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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 76. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1865, No. 3,477.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 1st May 1865, No. 62 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward, for the Board's consideration, transcript of the correspondence noted in the margin, and to request that after perusing it by the light of my letter embodied in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1862, No. 660, they will apply to Government for permission to have the unadjusted advances, particularized in the accompanying Memorandum, written off to profit and loss.

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2. A sum of Rupees 6 was, by mistake, paid to two Privates who were on leave. As one of these men has since died, and the other has been struck off the strength of the Regiment, and is not to be found, I beg to request sanction to disburse this amount to the Officer in charge of Pensioners at Arcot, for the purpose of being paid to the proper party.

3. In soliciting the Board's support in this matter, I can conscientiously say that every effort has been made to effect a closer adjustment of these accounts. The list of correspondence in the Account Department bears ample testimony to the perseverance and industry which have been expended on this matter. I have no hesitation in saying that any further research is utterly futile, and a mere waste of the time, which should be devoted to more useful purpose.

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From M. VENKATA RATNA PILLAY, Deputy Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 20th April 1865, No. 166.

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2. In consequence of the delay which occurred in the payment of these pensions, the Government, in their Proceedings, No. 769, dated 28th February 1862, annexing an extract of Telegram No. 769, to the Sub-Collector, ordered the immediate payment of pensions, but in the hurry and confusion which arose in carrying out the orders of Government in question, over-payments appear to have been made. The amount advanced (I mean advance because money was distributed before the passing of the Abstract by the Military Paymaster,) during the time the Department was in charge of the Civil Authorities, *i.e.*, from January to the end of June 1862* amounted, in the aggregate, to Rupees 2,07,445-8-4, of which Rupees 2,07,117-2-1 were adjusted, leaving a balance of Rupees 328-6-3 as irrecoverable. To which amount is to be added 6 Rupees, being a portion of a pension due to a pensioner at Trichinopoly, the whole amount of pension having been, by mistake, paid to two shareholders† who were not entitled for the whole. A Memorandum shewing the above details, is also herewith submitted.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON, *Collector.*

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ABSTRACT.—List shewing the unadjusted advances made to the Military Pensioners lately transferred to the Civil Authorities.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of a letter from the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, dated 29th April 1865.

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No. 77.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1865, No. 1,536.

1. Sanctioned as requested.
2. The case exemplifies the difficulties attendant in the attempt to transfer payment of Military Pensions to the Civil Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

H. Dalyell
Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with enclosures.

Copy to J. D. Robinson. Esq., Collector of North Arcot.

No. 1536.

Sanctioned as requested.
The case exemplifies the difficulties attendant on the attempt to transfer pensions from Civil Establishments to Civil Depts.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 1755.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 23rd June 1865.

No. 3,477.

Recommending that sanction be granted for writing off to Profit and loss Rupees 334-6-3, irrecoverable advance made to Military Pensioners in North Arcot, from January to June 1806.