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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th April 1868.

No. 630. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Sanctioning payment of Rupees 177-3-9, being difference paid by the men of the B. Company, Sappers and Miners, of cart-hire from Mercara to Bangalore. } (Here enter 22nd April 1868, No. 1,594.)

No. 631. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1868, No. 1,142.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Quarter Master General..... Here enter 18th February 1868, No. 1318.
Report from the Contr. of Mily. Accts. ..... ,, 14th March ,, F.

From the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 18th February 1868, No. 1318; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by desire of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to submit for the consideration of Government, an application from the Commandant Sappers and Miners, that the bill presented for difference of cart-hire, between Mercara and Bangalore, on account of the men of the B Company, may be paid by Government at the rates actually paid by them, *viz.*, Rupees 9-5-3 for each cart; whereas by the certificates attached as vouchers to the bill giving the current rates of the day as paid by the Commissariat Department, the difference between the old rate of cart-hire and the present would only amount to Rupees 5-0-5 for each cart.

2. In submitting this application, I am directed to observe that cart-owners invariably demand higher rates for their carts when supplied to the Sepoys than they would demand from others; this may be accounted for by the well known dislike cart-owners have to marching with a Regiment, partly because the carts are generally filled with families, and partly from the fears entertained that the carts may be handed over from one Regiment to another, and in that manner taken far away from their homes; this latter cause of complaint has been carefully guarded against for some years past, and may be entirely set aside—but there is a question whether the prevailing impression on the part of the cart-owners, that whatever demand they may make in excess of old rates will be paid by Government does not influence them on these occasions; and so long as the present system of free trade is carried on at the Government expense the rates of hire will be kept up.

3. It will be for Government to decide whether the extra expense incurred, *viz.* Rupees 4-4-10 for each cart, shall fall upon the Sapper men, or whether Government are prepared to pass the bill on Colonel Hill's statement, that the carts were procured by the Officer Commanding the Company at the lowest rate possible at the time they were required, and far less than had been paid on a previous occasion.

4. A statement is attached from the Officer Commanding the Company, shewing why the carts were not supplied by the Commissariat Department.

From the Commandant Sappers and Miners, Bangalore, —— October 1867, No. 456; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Mysore Division.

With reference to your docket No. 137, dated 26th ultimo, returning for alteration two bills for difference of cart hire from Mercara to Bangalore, due to men of the "B" Company Sappers and Miners, I have the honor to point out that 22 Rupees per cart was the sum actually paid by the men of the Company, and I would respectfully submit, that it is on this, and not on the nominal ordinary rates as ascertained by the Commissariat Officers at Bangalore and Cannanore, from their Native Subordinates, at Hoonsoor and Mercara, that the calculation of difference should be based.

The Officer Commanding the "B" Company did his utmost to procure carts as cheaply as possible, he did in fact obtain them for 22 Rupees each, which was Rupees 3-14 less per cart than the men had to pay when proceeding *to* Coorg.

As pointed out in my letter No. 300 of the 29th June, the very fact of the detachment being ordered to march was sufficient to raise the rate, and I trust that the reasons urged in that letter may be held to be equally applicable in the present case, and that the rate per cart may not be reduced from Rupees 22 actually paid, to Rupees $\begin{matrix}10\text{-}9\text{-}7\\7\text{-}1\text{-}7\end{matrix}\}$ 17-11-2 as estimated by the Commissariat Officers, and which course would entail on the men a loss of Rupees 2-4-10 for each cart.

The bills are retained pending further instructions.

MEMORANDUM 3014.

Submitted for instructions, with reference to memorandum No. 6050 of 24th ultimo, from the Quarter Master General.

DY. ASST. QR. MR. GENL.'S OFFICE, MYSORE DIVISION, BANGALORE, *7th October* 1867.

(Signed) W. R. MESHAM, Captain,
Dy. Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl. M. D.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 14th March 1868, *F.*

ORDER, No. 1594, 22nd April 1868.

Sanctioned for Rupees (177-3-9) one hundred and seventy-seven, Annas three and Pies nine—being at the rate of Rupees 9-5-3 for each cart.

(True Extract.)

Major,

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with eleven enclosures.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Adjutant General.
" Commissary General.

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Extd. J. E. Cashart.

Revenue 1868 Dept.
Pro of Govt. from April
No. 1378.

Proceedings of the
Govt. Military
Dept.

Dated 22d. Augt.
Received 24th 1868.
No. 1594.

RECORDED.

Sanctioning payment
of Rs. 1174. 3. 9 being
duties paid by the
Peon of the B. Company
Sappers & Miners
of Cast-hire from
Merwara to Bangalore

No. 1142. 28th Septr.
With order

No. 630-631