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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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609. 610.

Dated 28—11. 1865.

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

No. 609. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1865, No. 6,985 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 7th October 1865, recorded in the Board's Proceedings under date 18th idem, No. 6,626.

Read also the following letter from the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd October 1865, No. 2,644.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 18th instant, requesting to be informed how the sum of Rupees 1,00,000, applied for by the Collector of Madras for expenditure under the head of Abkarry can be met, I have the honor to state that I am at present unable to point out any savings in the Budget Estimate sufficient to cover the expenditure, and it does not seem probable that so large an amount will remain unexpended from the sanctioned grants, even at the close of the current year. Under these circumstances, and as it is considered absolutely necessary to incur the charge, the local Government may be moved to authorize the disbursement of the amount as an advance, pending the submission of an application to the Government of India for an additional grant.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government, with the Board's request that the course suggested by the Accountant General in the second letter above recorded may be adopted.

2. It will be observed that as very heavy losses had occurred in the Abkarry revenue of the Town of Madras, whenever there was any failure in the supply of Colombo Arrack, it was not thought advisable by the late Collector of Madras to cancel Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s contract when they failed to deliver in Fusly 1273, lest no means might have been found to obtain a supply elsewhere. This resulted in large deliveries during Fusly 1274, and the consequent postponement, at the Collector's request, of the delivery of a large portion of the regular contract supply of that Fusly. The delivery of the balance of this latter contract during the present Fusly has nearly exhausted the Budget provision for the current official year, and the Collector has yet to pay for any deliveries made under the regular contracts for the present Fusly. It seems that these contracts have been entered into for the usual year's supply, notwithstanding it was known that a large portion of the contract of the past Fuslies would be delivered during the present one, as the loss by failure in the supply was known to be excessive, and it was well to be provided against such a contingency.

3. It is presumed that the Collector will defer the payment for a considerable portion of the present year's contract until after the close of the current official year, otherwise an additional grant of one lac of Rupees would apparently hardly be sufficient for his purpose.

No. 610. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1865, No. 2,970.

Separate Revenue, No. 29.
Abkarry.

Ordered accordingly that the Accountant General be requested to arrange for the advance to the Collector of one lac of Rupees on

account of Colombo Arrack purchased for the Abkarry of Madras Town, and that application be made to the Supreme Government, in the Financial Department, for an additional grant of this amount under the circumstances stated by the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 6,626.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th October 1865.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq, Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 7th October 1865, No. 319:—

1. I have the honor to request that a special grant of funds to the extent of 1,00,000 Rupees may be obtained from the Government of India, in order to meet the Abkarry requirements of the Madras Town.

2. The Budget provision of the present year, for the purchase of Colombo Arrack and for contingencies, was only 1,47,000, as a sum of 24,000 Rupees was struck out in the Board's office. Had the full amount been passed, it would have sufficed for the payment of the Arrack contracts of the Fasli year and for the ordinary contingencies, but the deliveries made by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. under their contracts for previous years, have already nearly exhausted the Budget provision of this year, and a considerable balance still remains to be received from them and paid for. Their contract for Fasli 1273 was for 535 leaguers, at 128 per leaguer; but during that Fasli, they only delivered 289 leaguers, the balance required being elsewhere obtained by the Abkarry Department. Notwithstanding their having failed to fulfill their contract, Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. were granted time to deliver the balance, as it was thought inexpedient to cancel their contract, and thus the deliveries under it continued throughout the Fasli 1274, and absorbed a considerable part of the Budget provision of that year. The contract for 1274 was given to the same Firm for 833 leaguers, at 194 per leaguer, and though they were ready to deliver the full amount within the Fasli, the requirements of the Department did not need it, and as no storeroom was available, they were permitted to delay the delivery to the present Fasli year. This has led to the present complication. Although it was known, when the contracts for the present year were called for, that these deliveries by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. would take place during the current Fasli, it was thought advisable to contract for a full year's supply of 833 leaguers, at 165 Rupees a leaguer, as the consequences of any failure in the supply had been found so disastrous to the revenue.

3. As the deliveries by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. will suffice for the consumption of the whole Fasli, less 300 leaguers, the balance of the present year's contract will in fact be a reserve, and it is to the payment of this reserve that the additional sum asked for will be applied. The want of such a reserve in previous years has on more than one occasion resulted in heavy losses to the Abkarry revenue, as Colombo Arrack is not obtainable except at some six months' notice, and as the taste of the public is not in favor of the Batavian Arrack, the liquor the Abkarry Department was obliged to substitute on the above-mentioned occasion.

The Accountant General will be requested to state whether the sum required by the Collector can be provided from any source in the year's Budget.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To F. Lushington, Esq., Accountant General.

Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd, J. Wright.

Enclosing Extract Proc. of the Board of Revenue to the Acting Secretary to Govt. Ry. Dept. dated 31 Oct. 1865 No 6985-

1865. Department.

Rev: 3421/65.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18*th October* 1865.

No. 6,626.

Requesting to state the source from which a sum of Rupees 100,000, applied for by the Collector of Madras for expenditure under the head of Abkarry, can be met.

Extract communicated to Govt. Rly. Dept.

Rev. 1865. Oct. 31st
Govt. for Rs. 3421.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 31 Oct. 1865.
Read 3 Nov.
Encl. 1 Letter from the Secy to Govt. of Bengal
dated 30th January 1860 & 1853
No. 2970. 28 Nov.
With an Order

Submitting with remarks letter from the Accountant General suggesting that Govt. be moved to authorize the disbursement of Rs. 1000 applied for by the Collr. of Khandesh for Expenditure under the head of Abkary pending the submission of an application to the Govt. of India for an additional Grant.

No. 2970.

Read Proceedings
that the Accnt. Genl. be requested to arrange for the withdrawal from the Collr. of Khandesh of Rupees on account of Colombo Arrack purchased for the Abkary of Khandesh Dist. & that application be made to the Govt. of India for the grant of this amt. under the circumstances stated by the Bd.

J. R.

14 To the Board of Revenue
by Secy. Accountant Genl. Dated 28 November 1865
Fin: Dept.

Wm. Dalrymple Hay
Ca. Comptr.