correspondence on the subject.

6. Under these circumstances, as the objections of the Civil Paymaster seem to have been made from want of information, His Excellency in Council directs that the abstracts received with Mr. Hodgson's letter be re-submitted for audit as charges in the Civil Department.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Assistant Collector, Ootacamund,
(with enclosures returned.)
„ Collector of Coimbatore.
„ Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Inspector General of Jails.
„ Inspector General of Police.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Controller of Military Finance.

Exd. T. McMootry

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Passing orders on a
letter from the Asst Coll^r
of Coimbatore regarding
the objections certained
by Civil Paymaster &
Asst Aud^r Gen^l in
reference to certain abstracts
for pay and allowances
due to the Non-Commissioned
Officers & Privates employed
in the European Jails
at Ootacamund.

With an order

No 101 to 102.

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Communicated to the Board
of Revenue for information.

J. Wt St. George
10th January 1863

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