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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th March 1864.

No. 48. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Sanctioning the employment of a Gumashta on 10 Rupees per measem under the Joint Magistrate at Cannanore for the purpose of preparing correct Price Lists of Bazaar articles for the Commissariat Department. } (Here enter 27th February 1864, No. 688.)

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1864, No 387.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information and communication to the Collector of Malabar, with reference to his letter dated 15th December 1863, No. 269.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 688.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Commissary General, Madras, 5th November 1861, *No.* 226; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

1. I have the honor to represent to Government the great difficulty I experience in obtaining a Price List of articles sold in the Cantonment of Cannanore since the introduction of the new Police.

2. Formerly this List was provided by the Military Police Authorities, and sent by the Commanding Officer to the Examiner of Commissariat Accounts and myself to enable us to check charges, but it has now been discontinued for want of some responsible person to understand the duty of making it out. There being an objection on the part of the new Police to take on itself this duty.

3. I would respectfully suggest that the Revenue Department be called on to devise some arrangement by which this Department may be supplied with the List in question, as it is an important one.

No. 498, *dated 30th July* 1861.
„ 555, „ *2nd September* 1861.

4. I enclose original correspondence on the subject with the Officer Commanding Malabar, which will put you in possession of the particulars of the case.

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 12*th November* 1861, *A; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

Letter from Commissary General, No. 226 *of the 5th November* 1861, *with five enclosures.*

Subject.

The preparation of Price Lists at Cannanore.

1. I have the honor to return herewith the documents marginally noted, which have been forwarded to me for report.

2. I have always considered that the manner in which Price Lists were prepared was open to serious objection, and was calculated to lead to much abuse: formerly they were made out by the Police, and that body being united with the Commissariat, under one and the same Officer, Lists prepared by the one could hardly be considered real checks on the expenditure of the other.

3. If all articles of Military Supply are obtained by Contract, as they are directed to be, there would be no occasion for Price Lists at all, as the check would be the terms of the Contract, and not the Price Lists.

4. But as the system of Contracts has not yet been carried out to the extent of rendering it safe to dispense with these Price Lists, and as it is obviously objectionable that they should be prepared by the Commissariat, and as their preparation is foreign to the duties of the Mofussil Police, Colonel McCally's suggestion that the Revenue Department should devise some means to supply them, would seem deserving of consideration.

5. I would, therefore, recommend that the suggestion be referred to that Department, not with reference to Cannanore only but to all Military Stations where the jurisdiction of the Civil Authority prevails.

6. These Price Lists to be of any practical use as checks in Military expenditure should, it appears to me, be prepared by the Civil, and not by the Military Authorities.

Referred with Commissary General's letter, for consideration in the Revenue Department.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Referring to the Board of Revenue, correspondence regarding the preparation of Price Lists of bazar articles sold in the Cantonment of Cannanore.

ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1861, No. 2187.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1862, No. 380.

Read the following letter from P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 29th November 1861, No. 255; to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 20th instant, No. 2187, forwarded with the Board's communication of the 22nd idem, No. 6477, I have the honor to state that I really am at a loss what means to suggest to procure correct Price Lists at Cannanore.

2. By the reduction in the Revenue Establishments, since the introduction of the new Police, Cannanore has been left without any Revenue Authorities. The Magisterial duties have devolved on the Assistant Commissary General, Major Ewart, and the Native Sub-Magistrate with his subordinates has been done away with, so that the Collector of the Province has not a single Revenue Authority to assist him. There is not even an Adighary available.

3. The Sea Custom Manager and the Salt Peshkar, are the only authorities under the Collector; their duties keep them to particular localities, the Sea Custom House and the Salt Gollah, where they should always be present. If the duty of ascertaining the prices through them be determined on, it will be necessary to grant the services of a Gumashta to go to the bazars and learn how articles and produce are being sold. It is out of the question to suppose that the Sea Custom Manager or Salt Peshkar can go to the bazars, as their legitimate duties would thereby be neglected to the loss of Government.

4. The Cherikul Tahsildar in whose Taluq Cannanore lies, has his Head Quarters at a place fifteen miles distant, and as there is no Adighary at Cannanore, he would have to send one of his office people to ascertain the prices, and make up the accounts, and here the words "make up" are used advisedly, for I do not believe that, under the circumstances stated, the accounts submitted would be trustworthy, as extra duties, entailing trouble and bodily exertion, if exacted, are pretty sure to be done in a slovenly manner, if they are not practically evaded by the submission of accounts prepared from mere hearsay of the state of the markets.

