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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th August 1866.*

No. 176. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1866, No. 5,080.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th June 1866, No. 170:—

1. Adverting to the Government Order of the 10th May 1855, No. 570, Revenue Department, I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Charges to be incurred for the purchase of woollen cloth for renewing the Jackets of the Revenue Peons employed in the Neilgherry Hills, amounting to Rupees 135, for which I request the Board's sanction.

2. In their Proceedings, dated 20th January 1866, No. 482, the Board sanctioned a sum of Rupees 210 for the purchase of sixty yards of woollen cloth for the renewal of the Jackets of the Huzoor Peons proceeding to the Neilgherries on duty. This expenditure was intended to be met from the provision made in the Budget for 1865-66; but as the cloth was not procurable here, it was not purchased within that official year. However, when lately on the Hills on Jummahbundy, I succeeded in purchasing the sixty yards at a cost of Rs. 2-4-0 per yard, or Rs. 135 in all, the saving from the sanctioned amount being Rupees 75. Of these sixty yards, I have distributed thirty among the Peons of my Office, this quantity being considered sufficient for them for the present, and have given the remaining thirty yards to some of the Peons on the Establishment of the Special Assistant Collector, Tahsildar, and Sub-Magistrates. The total quantity of cloth required for the thirty Peons on the Hills is seventy-five yards, at 2½ yards each, of which deducting the thirty yards supplied to them as above shown, the net quantity still required is forty-five yards, the estimated value of which, at the rate of Rupees 3 per yard, amounts to Rupees 135. This sum, as well as the price of the sixty yards already purchased, viz., Rupees 135, making in all 270, can be met from the 300 Rupees provided on account of Contingencies under Land Revenue in the current year's Budget.

3. The last supply to the Neilgherry Peons was sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th June 1864, No. 3,996, and it is now two years since the cloth was given to them.

4. In their Orders noted in the margin, Government sanctioned the supply of woollen cloth to the Neilgherry Peons once in two years; but past experience shows that it is necessary that their Jackets should be renewed

Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 2nd November 1850.
Do. dated 10th May 1855, No. 570.

annually. They are worn out within a year, and the Government Peons are often to be seen going about in torn and worn out clothes, and looking most disreputable.

5. The private servants of gentlemen on the Hills require at least one suit of warm clothing per annum, and I do not see how the Peons, who have to move about, can be expected to do with less. Under these circumstances, I request sanction for an annual instead of a biennial supply.

6. The Peons employed in the Public Bungalows and at the Toll Gates, &c., should also have their Jackets renewed. As the cost of the same should be charged to Local Funds, a separate estimate will be submitted for the Board's sanction.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate of the quantity and value of woollen cloth to be purchased for Jackets for the Peons employed on the Neilgherries, in the District of Coimbatore.

Under the authority conveyed in the Government Order, dated 10th May 1850, the Board of Revenue sanction the estimate received with the above letter, amounting to Rupees 135, and resolve to submit the letter to Government, with the recommendation that the Collector's proposal in paragraphs 4 and 5 to supply the woollen cloth *annually*, instead of biennially, as at present, be sanctioned.

No. 177.

ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1866, No. 1,991.

Miscellaneous.

The supply of woollen cloth to Peons employed on the Neilgherry Hills is sanctioned annually, as now requested, instead of once in two years.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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

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n. & p. to the Revenue Dept.
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