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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 730
414-16.

Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 26-3- 1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th March 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 414. From the Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 6th March 1866, No. 142.

1. In compliance with the Order of Government, under date the 20th February 1866, I directed Mr. Charles Dawson to proceed and take charge of the Neddivuttum Chinchona Plantation; at the same time directing Lieutenant Nichol to hand over charge and to remove to the Pykara Plantation* until the 31st instant, intimating that after that date his services would be no longer required.

* *Vide* Copies A. and B.

2. Mr. Dawson, in compliance with these instructions, proceeded to Neddivuttum to take charge of the plantations on the 1st instant, Lieutenant Nichol refused to give over charge, and treated Mr. Dawson with the utmost contempt, forwarding to me letters Nos. 10, 11, 12, and 13, in which he declines to make over charge of the plantations. On the receipt of these letters, I again addressed Lieutenant Nichol, informing him that in consequence of his refusal to obey orders, he was dismissed from the 1st instant,† and I directed Mr. Dawson to assume charge of the plantations, and at the same time I sent out my Accountant to audit Lieutenant Nichol's advance accounts. At this time Lieutenant Nichol would appear to have been acting like a raving maniac, exerting himself to subvert all authority among the establishment. On the Accountant presenting himself to audit the advance accounts, Lieutenant Nichol received him in a most boisterous and threatening manner, slamming the door in his face, and ordering him "off," and would not permit the Accountant to have access to the books, or give any information. Lieutenant Nichol having now it appears removed the books and all papers from the plantations, and deposited them somewhere in Ootacamund, *vide* original letter No. 15.

† *Vide* Copy C. and G. O. Circular No. 646, dated 9th June 1857, No. 1,899.

3. The Assistant Superintendents on each plantation receive certain sums as an advance, in order to purchase grain, advance to laborers, &c. These advances are not entered in our accounts, but remain as out-standing against the Assistant Superintendents, who are responsible for them until refunded, or proper vouchers produced for the expenditure. Lieutenant Nichol has been frequently called upon to produce these vouchers or to refund the money, but invariably excused himself for the time; and I have now reason to believe that a sum of about Rupees 500 has been misapplied.

4. The malignity shewn by Lieutenant Nichol, combined with the recklessness of his actions, render it dangerous for him to remain on the premises, especially as the buildings are thatched, and might be fired in a moment. I have therefore directed Mr. Dawson to apply for the aid of the Magistrate to enable him to carry out the orders of Government.

5. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to solicit the favor of being instructed how to proceed in this matter.

No. 415. From Lieutenant G. NICHOL, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Neddivuttum, 6th March 1866.

1. As the Superintendent of the Government Gardens, Ootacamund, has informed me that he does not communicate with you direct, I take the liberty of laying the enclosed letter before you, together with my reply thereto, and I respectfully beg of you, in justice and humanity, to lay them before His Excellency the Governor in Council, with a view at least that I may be allowed a month or even fifteen days to arrange for the removal of my family from Neddivuttum.

2. If Mr. McIvor has any just cause of complaint against me, or if I have committed myself in any way, he can obtain legal redress in the ordinary course, but I cannot believe that Government will allow him to traduce my character, and to behave so harshly and unjustly towards me as he has done.

3. It suits my circumstances to continue in my present temporary employment for a little time, and If Mr. McIvor cannot shew sufficient cause why I should be removed from it, I beg to submit that it is unfair to thrust myself and family out of what we have come to consider a home, on such short notice and in such a violent manner, for no other reason that I am aware of than to make room for a member of a family with which Mr. McIvor is connected in several trading and planting operations.

No. 416. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1866, No. 730.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Governor in Council observes that Lieutenant Nichol has, by refusing to obey the orders of the Head of his Department, and retaining the accounts of the Plantation, placed it out of the power of Government to entertain his complaint, or to retain him in his present position.

2. He must vacate the house at Neddivuttum, if he has not already quitted it, by the 31st instant, and forthwith give up the accounts which are the property of Government. If he fails to comply with these requisitions, Mr. McIvor must apply to the Magistracy for asisstance.

3. As to the audit of Lieutenant Nichol's accounts, the Government consider it desirable that this should be performed by a special Officer, as a very serious charge is brought against Lieutenant Nichol, who on his part denies that his accounts have ever been audited. Under such circumstances the appointment of an independent Officer will prevent dispute, and the Government resolve to instruct the Collector of Coimbatore to depute his Special Assistant for the duty, or if he be not immediately available, to undertake it himself, the result being reported to Government.