5. The want of that aid formerly rendered by the Police Peons who attended to both Revenue and Police duties, is very much felt in many ways, in connection with fiscal duties, for the Collector's Establishment, all through the District, is now so short-handed, that he has not people to attend to many minor things which may happen to require immediate attention.

6. The only suggestion that I can make is that the entertainment of a Gomashta on 10 Rupees per month, to be placed under the orders of the Salt Peshkar, be sanctioned. He will have to visit all the bazars, and some of them mus tbe from 1¼ to 2 miles distant from the Salt Gollah.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their order quoted by the Collector.

2. Under the circumstances stated by Mr. Grant, the Board are at a loss to suggest any other arrangement than that which he proposes.

3. Any charge on this account should of course be debited to the Commissariat Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 152.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration and orders, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 14th November 1861.

(True Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1864, No. 169.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 15th Dec. 1863, No. 269.

1. In his letter to the Board, dated 29th November 1861, No. 255, Mr. Grant suggested the entertainment of a Gomastah on Rupees 10 per month, to be placed under the orders of the Salt Peshcar at Cannanore, to procure correct price lists of bazar articles for the Commissariat Department.

Pro. of Board, dated 16th Jan. 1862, No. 380. Vide Government Order, 11th February 1862, embodied in Board's communication, dated 19th February 1862, No. 1201.

2. The Board submitted the letter for the orders of Government, and they referred the matter for the consideration of the Committee for the revision of the Commissariat Establishment; but the result has not yet been known.

3. The Price Lists are at present furnished by the Police, but the Inspector General has directed this practice to be discontinued from the 31st instant, as entailing undue and objectionable work on his Establishment.

4. I therefore solicit early orders on Mr. Grant's letter above quoted.

A Joint Magistrate, independent of the Commissariat Officer, now exists at Cannanore, and the Gomastah may, I believe, be placed under the orders of the former if deemed advisable.

5. The Joint Magistrate has applied for a Kotwall and two Peons for the preparation of the Price Lists, observing that they also be useful for the service of Civil processes, and assist in getting carriage for the Commissariat.

It seems to me that for the preparation of the Price Lists a Gomastah is sufficient.

Civil Warrants may be served by the Joint Magistrate's Peons; and the Duffadar and Peons could render no effectual or fitting assistance in procuring Commissariat carriage.

Submitted for the orders of Government with reference to the former correspondence quoted by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

Referred to the Controller of Military Finance, with advertence to paragraph 11 of Proceedings of Government, No. 422, dated 6th February 1863.

23rd January 1864.

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 6th February 1864, B; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to return the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1864, No. 169, referred under your docket of the 23rd January 1864, and to observe that the Committee for the revision of Commissariat Establishments were of opinion that the duty of preparing Price Lists for the Commissariat Department should be committed to the Senior Commissariat Officer; but, as the Officer vested with Police authority under Regulation VII of 1832.

2. That power has been transferred to the Joint Magistrate at Cannanore, and the duty therefore more properly pertains to his Office.

3. There does not appear to be any necessity for employing Peons for the duty and much of the value of the List will depend on the manner in which the Magistrate superintends the Gomastah whom it is proposed to place under the orders of the Joint Magistrate.

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 15th February 1864, D; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, in reply to your Memorandum of the 12th February 1864, requesting to be informed how the proposed expenditure for procuring correct Rice Lists is to be met, to state that, from the tenor of Mr. Ballard's letter,

Letter of Controller of Military Finance, dated 6th February 1863, B.

it was understood that the Civil Department would supply the Gomastah who was to be placed under the orders of the Cantonment Joint Magistrate for the purpose of framing the Rice Lists.

2. Although the Inspector General of Mofussil Police, objects to the performance of the duty by his Department, it does not appear that the Civil Department disallow the charge in connection with that part of the Magisterial duty.

ORDER, No. 688, 27th *February* 1864.

The Governor in Council sanctions the employment of a Gomastah on ten Rupees per mensem under the Joint Magistrate at Cannanore, for the purpose of preparing correct Price Lists of Bazar articles for the Commissariat Department.

2. The charge will be debited to the Military Department. With reference to the Report from the Controller, dated 15th February last, that Officer's attention will be drawn to the concluding paragraph of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1862 No. 380.

(True Extract.)

C. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissary General.
" Controller of Military Finance.
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" Examiner Pay Department.
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Exd. R. Stephenson.

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Fort St. George
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