

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th March 1871.*

No. 483. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1871, No. 908 :—

Read again letter from the Accountant-General, dated 13th September 1870, recorded in Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 16th January 1871, No. 134.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Chaimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1871, No. 21.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge Proceedings of the Board, dated 16th instant, Miscellaneous No. 134, embodying letter No. 3,612 from the Accountant-General, dated 13th September 1870, with original voucher of the Revenue Contingent Bill of this district for April 1870 (returned herewith).

2. In reply, I beg to state that the Accountant-General is in error in supposing that the tents, the carriage for which is claimed, were exclusively used by the Chuprassees and Police guard who accompanied me on tour. I charged for the carriage of—

One office-tent for myself;

„ „ „ for my Native Cutcherry;

One-tent for the Police guard.

The Chuprassees sheltered under the tents pitched for my private use, which consisted of—

One large single-pole tent;

„ small double-pole sleeping tent;

„ Rowtee;

„ Bechoba;

for the carriage of which no charge has been made.

3. The Resolution of the Government of India, printed with the Proceedings of the Board, under date the 21st February 1870, No. 1,189, which was circulated to the Revenue Department for *information and guidance* under the order of the Government of Madras, Public Department, dated 24th January 1870, No. 92, assumes that Government tents for office purposes are supplied to Civil officers proceeding on tour as is the practice in Bengal, and sanctions the carriage of such tents being charged to Government. In this Presidency the Government do *not* supply office-tents; but in charging for the carriage of my own tents used for office purposes, I paying the carriage of my other tents as above enumerated which I used to live in, I submit that I have in no way transgressed the limit laid down by the Government of India in the Resolution quoted, the scope and object of which appears to have been misunderstood in the Accountant-General's Office.

4. In Mysore, where Bengal Rules obtain, tents are periodically supplied to the officers of the Commission by Government, and are carried at Government expense. Moreover, the Superintendents receive Rs. 10 per diem as tentage instead of Rs. 7, the allowance made to Collectors.

5. I may mention that previous to the receipt of the Resolution of the Government of India under reference, I carried about exactly the same establishment of tents at my own cost. I need hardly add that I was considerably out of pocket every time I went out in camp.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Voucher.

THE Board resolve to inform the Accountant-General that the cost of the carriage of tents referred to in his letter recorded above was for a complement of three tents, namely, one office-tent, one tent for the Native Cutcherry, and one for Police guard. The Chuprassees are stated to have been sheltered under the tents intended for the private use of the Collector.

2. The Board are of opinion that the cost of the carriage of tents for the accommodation of the office establishment, etc., should not be charged to the State. The order of the Government of India, dated 22nd December 1869, No. 1,863-70, quoted is apparently not applicable to this Presidency, where the Covenanted Civil Officers draw both fixed and extra tentage.

No. 484.

ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1871, No. 592.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

CHAS. MACLEAN,

Acting Under-Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 908.

Tents—carriage for which is charged in Revenue Contingent Bill of Coimbatore District, for April 1870.—Letter from Collector, furnishing information called for regarding —, communicated to Accountant-General. Opinion expressed that cost of carriage of tents for accommodation of office establishment, etc., should not be charged to State.

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