4. The Governor in Council remarks, that although the power of appointing his own Assistants has been left to Mr. McIvor, because he is most competent to judge of their qualifications for the peculiar work entrusted to him, this does not vest him with the power of summarily dismissing any Assistant not expressly engaged on trial. Once permanently appointed, an Assistant becomes entitled to the same privileges as other public servants. In the present instance, the Govern-

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ment have nothing on their records to shew on what terms Lieutenant Nichol was engaged, and in what respects, prior to the present occurrences, he has failed to give satisfaction, and they did not suppose that their approval of Mr. Dawson's appointment to Neddivuttum would involve more than an exchange of appointments.

5. Looking at the position of his Assistants, the Government consider it desirable that in future Mr. McIvor should nominate them on probation for a period not exceding twelve months, during which they will of course draw full pay. If Mr. McIvor is satisfied that they possess the requisite qualifications for their important situations, he will then submit their names to Government for confirmation, and the sanction of Government will be necessary for their removal at any future period.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To W. G. McIvor, Esq.
" the Collector of Coimbatore.

Barasat @ 9 Le 21 Nichol

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 15 of 1866.

To

The Superintendent
Prot. Chin. Mantle
Potacammund

Sir

As my accounts have not
been audited, by you during the
time I have been on Mille Etudes
I have for my own security locked
up and taken away all the books &
papers relating thereto and lodged
them in proper hands. They will
be produced at an audit, and on
a discharge being received, given up
agreeable to the Order.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servt.

Kettlemuttom P.C. Pts
5th March 1866.

Geo. Friebel
Asst. Supt. P.C. Pts

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Dec 13th 1866.

Lt. Col. Dr. Irwin Esqr
Deputy Assistant Adjt. Genl
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to forward the accompanying letter and Copies of letters for their addresses viz: The Hon.ble the Chief Secretary to Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
G. Nicholson
Capt. Adjt. 2 C. Rifles

Neddiamatting 2 C. Rifles
2nd March 1866

No. 12 of 1866.

To
The Rev. J. McEvoy Esq.
Superintendent of R.C. Schools
Portumna

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Mr. Mackenzie, Acting Clerk of the Petty Sessions Court for Portumna, Portumna, will be absent on leave for a period of one month.

I trust you will give me the benefit of your advice on this subject.

I am, Sir, Mackenzie, handing over charge of the Petty Sessions Court for Portumna.

I have, the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Jos. Nicholson
Under Sec. R.C. Schools

Redelivered 2nd March 1866

Rᵈ 11th Jan. 1866.

To
The Hon.ᵇˡᵉ R. J. Uniacke
Chief Secretary to
Government
Nundrah.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you
a Copy of a letter from Rᵇ Rᵈ Jno. Collins
from Lima, on the 24th Ult. and also
a Copy of my reply.

I beg to bring to your notice -
First - That I should not be subjected
to this unnecessary trouble and dismissal
on Cause of Complaint being alleged against
Second - That I should not have the
Accounts of Contributions entitled my accounts
have been thoroughly audited.
Third - If any appear strange to me
it never strikes me that my accounts
have not been audited since I first took
Charge on the 1st May 1864 up to the present
date, the accounts being properly supplied
to be audited every month.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Geo Nicholson
Rᵈ Jnᵒ Collins
Chinchona Plantations.

Received 13th March 1866.

(Copy of Letter)

"Copy of Letter"

No. 10 of 1866

From Lieut. Col. Lane
Officiating Assistant A.G.
Portsmouth

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. No. 133 of 1866, directing me to proceed on the 27th instant, giving me notice to obtain an change of Route to No. 6 Pandora on the 1st March, and to proceed to Fyzabad on the following day and that on the 31st March my Command will be fully organized.

First — I cannot have Stabling and Forage for my Horses on such short notice.

Second — I do not think I should be justified in making the Journey you suggest until my Recruits for the Mounted Corps have been first Drilled.

Lieutenant Lane C.E. Officiating
28th February 1866

"Same Copy" Geo. Brickell
Lieut. & Adjt. 1st Bn. 2nd Regt. Punjab Infy.

