

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st August 1871.*

No. 243. Read the following letter from the Honorary Secretary, Government Farm, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated Madras, August 1871 :—

I HAVE the honour to request that, with the permission of Government, you will furnish me, by Treasury Order, with a further sum of Rs. 3,500 from the Budget grant of Rs. 20,000 for the year 1871-72 on account of the Government Farm, Sydapet.

2. The following sums had, up to the end of last month, been received from the Budget grant for the present year :—

	RS.
By Treasury Order on the 9th May	3,000
Do. 11th July	2,000
From the Collector's Treasury, Sydapet, for payment of the permanent establishment for the months of April, May, June, and July, at Rs. 428-8-0 per mensem ...	1,714
Total ...	6,714

There is at present date a balance of rather more than Rs. 1,500 to the credit of the Honorary Secretary, unexpended from the sums advanced by Government.

3. It is, however, necessary to make the present application to meet the following extraordinary expenditure, for the first item of which the special sanction of Government is requested.

4. (a.)—Additions and alterations to the Superintendent's house. A sum of Rs. 4,500 was sanctioned in G. O. dated 17th March 1869, No. 725, Revenue Department, for the construction of a house for the Superintendent. This sum was not adequate, but with the kind assistance of Mr. Chisholm as much as could be effected for the money was done, and a neat and habitable dwelling was erected; but Mr. Chisholm was never himself satisfied with the building, which now requires considerable outlay on thorough repairs. The house is very hot; indeed, the heat in the bed-room is said to be almost insupportable in the hot weather, and it is very desirable that an upper storey should be added and more sufficient accommodation should be supplied. Mr. Walshe, the Range officer, and Colonel Wilkieson, the Superintending Engineer, were good enough to inspect the building before Mr. Chisholm returned from England, and it was estimated that the proposed addition and alterations would cost from Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 1,500. Mr. Chisholm has now been consulted, and has kindly prepared a plan, and estimates the cost at Rs. 1,500. It is believed that the walls, which are only 15 inches thick, of mud and brick will stand the addition of an upper storey; but this supposition is not ascertained beyond doubt—a doubt which was entertained by Colonel Wilkieson. The Superintendent Mr. Robertson has himself executed some work of a similar kind on the Farm, the construction of houses for the Overseers which has been completed with remarkable cheapness and efficiency, and, in reply to an inquiry by the President, the Superintendent has expressed his willingness to carry out personally the alterations now proposed for his own house, but the Committee do not now whether

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this may be considered by Government desirable, and have no wish to press the arrangement if not altogether approved.

4. I am, however, instructed to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the expenditure of Rs. 1,500 for the purpose above specified.

5. (b.) The second item of unusual expenditure is a charge to defray a bill presented by the Superintendent of the Public Workshops and Stores, amounting to Rs. 919-5-9, for repairs to machinery, the property of the Farm. This sum is due for labour and work expended on carrying out certain further repairs and alterations, which were found to be necessary in connection with the bucket-pump and shafting, sanctioned by Government in G. O., 11th December 1867, No. 2,955. This pump and machinery connected with it cost originally Rs. 2,013, as executed by the Mint Department. Further expenses were also necessary, and when the business hitherto conducted by the Mint was handed over to the Public Works Stores additional expenditure was necessary. The machinery was, notwithstanding all this expense, found eventually to be of no use to the Farm; but the Committee were in G. O., 17th June 1871, No. 1,078, instructed that payment for the work done by the Public Works Stores and Shops must be made in cash, and the Committee propose to close the account at once, and to dispose of the machinery to the best advantage they may be able, crediting the Farm with the proceeds.

6. (c.) Expenditure now incurred in the reclamation of Farm land on the river bank, and construction of an embankment and drainage and levelling. There is no doubt that these improvements will eventually prove remunerative, and the special sanction of Government does not appear to be called for, either for this or for the last preceding item of expenditure; they are mentioned to show why an unusually large sum is now asked for.

7. The probable expenditure on the Farm under all heads for the current year has been estimated carefully, and the Budget grant, with the probable receipts for Farm produce, rents, etc., will be ample to meet all expenses, including the proposed expenditure for which the sanction of Government is now requested.

8. Lastly, I am to inform you that in future it is proposed to simplify the Farm accounts by ceasing to draw the pay of the permanent establishment from the Sydapet Treasury, and to make all payments through the Honorary Secretary from the funds supplied to him by Treasury Orders from Government; this arrangement also necessitates a larger sum being held to his credit in the Bank than heretofore.

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ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1871, No. 1,442.

Miscellaneous.

THE expenditure proposed in the above letter is sanctioned.

2. The execution of the work may be left in Mr. Robertson's hands, but the sufficiency of the walls to support an upper storey should be established beyond doubt. The insertion of brick-in-chunam pillars at intervals to support the beams would probably secure the necessary stability.

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3. Ordered that a Treasury Order for Rs. 3,500 out of the Budget grant of the year be issued in favour of the Honorary Secretary to the Farm Committee.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretary, Government Farm, with Treasury order.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exl. F. R. Dantleman.

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Madras August 1871.
To.

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By order for payment ^{Brought forward} } 5,000
of the Permanent Co.

Establishment for the
months of April, May,
June & July at Rs. 428-8.

per annum 1714.

There is at present due a
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would cost from Rs. 1200 to Rs.
1500. Mr. Chisholm has now been
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do not know whether this may
be considered by Govt. desirable
and have no wish to press the
arrangement if not altogether
approved.

I am however instructed to re-
quest that the Govt. will be
pleased to sanction the ex-
penditure of Rs. 1500 for the
purpose above specified.

5. (b) The second item of un-
usual expenditure is a charge
to defray a Bill presented by
the Supt. of the P. W. Shops &
Stores amounting to Rs. 919-59
for repairs to machinery the
property of the P. W. This sum
is due for labour & work expended

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was handed over to the Public
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Orders from Govt. This arrangement
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heretofore.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

J Brandt.

Hon^{ble} Sec^y Govt. France.

CS. Aug 17/91 & 21/9

W. R. London

No need - as I signed copy

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items of expenditure to

an account of certain

very order for £23500

Requesting a Dec-

W. R. L.

21/8/91

The 2 funds in question

in the above letter is

Sanctioned. In Execution

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The first money left in

Mr. Robinson hands. With

the sanction of the trustee

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Secretary of the

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6 To the Hon. Secy of the Board of Trade
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