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No. 417. Read the following letter from R. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Deputy Accountant General, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 18th August 1865, No. 34:—

SIR,

1. The effect of forwarding for remarks (with your Order No. 1,557, dated 8th ultimo) the Revenue Board's No. 3,612, dated 29th June, was to ask for recommendation touching all forms of bills. No recommendation could be framed till more was known of the requirements of Provincial accounts, and I shall at present say nothing of Contingent Bill forms. I am daily expecting the printed forms, which I found and left, in use in North-Western Provinces, of which two years' experience enables me to certify that they are excellent, as facilitating check and record, whether by myself or the countersigning Officer, and give no trouble to the District Office, whether to understand or prepare; on receipt of them I will communicate with the Board.

2. In Establishment Bills some changes are necessary, and others highly to be recommended. I fully agree that to detail the names of Peons and servants in every month's bill is to take, and cause, inordinate trouble without the slightest profit; any check which it may seem necessary to require from me on claims to gratuity can be given just as well if, when preparing the detailed Statements in triplicate of men serving in pension grades, Officers send me a separate single list of Peons and servants. The Peons and servants of every minor office may be grouped, as they are now detailed, under the Establishment of that office, and if it be thought advisable that they be shewn in grades (*e. g.*, so many Peons on Rupees 8, so many on Rupees 7, &c., &c.,) I shall raise no objection.

3. This reform will, as the Board says, save much labor in District offices; the other changes will not increase it, for they involve merely the entering in smaller bills the details formerly included in two large ones. At present a District Officer submits two bills; that for the Hoozoor Establishment includes the pay of all his gazetted subordinates and of the head quarter Establishments in all departments; the other, that of all Talook Establishments in all departments. Superior orders and the exigencies of the new registers require that the pay of all gazetted Officers be included in one bill, separate from the Establishment bills; but I had recommended, and in one place introduced, the same reform under the old system. For the rest I recommend that for each main head of charge there should be a separate bill, this will increase no one's labor, and be a considerable convenience to me. Thus, instead of including all fixed charges in two great bills, Collectors will divide them into six bills, (1) Gazetted Officers; (2) Salt Establishments, Hoozoor and Talook; (3) Customs Establishments, Land or Sea, Hoozoor and Talook; (4) Abkarry Establishment, also Hoozoor and Talook; (5) all other Hoozoor Establishments of Collector and Magistrate, and his subordinates; (6) all other Talook Establishments. The inclusion of the Establishment of the two great departments, Land Revenue and Magisterial, is continued under the arrangement that one-fifth of the total is the fair magisterial charge; and the division of these charges into the two bills Hoozoor and Talook is desired by the Revenue Board, whose wishes I am happy to meet.

4. Yesterday I explained my proposals to the Secretary of the Board, and no objection was raised; I am now sending for its information a copy of this letter. I trust any further orders of Government will be communicated to me speedily, that the requisite Circular may be prepared for circulation to all District Officers with the new forms of bill.

No. 418. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1865, No. 1,983.

Miscellaneous.

The Government desire to know whether the Accountant General approves of the changes proposed in the above letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Accountant General.

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Acct. Gen. Asst. Genl.
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Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
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24th August/65.

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To, The Secy to Govt
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Submits Certain Proposals in regard to the forms of bills to be submitted for Audit under the Charge of System of Accounts.-

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With Order