(Copy of a letter)

Government Gardens
Bobdanmund 26th February 1816

No 133

From
The Superintendent
Government Chinchona Plantation
Bobdanmund

To
Captain G. Bidbrook
Apptd Asst to Sup.t of C. Plants
Neilgherry Hills

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to deliver over charge of the Neilgherry Chinchona Plantations to Mr Charles Cameron on the 1st Proxo. and that you will procure his signature to the list of Tools, Furniture, Stores &c. delivered to his charge forwarding a duplicate of the same to this Office.

2d You will proceed to Sykarah on the 2d Proxo. and receive charge of this Plantation satisfying yourself of the correctness of the lists of tools, Furniture, Stores &c. belonging to the Sykarah Plantation, and grant Mr Cameron a receipt in duplicate for the same.

3 — You will retain charge of the Sykarah Plantation until the 31st Proxo. after which date your services will not be required.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
"Signed" G. Biddbrook
Capt. Asst to Govt Chin. Plants

True Copy
G. Biddbrook
Apptd Asst to Govt Chin. Plants

No. 133.

Plac. 26th February 1862

A

Capt. G. Nichol

Apt. Supt. Govt. Chin. Plants

Neddiyuttum

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to deliver over charge of the Neddiyuttum Chinchona Plantation to Mr. Charles Dawson on the 1st Prox. and that you will procure his signature to the lists of tools, Furniture, Stores &c. delivered to his charge, forwarding a duplicate of the same to this office.

2. You will proceed to Pykara on the 2nd Prox. and receive charge of this plantation satisfying yourself of the correctness of the lists of tools, furniture, Stores &c. belonging to the Pykara plantation, & grant Mr. Dawson a receipt in Duplicate for the same.

3. You will retain charge of the Pykara Plants until the 31st Prox. after this date your services will not be required.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) W. G. McIvor.

Supt. Govt. C. P.

(True Copy)

J. Babcock

Dy. Supt. Govt. C. P.

No. 135

B

To

Capt. G. Nichol

Apt. Supt. Govt. C. P. Neddiyuttum

Sir

In acknowledging your letter of this days date I have the honor to inform you that I require immediate attention to the orders conveyed in my letter of the 26th Inst.

It need not occupy three hours for you to remove to Pykara, and I cannot view your objections in any other light than that of disobedience of orders.

Your accounts have been audited up to the 31st Ult and those of the present month will be audited so soon as you submit them, we cannot however pass charges unsupported by vouchers, and in order to avoid delay you will be good enough to submit the necessary vouchers with your accounts together with the balance of money in your hands.

The removal of your family has nothing to do with your giving over or taking charge of the plantations and I have the honor to intimate that should you cause any delay or obstruction to my orders being carried into effect I will consider you as no longer employed, and make other arrangements for the management of the Pykara plantation.

Under all circumstances you will give over charge of the Neddiemuttum plantation to Mr. Dawson tomorrow.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) W. G. McIvor
Supt. Govt. C. P.

28th February 1866.

(True Copy)
G. Bateock
Dy Supt. Govt. Chin. Plan.s

No. 137. C.

Capt.n G. Nichol
Neddiemuttum

Sir

I learn with regret from Mr. Dawson that you declined to deliver over charge of the Neddiemuttum Plantation as directed in my letter of the 26th Ult. In consequence of the opposition you have thus offered and having already warned you of the consequences of doing so, I am now constrained to dismiss you from the date you refused to give over charge. You will therefore understand that you are no longer employed in the Chinchona Dept. You will remove from the Bungalow as soon as possible and in the meantime I have directed Mr. Dawson to assume charge of the Plantations, and I shall hold you responsible for all loss which may accrue through your disobedience of orders.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) W. G. McIvor
Supt. Govt. Chin. Plant.s

2nd March 1866.

(True Copy)
G. Bateock
Dy Supt. Govt. Chin. Plant.s

In a letter from the Supt.
Govt. Chinchona Plantns.
Ootacamund to the Secretary
to Govt. Rev: dept. Madras
No. 142 dated 6th March
1866

Rec. 703/66.

Proc. 26th March 1866 No. 414

Rec'd 20th March 1866

"Copy of letter."

No. 16 of 1866.

Copy W. G. Hy. Esqr. re
Superintendent Govt. Garden
Botheamund

Sir,

I received your letter of the 3rd Inst. early this morning at 11 o'Clock, I shall not reply at present, to the suspicions you express in the first paragraph of it, but you will certainly hear from me or from my Solicitor on the subject hereafter.

