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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 4767 Press Mis.

Dated 11-7- 1866.

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No. 221. Read again Proceedings of Government, Military Department, dated 14th May 1866, No. 1,674, and recorded in Revenue Proceedings, 1st June 1866, No. 1,293.

Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1866, No. 4,225.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Cuttiwak, 5th June 1866, No. 166 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings,* No. 2,588 of the 14th ultimo, calling upon me to report on the cause of the delay complained of by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. in the payments of certain contracts to them, I have the honor to refer the Board to my letter of the 7th October 1865, read in their Proceedings No. 6,626 of the 18th idem.

* Enclosures returned.

2. From this letter the Board will see, that the chief reason for this delay was due, not so much to us, as to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. themselves, as, on account of their failure to deliver their supplies according to their contract, in Fusly 1273, we were necessitated to purchase Arrack elsewhere, both for our current use and for a reserve; and as this had not been provided for in the Budget for Fusly 1274, and as 24,000 Rupees had also been struck out of the Budget, a supplemental Budget had to be sent in, and until that was sanctioned, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. could not be paid.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order dated 10th April 1866, No. 817.

2. It will be observed by a reference to the correspondence quoted by the Collector, that the Budget difficulty was in part created by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s failure to fulfil their Abkarry contract for 1863-64. The difficulty should, however, have been foreseen in the Collector's Office, and Mr. Fane, in his letter of the 7th October, should have stated distinctly that Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. had put forward a claim which he had no funds to meet, when immediate orders could have been passed by Government.

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1866, No. 1,717.

Miscellaneous.

1. Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. will be informed, with reference to their letter dated 29th March 1866, that the delay in adjusting their claim for payment for Arrack was in great measure due to their own failure to fulfil their contract for the supply of Arrack in Fusly 1273, thereby necessitating purchase elsewhere and involving superfluous supplies in the following years, and the submission of a supplemental Budget to the Supreme Government to obtain funds for payment.

2. The delay in adjusting the Bill for passage of Troops per "Lord Warden" was due to a then recent change of system in the Pay Department which, however, has resulted in removing pre-existing defects, and will, the Government trust, be found by the mercantile community to work satisfactorily.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

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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.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th 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.

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Madras, 2nd October 1865.

To the Deputy Collector of Madras.

Sir,

We have the honor to send herewith a Memorandum of the deliveries made in last month under your Arrack Contract of 1864 showing an amount due to us of Rs 12,185-15-2 which if found correct, we request may be remitted to us.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Arbuthnot & Co.

Madras, 12th October 1865.

To the Deputy Collector of Madras.

Sir,

With reference to our letter to you of the 2nd instant we have the honor to request that you will be so good as to send us in the course of the day the amount viz Rs 12,185-15-2 being the value of Arrack supplied by us last month, as we have to remit the amount to Ceylon by the steamer expected tomorrow.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Arbuthnot & Co.

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Deputy Collector's Office
Madras 12th October 1865.

To
Messrs Arbuthnot & Co
Madras

Gentlemen

I regret to observe, in reply to your letter of this date, that no money is available from our Budget, in consequence of which, we have been obliged to seek the sanction of the authorities, for a supplemental Budget - As soon as this is received, I shall not delay letting you know of it to pay the amounts due for the Arrack supplies -

I have the honor to be Yours &c
(Signed) V. Ramaswamy Pr
By Collector

Madras, 20th October 1865.

The Deputy Collector of Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, we have the honor to request that you will be so good as to let us know whether the sanction of the authorities for your supplemental Budget had been obtained, and if so, when you will be

are sustaining thro' the unusual delay which had taken place -

We have the honor to be Yours &c
(Signed) Arbuthnot & Co

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Dy Collectors Office
Madras 14th Decr 1865.

To
Messrs Arbuthnot & Co
Madras

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 14th Inst. we have the honor to state that we have at our disposal Rs 16000 on account of Varahana Nattu Pallai, & that I shall be ready to pay it to you on sanction received to the Supplemental Budget, recently submitted to the Govt -

I have the honor to be Yours &c
(Signed) V. Ramaswamy Pr
By Collector.

Madras 18th December 1865.

The Deputy Collector of Madras.

Sir,

I am enclosing our Memo: for the delivery of

of Arrack made in last month showing
Rupees 12751-8-4 due to us we shall be glad
to know when we may expect to receive the
amount of the same together with the two
previous Bills amounting in all to Rs 37468-14-4
We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Arbuthnot & Co

Madras, 18th December 1865.

The Deputy Collector of Madras

Sir,

With reference to our letter to you of the
1st instant, we have the honor to request that you
will be so good as send us the amount of Rs 37468-14-4
being the value of Arrack supplied to you from
September to 30th Ultimo. Also the Rupees 16000/ you
hold at our disposal from the money due to
S. Saravana Mootoo.

We would once more bring to your notice
the serious loss of interest which has accrued
to us through the delay in remitting us the
money above applied for.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Arbuthnot & Co

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be in a position to pay us the amount due to us
for the Arrack supplied in last month.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Arbuthnot & Co

By Collector's Office
196 Madras, 24th October 1865

To,
Messrs Arbuthnot & Co
Madras

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant,
I beg to state that the Budget in question is
pending in the Board & has been sanctioned
& received, which I think will be soon, &
shall let you know of it, to take payment
of the money.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) V. Ramaswamy
Dy Collector

Madras, 1st Nov 1865

The Deputy Collector of Madras

Sir, We have the honor to send herewith a

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in the following year - and
the submission of a supple-
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a Memorandum of the deliveries made in last month under your Arrack Contract of 1864 showing an amount due to us of Rs. 12531. 6- 0 which if found Correct we request may be remitted to us-

We further request to remind you of your letter to us of 24th ultimo and hope that you will be so good as to send us the amount for our Arrack bill for the months of September last together with the above sum -

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servants
Signed for Binnet Christie & Co

Madras, 14th November 1865.

To
The Deputy Collector of Madras.

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose an open letter from P. Sasavana Mootoo, requesting you to hold at our disposal the sum of Rupees Seventy thousand (Rs. 70,000) which we will be glad to hear you can do - We shall also feel obliged by your informing us when we may look for payment for the Arrack delivered to your Department during the last two months - We need not point out to you the loss of interest which we are

Revenue Department -

Dr. 1717.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 11th July 1866.

Read a report from the Bro: of Govt &c. dated 7th May 1866, & letter from Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. dated 29th March 1866, & Read the following

Bro: of the Board of Revenue -

Submitting with ref= =marks, letter from Collr of Madras explaining delay complained of by Messrs Arbuthnot & Co in payt of certain Arrack bills -

(Here ends 21st June 1866, No 4,225) -

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" Messrs Schuchardt & Co Hamburg

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Pro of the Madras
Government
Fy 11th July 66.

Mesrs Arbuthnot
& Co informed of the Govt
of the delay in the payment
for arack supplied to the
Coll of Madras. —

No 221-222.