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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th September 1865.*

No. 600. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Financial Department:—

Relieving the Quarter Master General from the
duty of checking the mileage bills of Officers
travelling within their Districts, and direct-
ing that Police and other Officers be required
to append to their bills, a certificate of honor
about the length of their marches, and that
the bills of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools
be checked by the countersigning Officers. } (Here enter 22nd September 1865, No. 449.)

No. 601. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1865, No. 2,352.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to Revenue Board, Survey and Settle-
ment Departments, Inám Commissioner, and Conservator
of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
„ the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
„ the do. Director of Revenue Settlement,
„ the do. Inám Commissioner,
„ the do. Conservator of Forests, } with Proceedings Financial Department,
No. 449.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
22nd September 1865.*

No. 65. Read the following letter from R. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Deputy Accountant General, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 12th September 1865, No. 90.

Post Audit Department.

An usage prevails here of asking the Quarter Master General of the Army to check all mileage bills of officers travelling within their Districts. He has recourse in the first instance to route books, but when the hamlets may not be named therein, the distance between the point of departure and the point of arrival is picked off on the Atlas sheets. These frequent references, of course, give that officer much trouble, and I learn privately that he is discontented, though as yet he has made no formal complaint. But I submit that these references are unnecessary, and that the results must be delusive. They are unnecessary, as not made elsewhere,—delusive, because a District Officer's camp cannot always, or generally, be pitched at the encamping ground or a village site which must be the ends of the measuring clerk's imaginary line of march. And I with confidence recommend, as an arrangement more satisfactory in every way, that distances shown in such bills should generally be accepted on a certificate from the officer drawing them, that he has taken pains to ascertain the length of his marches, and has shown them accurately to the best of his knowledge and belief.

2. I think, however, that there is one class of officers in whose case further check is possible and desirable. Deputy Inspectors of Schools are Natives on moderate pay, probably little in the habit of estimating distances, and still less able to compute them by English miles. Their journeys, however, must as a rule be from school to school, that is between fixed well known points; and if they go to other places, their departmental superiors would probably wish to be informed of the divergence and its cause. A Polymetrical table of distances for all the schools in a Deputy Inspector's charge could, doubtless, be prepared without difficulty, whereby the officer countersigning the bill could check the distances shown. The Director may urge that the duty of checking such statements rather pertains to my office, but I submit that the countersigning officer must apply some check, that this is the only possible check, that I could know nothing of divergencies, or of the conditions which make one order of visiting more desirable than another, that, in short, my check would be more mechanical and applied with greater labor.

3. The sum of my recommendations then is, that the Quarter Master General be no longer troubled to check mileages, that Police and other officers be directed to append a certificate of honor to their bills, and that those of Deputy Inspectors of Schools be checked by the countersigning officer by formal Polymetrical tables, or by information specially called for.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1865, No. 449.

No. 66. His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the recommendations submitted in the foregoing letter, and resolves accordingly to relieve the Quarter Master General from the duty of checking the mileages shown in the bills of officers travelling within their Districts, and to direct that Police and other officers drawing such allowance be required to append to their bills a certificate of honor to the effect suggested at the end of the first paragraph, and that the bills of Deputy Inspectors of Schools be checked by the countersigning officers either by Polymetrical Tables or by information specially called for.

(True Extract).

To the Accountant General.
" Military Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Revenue Department.
" Judicial do.
" Quarter Master General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Acting Secretary to Government.

Communicated to Rev. Board.

Survey and Settlement Dept.
Indian Comr. & Conservator of
Forests.

To the Officer in Charge
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W. H. B. B.