

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 989	Press Mis.
113-114	
Dated	10 - 6 - 1864

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th June 1864.*

No. 113. Read the following letter from Captain W. DOUGLAS, Acting Deputy Paymaster, Malabar and Canara, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Cannanore, 9th April 1864, No. 639 :—

- Sir,
1. For the past twelve months I have been in charge of the Civil Treasury at this station, the duties of the appointment I have performed without remuneration of any kind whilst the responsibility has been great.
 2. The duties connected with the Treasury have daily occupied a considerable portion of my time, and since the month of July last I have found it necessary to employ the services of an extra Writer to assist in keeping the accounts, whose salary I have paid out of my own pocket.
 3. Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 7th July 1863, No. 1,217, showed that the Accountant General on being called upon to express his opinion as to a fair remuneration for the duties and responsibility of the charge, named Rupees 100 per mensem as an adequate amount.
 4. I have now the honor respectfully to beg that my claim for some remuneration for the trouble and expense I have been put to, may be taken under the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 114.

ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1864, No. 989.

- Miscellaneous.**
1. The Government have carefully considered the correspondence which has taken place on this subject, but they are unable to admit Captain Douglas's claim to enhanced allowances. The simple fact that his disbursements as Paymaster were increased for a time does not afford sufficient reason for such a measure. His duties were of a simple and routine character, and not more than he could easily get through. The Government are entitled to the whole time of their servants, and they cannot admit the propriety of paying them extra for any additional work thrown upon them.
 2. At the same time they do not wish that Captain Douglas should be out of pocket, and they will be prepared to sanction the pay of the Writer referred to in paragraph 2 on a bill being submitted for that purpose by the Deputy Paymaster, accompanied by an assurance that the man's services were actually needed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Malabar.
„ the Acting Deputy Paymaster, Malabar and Canara.
„ the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Papers.
Memo.

Edw. J. [unclear]

This undersigned has
the honor to forward
the enclosed letter
from the At St. Paul
Jannone claiming
his remuneration
for his charge of
the Civil Treasury

D. J. Ballantyne
Clerk

London, Canada.
April 14th 1864.

The Secretary Govt.
R.D.

Revenue Department

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In this letter
Captain Douglas, Acting
Deputy Paymaster Malabar
and Canara seeks some
remuneration for the
trouble and expense to
which he has been put
during the last twelve
months in consequence
of having had charge of
the Civil Treasury at

The case seems to turn upon
the amount of add'l labour
thrown upon the Paymaster
what seems so far as these
memorandums go to be
altogether unknown. It
may be 21 + 7.8 last or
21 - 7.8 last that is
may either be the work
accounting for eight last
or nothing at all

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This point may be settled
and the actual amount
of extra work thrown
upon the Mil^y Pay
master for civil receipts &
disbursements be clearly
Cannanore in addition to
his own duties.

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2. The subject has been already before Govern-
ment but no distinct orders
were passed on the claim when
originally put forward by
Captain Douglass's prede-
cessor Captain Magrath.

3. When during the
revision of Revenue Establish-
ments the Civil Treasury at
Tellicherry was abolished at
a saving of Rs. 134 monthly
(1st July 1860) it became neces-
sary to devise some measure
for meeting the military
and other demands at
Cannanore, and it was
finally determined to send
to the Military Paymaster
month by month the amounts
which under the old system
would have gone to Tellicherry.

as ascertained.
But it is not plain to
me that if the Paymaster's
disbursement were
increased by 8 laes
that would give him
a total claim to increase
allowances - His work
Civil & Military compo-
sably of a time for
continuation channels
more than he could
easily get through.
He is entitled to a
whole term of his ser-
vice - and not to pay
them extra for any addi-
tional work thrown
upon them.

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[Signature]

* G. O. 19th February 1861 No. 386.

No addition was considered
necessary on this account
to the Paymaster's Establish-
ment which was complete in
all its parts at a cost of
Rs. 350 per mensem.

4. In their order of 2nd
February 1863, the Government
referred to the Accountant
General an application from
Captain Magrath, Deputy Pay-
master for an extra allowance
for himself from date of taking
charge of the Civil Treasury
in April 1861. He had it
appeared on several occasions
urgently solicited increased
aid but this had been refused.
He intended now, should an
allowance be granted, and
no additional servants
be

be sanctioned to provide
the requisite aid out of his
own pocket. —

5 The Accountant Genl.
while of opinion that no
additional aid was actually
required by the Paymaster
thought him entitled to some
extra allowance in consequence
of the augmented duties and
responsibilities devolving

on him. and on being asked ^{*26th Feb^y 1863 No 1217.}
what a fair remuneration would
be suggested the sum of 100 Rs
per mensem. Seeing that if
this payment was made the
savings by the abolition of the
Tellicherry Treasury would be
reduced to a few Rupees and
that there was little advantage
in the present arrangement
to counterbalance its inconveniences,
the

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*7th July 1863 No 1217.

*29th Aug^y 1864 No 159.

the Govt^y determined to reesta-
blish the Civil Treasury - and
after some consideration it was
decided to place it at Cannanore
under the charge of the Sub
Magistrate there at a monthly
cost of Rs 162.

6. Captⁿ Douglass's present
application refers to the past
year, but if his claim is admitted
it involves a similar concession
to Captⁿ Magrath for the pre-
ceding two years or from April
1861. The total amount payable
at 100 Rs per mensem would
therefore be about Rs 3,600.