I have offered no obstructions to you in the execution of what you consider your duty except in so far as I consider necessary for my own safety. It does not suit my convenience to leave here before the first of next month, and unless you carry out your threat of having me turned out forcibly I shall not leave.

The person you have appointed to succeed me, has taken charge of the Estate, and under your instructions he gave me 15 minutes to remove my family and my property from Richdavontem. Even if I were disposed to leave on such short notice, it was utterly impossible that I could arrange to do so in so short a time, especially when I was told that I could not be allowed a single Cooly from the Estate for the purpose.

On mentioning this he collected every soldier & person on the property to remove me and mine by force, but he has thought better of it and has withdrawn for the present from using such unusual and illegal violence.

I am not aware that the Estate accounts are more than the advance accounts have ever been audited and I cannot abide by the result of a cursory and incomplete examination of them by persons who are notoriously interested in my removal.

I conclude you refer in the 4th Paragraph of your letter to the Secretary to Govt. to the audit of your advances, as the accounts of the Estate have always been audited monthly. I never audit advance accounts nor can I see how you are responsible for all advances you incur, and only when an advance is adjusted can an account of this nature be audited. On receiving reports of your having misapplied money entrusted to you to advance for grain and to procure labor for the plantations, I called upon you to submit accounts showing how the advances had been applied, this you declined to furnish, I sent on two or three different occasions the office accountant to make up your accounts, when you placed impediments in his way, and subsequently I appointed the Reg. Clerk, Mr. Hair, and Mr. Dawson to go through the advance accounts with you, and their statement shows a sum of upwards of $6 700/ accounts for;

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt.
(Signed) W. G. Hy. Esqr.
Supt. Govt. Chin. Plantn.

Govt. Garden
Botheamund
3rd March 1866.

I do not consider myself responsible for unadjusted advances, and I will not lend myself to the System which I believe at one time existed, on these Estates for the Appointment of such expenditure,

The persons you have deputed from time to time for examining my accounts have no authority to pass them and as you will not examine them yourself I have already reported, & placed them in the hands of Gentlemen, with whom should neither you nor I can object. I have done this, not only, to have the matter finally settled, but to secure them from being forcibly removed from any charge unfavorably compared with misapplied money entrusted to me, this report was made to you by an overseer who I had occasion to find fault with and who was allowed to resign.

At the time you received the report you Characterized it as a malicious and revengeful contrivt, and you receive the Subject, evidently, to strengthen your violent proceedings against me.

As you state that you are not in Correspondence with Government, and as you have refused to place my objections & your proceedings directly before them I have no alternative, but to do so myself.

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
Geo Nicholl
Dpty. Supt. G.C.P.

Madduwatturn
Govt. Coffee Plant.
6th March 1866

A true Copy
Geo Nicholl

To
The Hon.ble H. T. Ibbetson
Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir

As the Superintendent of the Government Gardens Ootacamund has informed me that he does not Communicate with you direct, I take the liberty of laying the enclosed letter before you together with my reply thereto, and I respectfully beg of you in Justice and humanity to lay them before H.E. the Governor in Council with a view of obtaining that I may be allowed a month or even fifteen days, to arrange for the removal of my family from Neddiwattum.

If H.E. the Governor in Council any just cause of complaint against me or if I have committed myself in any manner, he can obtain legal redress in the ordinary course, but I cannot believe that Government will allow him to traduce my Character and to behave so harshly and unjustly towards me as he has done.

As to my circumstances to continue in my present temporary employment for a little time and if Mr. Dr. Love cannot show sufficient cause why I should be removed from it I beg to submit that it is unfair to thrust myself and family out of house & home in such a violent manner, for no other reason that I am aware of than to make room for a member of a family with which Mr. D. Love is connected in several trading and planting operations.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.
Geo Nicholl

Neddiwattum
Govt. Coffee Plant.
6th March 1866

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Re. 693.
From G. Nichol
Esqre.

Dated 6th March
Received 8th " 1866.

Sir

Sacro 730 26 March

Forwarding correspondence, & requesting under the circumstances stated to be allowed a month or fifteen days to arrange for the removal of his family from Neddivattam.-

Encl 415

C 12 March 1866 Rec Rec 16.

Superintendent
Govt Chinchona Plantations

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It may be well to let the Cabin licenses
for a few days, until we know whether the
(the Inspector) Magistrate has taken Mr. McLoon's views of his
powers under the I. P. Code.

