

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th January 1868.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st December 1867, No. 313 :—

1. With reference to the Order of Government No. 752, dated 26th March 1866, Revenue Department, I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, correspondence* which has passed between this Office and the Honorary Secretary to the Government Farm Committee, Sydapet, regarding the submission of bills for audit for Rupees 667-13-6 outstanding, unadjusted at the close of the year 1865-66, and Rupees 8,000 advanced in 1866-67 on account of expenses of the Farm Committee.

2. It will be observed that Mr. Blair, the Honorary Secretary, states that there is not sufficient establishment to admit of the preparation of detailed bills.

3. Mr. Blair's impression in paragraph 1 of his letter, I beg to point out, is erroneous. The account of the Farm Committee, printed in Government Order, dated 15th January 1867, No. 174, sent with his predecessor's letter of 25th February 1867, No. 172, has never been passed, inasmuch as it did not specifically account for the sum of Rupees 667-13-6 above alluded to, which was then outstanding. That account and the account printed in Government Order, dated 29th November 1867, No. 2,840, shew all the transactions of the Farm; but to enable this Office to audit the charges, it is necessary that they should be supported by vouchers. It is of course open to the Government to dispense with the audit of the Farm accounts should they see fit, and in that case it would be only requisite that authority should be given to this Office to pass an abstract bill of the Secretary for the aggregate amount outstanding on 31st March 1867, viz., Rupees 8,667-13-6.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1868, No. 23.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government gather from the correspondence submitted that Mr. Hunter Blair only objects to furnishing detailed bills and vouchers for the outstanding item of Rupees 667-13-6 appertaining to the official year 1865-66, the accounts of which year the Government authorized the Accountant General to pass on the certificates of the Committee in paragraph 2 of the G. O., dated 26th March 1866, No. 752.

2. They request that the Accountant General will act on this Order as regards all the charges of the year 1865-66, which are yet unpassed.

3. The Committee will submit their later accounts, with vouchers and in form, to admit of audit.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
„ the Honorary Secretary Farm Committee.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

1868

No. 4996

Fort Saint George.

Accountant General's Office,

12th December 1867.

FROM

The

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

TO

*J. Hunter Blair Esq^r**Honorary Secretary, Government Farm at*

SIR,

Sylapet

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant N^o 261, I have the honor to draw your attention to the orders of Government in the Revenue Department N^o 752 of the 26th March 1866, and to state, that if you are unable to furnish vouchers to enable this Office to audit the advances amounting to Rs. 8,667-13-6 made by Government for the expenses of the Farm and outstanding on 31st March 1867, it will be necessary for you to obtain their sanction to enable me to pass an Abstract bill for that sum. The orders in the above Department N^o 2840 of the 29th November 1867 do not dispense with the submission by of a detailed bill with necessary vouchers.

I have &c

(Signed) F. Lushington
Accountant General

*Copy to M^{rs}.**To.*

To

Nashua 13th December 1867

The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 12 instant, N^o 4996, I have the honor to bring to your notice, that no objection was made by you to passing the accounts for 1865/66 sent without vouchers, by my predecessor, with his letter of February 25th 1867 N^o 173, though the order of Government, to which you refer in your letter under reply, was then in force.

I presume that it was therefore taken for granted by my predecessor, that the order was not to be carried out, and that no further information was required regarding the sum of Rs 667-13-6 referred to in Para 2 of his letter above mentioned, and the other sums which had been advanced to the Farm Committee. I also observe that nothing was said regarding the item of Rs 667-13-6 in your letters of May 16th 1867 N^o 902 and December 2nd 1867 N^o 4870 though you now refer to that item again, in your letter under reply.

I regret therefore that I cannot submit the vouchers required by you, as there is not sufficient Establishment to admit of the preparation of detailed bills, and it was, I presume, supposed, they were not required.

I have &c
(Signed) J. Hunter Blair
Hon^{ble} Sec^y Govt. Farm

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D. J. W. M. S. M.
As Chief Officer

Comp^d 1866

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The Gov^t gather

from the conspec^{ts} of N^o 173 that
W. Hunter Blair only objects
to furnishing detailed bills
vouchers for the outstanding
item of Rs 667-13-6 appearing
in the year 1865/66. The accounts
of the Gov^t for the Fort authorized
the aud^g - & pass on the certificate
of the Committee. in para 2 of the
G.O. of 20 March 1866. 20752

I request that the aud^g
Gov^t who act on this order as
regards the charges of the year
1865/66. N^o 173 are not passed.

The Committee will submit
their later accounts with vouchers
in time to admit of audit - 21st 6th 1868

W. Hunter Blair
Hon^{ble} Sec^y Govt. Farm