

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2072

Press

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335-336

Dated 14-8-1866.

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No. 335. Read the following letter from the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 27th July 1866, No. 208:—

1. I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, appealing against the ruling of the Examiner of Claims, disallowing certain items in a contingent Bill for want of special sanction of Government, and requesting that Government will be pleased to grant to the Superintendent authority to purchase articles within certain limits without reference to Government.

2. As the amounts of the several items objected to by the Examiner of Claims are Rupees 38, Rupees 30, and Rupees 12, this may, I think, fairly be regarded as an appeal against the limitation (Rupees 5) specified in paragraph 21, Chapter V., Civil Auditor's Manual, and which Government recognized in their Proceedings, dated 7th September 1863, No. 1,436, Judicial, and 29th April 1865, No. 638, Judicial.

3. The Order referred to by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey simply placed him as a controlling authority upon the same footing with those who are vested with that power by Extract Minutes of Consultation, 26th January 1853, No. 46, Financial, and in no way exempts him from the limitation above-mentioned.

4. I should be sorry, therefore, to see any exception made to the rule, which I consider to be a wholesome check over expenditure.

From the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated on circuit Ootacamund, 7th July 1866, No. 1,033-34.

1. I have the honor to state that although I am by G. O., dated 15th February 1858, No. 191, authorized to purchase instruments up to the amount of 300 Rupees without special sanction, and to pass charges up to 100 Rupees incurred by Officers in the District Survey parties, yet the Examiner of Claims has refused to allow certain petty charges as shown in the margin.

3rd July 1861, No. 1,321.

Rupees 38 for clothing for Peons and Measurers employed on the Neelgherry Hills.
Rupees 30 for books for the use of District Officers.
Do. 12 for racks for the storage of records.

2. I have the honor to request that, in order to avoid the necessity of constant reference to Government, I may be authorized to purchase such articles as may be absolutely necessary within certain limits without special permission previously obtained.

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ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1866, No. 2,072.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Accountant General's interpretation of the existing orders relating to contingent charges, is correct.

But of the three items retrenched by the Examiner of Claims, the first two are evidently for the District Officers, and as such, the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey is competent to pass them. However, to avoid further delay and correspondence, sanction is granted for Rupees (80) eighty.

2. The Government see no reason to grant any exceptional powers to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, as requested in paragraph 2 of Major Hessey's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.

„ the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

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The Govt. see no reason to grant

any exceptional powers to the Sup^{ts}
of Real Surveys as requested in
para 2 of Major Messely's letter. -

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6 Accts LL on 15th Aug 1888.

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