But, I would ask for explanation from
Mr. McLoon as to the audit of accounts which he
alleges has been made up to the 31st January.
Duncan Captn Michael a Pensioner states that no
audit at all has been made since
the first came in the Station in the 7th May 1864.

The Code Chinese, Smith, also
appear to Mr Dawson an obstacle
explaining whether, as alleged by Captain
Michael, he (Mr McLoon) is connected with
Mr Dawson's family in planting and
trading speculations. For, if such be really
the case, it may be well to consider
the Code, whether Mr Dawson, apart from
his qualifications, is a person suitable
to be in charge and management
of the Code plantations at Kadavatta.
Overall if it be ascertained that there are
plantations on the very Island of
Kadavatta [illegible]
I enquiry what was Captain Blair, it was not wise
to tell Captain Michael he was to retain charge of Pig Kara
for only a month.

12.3.66. W.O.L

I understood that Mr Dawson's
[illegible] Petition was based
effect on [illegible] record of convict
being employed on the plantation
Kadavatta was mentioned as a pro-
[illegible] charge of such con-

It [illegible] desirable to be determined by Col Nelson whether
convict labour advantageously
and economically worked there

I can [illegible] in the Petition
[illegible]. Certainly it was
[illegible] that Mr Nicholson
[illegible] humanity dealt with the
[illegible] Land [illegible]
[illegible] Magistrate and the

[illegible] of for at a month after
that.

I therefore that he should proceed
Lancaster to change places with Jas
Dawson and don't understand
Hawkshaw why he is better
to part with Dist—

I do not anticipate much
good from corresponding with
Mr Jackson on this subject. I
showed a his letter to Lord
& Clayton Wilson and desired
him to report on the whole
matter including the

[illegible] of the account

JP

I have looked over the whole of this correspondence, and though I cannot acquit Mr Lowe of hasty action in the ejectment of Capt n Nichol from the charge of the Bedderwatten Plantation without some more formal notice than was given him. I am disposed to think that he was perfectly justified in getting rid of an incompetent agent without hesitation there seems to be some question — I cannot in any way admit that Capt n Nichol was justified in remaining in Plantation — nor do I think that he can claim a right to remain on the Plantation —

Mr Lowe Govt in trusting his management of the Cinchona cultivation to his sons has given him power & nominally his own agents & superintendents of his different Plantations, and cannot think that it would be wise to allow

with his discretion in determining upon their qualifications— Mr M'Loon has often expressed himself dissatisfied with the conduct of Capt.n Nicholl, and informed me last year that he did not intend to continue him in charge of his Plantation— I do not see what good can arise from Dr Clephorn's visit to Mr Hall as proposed by Mr Dysart— I cannot imagine that Mr Loon would appeal Capt Nicholl right to maintain his position in addressing to the wishes of the Headpeople Negs and I should direct to inform Mr M'Loon that until his Govr is of opinion that he has acted rashly and hastily by Capt.n Nicholl who should have full time allowed him to remove his family & furniture— but that such legal steps should be taken as may be necessary to compel Capt.n Nicholl to produce his accounts & vouchers for monies received

Mr M'Loon does not recognize him in any way as having a claim upon his sympathy, so long as he refuses to render his accounts & vouchers which in point of fact are not his property but that of Mr Loon and that his claim on his part to remain on the Plantation is to receive pay which he is acting in direct opposition to his employer upon cannot be recognized in any instance.

WR

under the circumstances mentioned to the President, Captain Nicholl would seem to be Mr M'Loon's own servant and consequently beyond any direct control by the Govr. Straight-then, he endeavours to force it upon Capt.n M— any means whatever; and adopting a line of antagonism to Mr M'Loon

which Captain H— has taken, it may be well that Magisterial law follow the usual course.

The auditing of unaudited accounts, can however be dispensed of temporarily, as regards those retained by Captain Nicholl. These will still remain the point of ultimate adjustment — and there seems but little probability that some future difficulties may perhaps be avoided by depending Dr. Leighton to look into them and see that a wrong a deficient — If there be a deficiency, the Code, as things stand, will have to look to Mr. McLean alone — but should a surplus be found, — Captain Nicholl being nominally a servant of the State

16. 3. 60.

