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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th May 1871.

No. 257. Read the following endorsement of the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 12th May 1871 :—

Read the following letter from Colonel T. GREENAWAY, Commanding Quilon, to the Officiating Brigade Major, Southern District, Trichinopoly, dated Quilon, 2nd May 1871, No. 165.

WITH reference to your memorandum, No. 703, dated 26th ultimo, forwarding me true copy of Government Order, No. 657, dated 8th April 1871, intimating that the Census is to be taken in the Madras Presidency, I have the honour to submit the following remarks, and to request that I may be furnished with detailed instructions.

2. It has been ruled by the Government in their Order, No. 620, dated 3rd April 1871, that although the Cantonment of Quilon is in the State of Travancore, a Census is to be taken therein, and a copy of the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 5,573, of the 30th September 1870, enclosing instructions for taking the Census, was forwarded me with your memorandum, No. 70, dated 10th January last.

3. But these instructions cannot in all cases apply to the Cantonment of Quilon, and exceptional measures require to be taken here for the following reasons :—

1*stly*.—There are no Civil Government officials of any description exercising authority or jurisdiction in the Cantonment of Quilon, such as Curnums, Munsiffs, Tahsildars, etc., to assist in the preparation of the Returns required.

2*ndly*.—No rent or assessment of any kind is paid to the British Government, nor, as far as can be ascertained, to the Travancore Sirkar, except for some wet land in the Cantonment, so that a considerable portion of Statistical Returns I., III., and IV., could not be filled up, even if there were any Civil officers to prepare such Returns.

3*rdly*.—A considerable number of persons residing in Cantonment are subjects of the Travancore State, and it is not known if such persons are to be included in the Census or not.

4*thly*.—There being no Government servants available as Enumerators or Inspectors of Enumerators, it would be necessary to employ persons for these duties as a temporary measure on payment. I have, therefore, to request to be informed what establishment would be sanctioned for the purpose of taking a Census in Quilon, and how should it be paid. It would be impossible for the Station Staff Officer to do the details of the work himself.

4. I have also to request you will be good enough to inform me if the houses in the Lines of the 23rd Regiment L. I., are to be numbered and accounted for in the General Census, or whether these should be separately shown, and to whom the Census papers from Quilon should be sent in as Quilon forms no part of any British district or Collectorate.

5. With reference to paragraph 27 of the Board of Revenue's instructions, I have the honour to request that all forms required may be supplied to me as early as possible.

6. In conclusion, I beg to state that there would be no difficulty whatever in giving the total area of the Cantonment and in furnishing a *personal* Census of the

night and proceed next morning with the money and reach my Office at Tamballapally. Being on circuit and having no other cash-chest (except the one at Tamballapally), I was unable, according to practice, to secure the money in a box, seal, and place the same in the Taluq Cutcherry or Police Station. My cash-chest contained money, and was in the Office at Tamballapally, and the practice of transmitting cash from place to place was only by means of peons, and not by sending it in a box.

4. There were no other peons with me, the only two I had having been given up on account of the money, and as both these three and other peons who had been similarly in the habit of conveying cash had acted trustworthily hitherto, there was no occasion for me to inquire where they were sleeping. If it is true that peons Kondadu and Ramudu had informed Gumastah Vassanta Row that night that the fugitive Ponkalu was not to be found, he would have told me of it, and they have stated in their kyfeat that this circumstance was not made known to me. It was only in the morning when the runaway peon's landlord brought the belt and badge that I was aware of the fact, and took measures by informing the Police to apprehend the fugitive.

5. The Government state that I should have retained the money for the night, but not having a sufficient number of peons to guard it, I gave the necessary orders that the peons should remain with it in the Taluq Cutcherry, and it was on account of their not abiding by my orders that the money was lost, and not on account of any want of care on my part.

From the above it will be seen that I am in no way to be blamed, and beg therefore you will obtain the permission of Government to relieve me from being responsible for the amount.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1871, No. 885.

Miscellaneous.