7. It is for the Govt^y to
decide whether remuneration
should be granted, and if so, at
what rate. The papers upon
which the order of 7th July 1863
was passed certainly seem to
show that ^{if} the Civil Treasury
had not been reestablished
the Paymaster would have
been

been reimbursed for his extra trouble - and if such is the case that Officer has a fair claim for the time during which he was actually in charge.

8. Captain Douglas states moreover that for the last or nine months he has been paying an extra writer out of his own pocket.

9. There is one other point in connection with the original transfer of the Tellicherry Treasury to the Paymaster Cannanore which may be worth consideration tho I am not sure that the argument is a good one.

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10. In G. O. 19th February 1861 No. 386, Government reviewed the additional work which would be thrown on the Deputy Paymaster's office at Cannanore in the event of the Civil Treasury at Tellicherry being abolished and came to the conclusion that no additional establishment need be granted to that officer on this account.

11. The chief reason for this decision was the smallness of the additional work thus imposed on the Paymaster. The Government calculated that "his additional receipts under the new plan will be about one and a half lacs, or from one

"one-fourth to one-fifth of
"the present receipts" (para 2)
and again "the actual cash
"transactions of the Pay-
"master at present are
"stated above at six and a
"half to nearly eight lacs,
"but his payments of all
"kinds, for which he has to
"keep accounts amount to
"above twenty one lacs: "one and
"a half lac added to this
"amount is quite insignificant"
(para 5)

12. In para 2 of the same
Proceedings the Government
say "the cash now sent
"to the Paymaster yearly
"for Military Payments is
"nearly eight lacs, as stated
"in Board's Proceedings

of

"of October 31st. (para 4)
"or six and a half lacs as
"stated by Mr. Grant in his
"letter recorded above."

13 The Board's Proceed-
ings 31st October 1860 (recorded
in Govt. Proceedings 29th Novem-
ber 1860. No. 2268) para 4 state
that "the remittances made to
"the Tellicherry Treasury in 1859
"amounted to Rs. 11,02,927,
"out of which 7,79,207 were
"disbursed for Military, and
"Rs. 1,56,197 for Civil and mis-
"cellaneous purposes". This
surely does not show that the
cash sent to the Paymaster
was only "eight lacs."

14. Again with reference
to the statement attributed
to Mr. Grant, viz. that the
Paymaster had 6 1/2 lacs
only per annum. Mr. Grant's

letter

letter and enclosure of 1st February 1861 seem to have been sent in reply to a Memorandum or Telegram from this office the nature of which cannot now be discovered, but as the statement forwarded by Mr. Grant is entitled "Detailed statement of additional amount which with reference to the "past year it is estimated will have to pass through "the Military Paymaster "at Cannanore" during a year" it would appear that Mr. Grant wanted to show the extra work thrown on the Paymaster by the abolition of the Tellicherry Treasury and which was represented by an amount of nearly 8
lacs

Military Paymaster	6,44,500
Commissariat	1,15,612
Civil	34,100
	<hr/> 7,94,212

lacs (as per margin) and not 1 1/2 lacs as supposed in the G. O.

15. The mistake (if one it is) seems to have arisen from taking the last two columns of this statement as representing the additional amount which the Paymaster would have to disburse the first column being supposed to represent the previous annual cash transactions of the Paymaster.

16. The Accountant General in his statement of 25th January 1861 shews that the Deputy Paymaster of Malabar and Canara disbursed over 21 lacs in 1859-60 and it is difficult to understand what is meant in para 5 of the G. O. when the

"actual"

"actual cash transactions" are spoken of as between six and eight lacs while the "payments of all kinds" amount to above 21 lacs.

17. If I am right the Paymaster who previously dealt with 21 lacs had now to deal with $21 + 8 = 29$ lacs.

18. If such was the case a demand for extra aid would not be unreasonable and the claim of the Paymaster to additional remuneration would be strengthened.

19. It is possible however that the 7,80,000 Rs. referred to by the Board (para 13 above) as having been disbursed from the

Tellicherry

or the Paymaster may have operated upon this sum by means of cheques.

Tellicherry Treasury for Military purposes may have been sent to the Paymaster and, so may have formed part of the 21 lacs mentioned by the Accountant General as the extent of annual disbursements from the Cannanore Pay office.

20. It is also only reasonable to suppose that had the argument in G.O. 19th February 1861 No. 386 been based on a mistake, such mistake would long ago have been brought to notice by the Board, Collector, Paymaster or Accountant General.

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My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 11th 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,
Yours obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Capital Dangers
claim to be
the only
Cigarette

The Order

Remarks by the
Honble J. P. P. P.

When Disallowed
Ordered increased
25-5-64
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By the Honble

Revenue Department

N^o 989-10

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 10th June 1864

Read the following letter
from the Acting Deputy Paymaster,
Malabar and Canara:

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(Here entered 9th April 1864
N^o 639)

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Revenue Dept^t
Pro: of Govt for June.

Pro No. 133 - 135
7-7-63

N. 989.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
D^d 10th June 1864.

From Captain Douglas Esq
5 July 64 C. 1800

Captain Douglas
claim for enhanced
allowances for having
been in charge of the
Civil Treasury at Tanjore.
more, negatived.

N. 113 & 114.