The papers do not show what authority has been conferred by Letters Patent on Mr. Dickson in regard to the appointment of the Superintendent of the outlying Chinese plantations. Probably he has in practice been allowed to nominate such persons, as he thinks most competent to judge of their qualifications, but it does not follow that he has been permitted to dismiss them

in like manner, if such a step should at any time be found necessary. Of this point nothing certainly appears to be on a better footing.

In the present case I do not see that any thing is much to be done — Mr Nicholl as I understand cannot account for money which he has received, while in his hands &c.

He should I think be required to do so, but do not require his sureties unless he requires to be called upon — Mr Dickson can if he thinks it, write to him to do so, and if he has not already done so, can then call upon his sureties to do so as soon as he conveniently can — and that he must produce his accounts for audit —

If he will not comply with these requisitions Mr Dickson must apply to the Magistrate for the necessary assistance —

If he does and his accounts balance, if can be found correct, he should

Lawing publicly to which he may be entitled and to pay - or at all events this inquiry to the end of the present Month.

Looking to the state of feeling between him & Mr Dixon it can hardly be expected that the audit of his accounts by Mr Dixon will be satisfactory or be experienced by him. I think Mr Jervis will Mr Okeden that it would be best to direct Mr Clayton to examine the accounts and report upon them.

17-3-66.

J.P.

No 730

26th March 66

The Pet. in Consideration that Capt Nicholson - by refusing to pay the orders of the Court of his debt and detaining the account of the Plaintiffs, placed it out of the power of Pet. to entertain his complaint or to retain him in his present Pet. Situation -

2 He must vacate the house at Redcliffe - discretion, if he has Pet already quitted it - by the

J.P. Under Copy for Mr

31 inst: and
for that with fine
up the accounts
which are the
principal of first.
If he fail to com-
ply with these
requisitions, Mr
McLoor must
apply to the Majo-
-tracy for assis-
tance.

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Mr McLoor will
audit Capt Ni-
-chols' accounts
as soon as he re-
ceives them & re-
-port the result to
Govt.

The first remark
that attracts the

Revised para 3.

As to the audit of Capt Nicholls
accounts, the first consideration it de-
-sirable that this should be per-
formed by a Special Officer, as
a very serious charge is brought
against Capt Nicholls - and who
on his part denies that his ac-
-counts have ever been audited. Under
such circumstances the appointment
of an Officer - ~~whether connected~~
will prevent a dispute - and the first
instruct the Clk of Contracts
to refer ~~to~~ him to ~~the~~
his Special Attn
~~Clerk~~ for the ~~pur~~ duty
or if he be not immediately
available to undertake
~~the~~ duty
letter send the special deputant
Hammerton always at the depot.
WD

it himself - the result
being reported to Govt

The statements of the two
principals in this matter,
are discrepant as to the fact
of a former audit. If Mr Mc
Loor has so far neglected his
obvious duty, as to let a person
as Capt Nicholls' position have his
accounts unaudited for nearly
two years, he is much to be blamed.
If, on the other hand, this audit
is in arrear for only two months
Captain Nicholls is guilty of false hood

and loses his claim to any consider-
-ation of an indulgent character by Govt.
Clearly a third party should decide
between them
WD

Wrong is the above to - but
Mr McLoor has in his
letter of the 6th inst charged
Mr Nicholls with mis appli-
-cation of the public stores
which he has left to Mr
McLoor - because
he is most competent
to judge of their qua-
-lifications for the
peculiar work en-
trusted to him, the
does not rest him
with the power of
summarily dis-
-missing any assis-
-tant, not expressly
employed on trial.
Once permanently
appointed, an
Asst becomes ~~the~~
~~Govt. & of fair hood~~
entitled to the
same privileges as
other public servants.
In the present

have nothing to
in their records to
show on what terms
Capt Nichol was
employed in what
respects, prior to
the present occur-
rence, he has failed
to give satisfaction
and they did not
suppose that their
approval of Mr
Dawson's appoint-
-ment to Reddi-
-tions would in-
-duce more than
an Exchange of
appointments -
5 Looking at the
-position of Mr Assistant
the first Consider
it desirable that
in future Mr McLeod
should nominate

They also consider
that Capt Nichols
had a fair claim
to longer notice of
his removal to
Pig Cash.

for a period not
Exceeding 12 Mont
during which they
will of course draw
full pay - If Mr
McLeod is satisfied
that they possess
the requisite qualifi-
-fications for their
important & Lucra-
-tive, he will then
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