GOVERNMENT adhere to the opinion expressed in G. O. 15th March last, that Supervisor Lakshmikanta Row is much to blame for not having retained the money, which he drew on the evening of the 18th February, under his own immediate charge until it was necessary for the peons to start, and there is no proof that he ordered the peons to sleep in the Taluq Cutcherry.

2. At the same time they do not feel justified in calling on him to refund the money which would, in any case, have been entrusted to the peon's care; and looking to the recommendation on his behalf made by the Acting Director, they hope that a severe reprimand will make him more careful in future.

3. As to the peons, Chokala Kondadu, Avadhana Ramudu, and Pakeer Sahib, it is quite possible they were implicated in the success of the absconded peon: the money was entrusted to them conjointly, and they divided it for their own convenience; and it was their business to see each that the others were with them with the money, and Government direct that until the fraud is cleared up they shall not be re-employed.

4. Government leave it to the Acting Director to decide what punishment ought to be inflicted on the Gumasta Vassanta Row.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Pro.s of the Madras Govt
Under date the 19th May 1871

Read the following
letter from the A. Director
of Revenue Settlement

Reporting further on
the Peperwians responsibi-
lity in regard to the money
stolen by late Peon Avarroo
Ponkalu -

M.E. 9th May 1871
No 924
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inhabitants of Quilon, showing the number of houses and their inmates at the given time; and I would suggest that the small expense necessary for paying the Enumerators, etc., might be provided from the Cantonment Conservancy Fund.

No. 170.

FORWARDED to the Quartermaster-General, Fort Saint George, for orders.

TRICHINOPOLY,
8th May 1871.

(Signed) E. FAUNCE, Captain,
Officiating Brigade Major, Southern Division,
In the absence of Officer Commanding, Southern Division.

No. 3,211.

REFERRED for the orders of Government on the several questions contained within. The Provincial Commander-in-Chief objects to the proposal made in the last paragraph of Colonel Greenaway's letter for paying the Enumerators from the Cantonment Fund.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th May 1871.

(By Order.)
(Signed) A. HOWLETT, Colonel,
Officiating Quartermaster-General.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th May 1871.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1871, No. 884.

Miscellaneous.

TRANSFERRED to the Board of Revenue who are requested to communicate with the Officer Commanding Quilon in answer to the queries put by him.

2. The cost of the establishment required being borne by this Government, there should be no difficulty in taking the Census in Quilon, such forms only as are applicable being duly filled up or others substituted, if the Board consider it desirable.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Military Department.
,, the Public Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Quarter Master General's Office.
Fort St. George the 11th May 1871.

No. 3211.

Referred for the orders of Government on the several Questions contained within. The Provincial Commander in Chief objects to the proposal made in the last para of Colonel Greenaway's letter for paying the enumerations from the Cantonment Funds.

(By order)

A. Howlett Colonel
Offg Quarter Master General

To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

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Military Department

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Offg Secy to Govt

Fort St George,
12th May 1871.

To, No 257.
The Revenue Dept.
Sir,
I am &c
Fort St George
12th May 1871.

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From
Officer Commanding
Quilon.

To The Offg Brigade Major
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

No 132 dated 13th May 1871.
Received 16th May
Quilon 2nd May 1871.

Requests to be furnished with detailed instructions as to the taking of the Census in Quilon.

Sanction 884-19 Dated 17/71

Transferred.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 19th May 1871.

Read the following

Docket from the Offg. Quarter Master General through the Military Department.

Referring letter from Officer Comdg. Quilon requesting to be furnished with detailed instructions as to the taking of the Census in Quilon. } (H.K. 11th May 1871 No. 3211)

No. 1.

Transferred to the Board of Revenue who are requested to communicate with the Officer Commanding Quilon, in answer to the queries put by him.

2. The cost of the establishment required being borne by this Government, there should be no difficulty

No. 259-260

Relation to the
Survey Office
by a Pen in the
Settlement.

difficulty in taking the census in Quilon, such forms only as are applica=ble being duly filled up, or Forms substituted if no Board consider it desirable.

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Satisfied & Cancelled
this 9th Dec. 1915 —