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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1323 — Press Mis.

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No 1323

No. 176. Read the following letter from the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 10th June 1867, No. 90 :—

I have the honour to enclose an original letter from Mr. W. S. Whiteside, respecting his fixed tent allowance for the period he officiated as Collector of South Canara during the absence of Mr. Cadell on privilege leave, and to observe that as Mr. Whiteside did not take up his own tents with him to Mangalore, but used those of Mr. Cadell, his request is inadmissible, under the Order of Government No. 380, dated 15th February 1867; but as that gentleman urges his request to be permitted to draw fixed tentage during the period in question on account of the peculiar circumstances under which he proceeded to Mangalore, I beg to submit his application for the consideration and orders of Government.

From the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, dated Mangalore, 14th May 1867, No. 376.

1. In their Orders, in the Revenue Department, No. 380 of the 15th February 1867, Government, as you are aware, were pleased to rule that in future, in cases in which an officer is acting for another who is absent on privilege leave, the Government will permit both officers to draw the fixed tentage of the grade, provided they satisfy the other requirements of the rules by maintaining the prescribed tent equipage available for use on the spot.

2. During the time of my holding the office of Judge of the Small Cause Court at Cuddalore, I continued to keep up the tent equipage I possessed as Sub-Collector, on the chance of being at some subsequent period again employed in the Revenue Department, and on the 7th March I was appointed Acting Collector of this district with orders "to join immediately;" subsequently I was directed by telegram to proceed to join my new appointment with the utmost despatch, and not to wait, as I had proposed, for the coasting steamer from Pondicherry.

3. Under these orders I made my journey to the West Coast in seven days, but of course to do so was obliged to travel with the minimum of baggage, and it was utterly impossible for me to think of my bringing my tents across with me from South Arcot.

4. According to the wording of the order of Government I have quoted, I am at present precluded from drawing fixed tentage, inasmuch as though my tents are in existence and kept up by me, they are not actually on the spot available for use here.

5. Had my appointment to act as Collector referred to any of the districts adjacent to South Arcot, such as Tanjore, Salem, Trichinopoly, &c., of course, nothing would have been easier than for me to carry my tents thither, when I could have drawn tentage without question; but owing to the exigencies of the public service, I was suddenly ordered to join my new appointment in a very distant district, and so rapidly that it was impossible for me to carry my tents with me.

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6. Mr. Cadell has been good enough to allow me the use of his tents during my Jummahbundy tour just completed; but even if my tents had actually been here that fact would have been immaterial; I could only have used one set of tents, and the other would necessarily have been lying in store. As the case stands I used Mr. Cadell's tents, and my own lay by, although really "available for use."

7. I venture to hope that you will agree with me that my case is a peculiar and special one, deserving the favourable consideration of Government, and if so, I request that you will be good enough to submit copy of this letter for the orders of Government, and support my application to be allowed, as a special case, to draw "fixed tentage" during the time I am acting for Mr. Cadell as Collector of this district.

No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1867, No. 1,323.

Miscellaneous.

The Government do not think that sufficient ground exists for the admission of the claim.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
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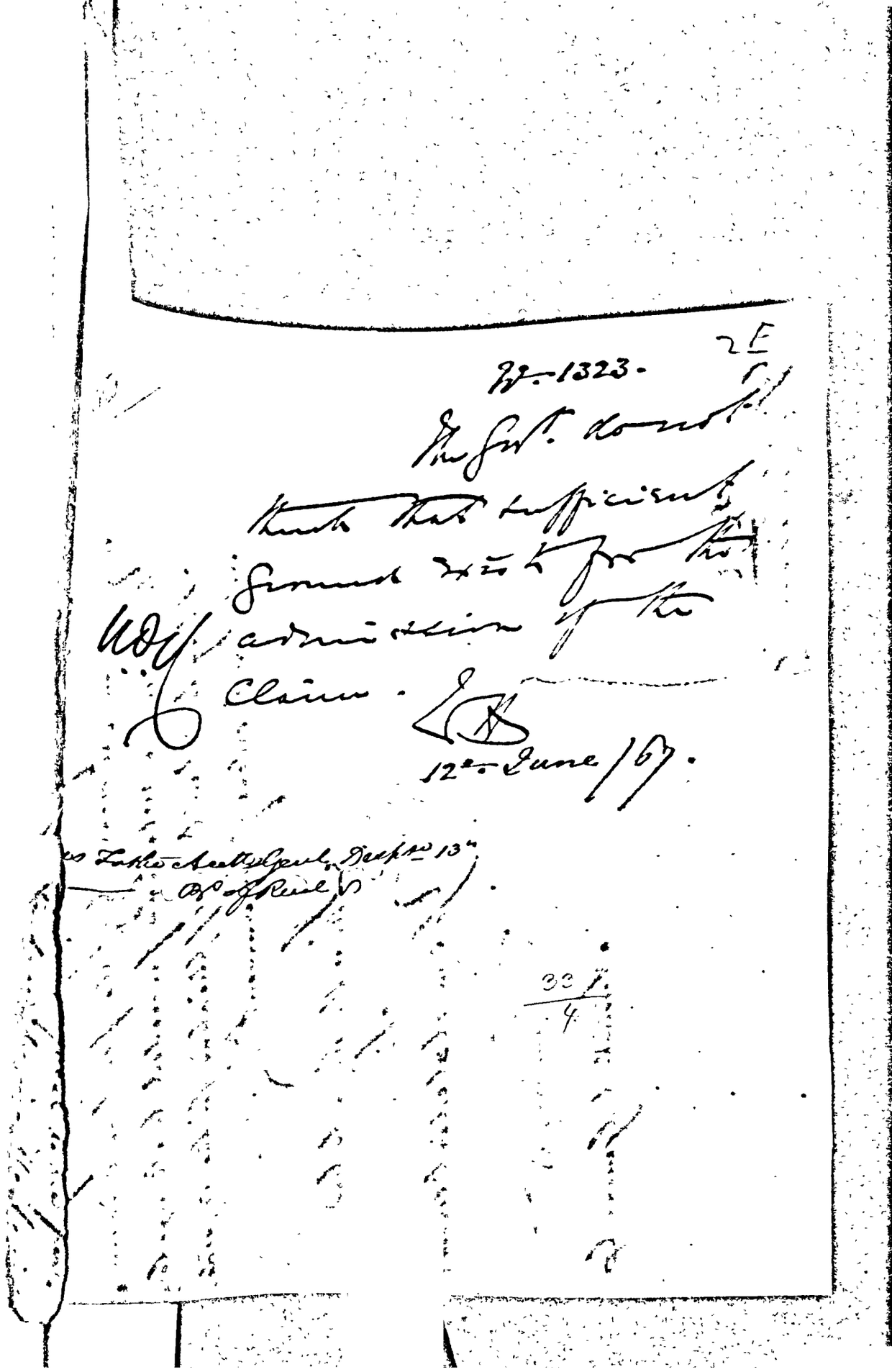
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