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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th March 1872.*

No. 188. Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Rajahmundry, 23rd February 1872, No. 9:—

I WOULD most respectfully request the Government to reconsider their Order in the Revenue Department, No. 222, dated 2nd instant.

2. In forwarding my appeal against their order of retrenchment, the Board of Revenue observe "that the extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, Home Department, * * * * * was forwarded for the information and guidance of the local Governments and Administrations therein marginally noted; that the Madras Government (as well as the Bombay Government) is not included in the list; and that the Resolution was, therefore, apparently *expressly intended not to apply* to this Presidency."

3. To this I reply that the Resolution was forwarded with a letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, dated 22nd December 1869, No. 1,871, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council. If, then, the Board of Revenue are correct in supposing that the Resolution was "expressly intended *not* to apply to this Presidency," it is difficult to understand why it was forwarded for the information of the Madras Government.

4. But apart from this, the Resolution was circulated by the Government of Madras to the Revenue, Judicial, and Public Works Departments for "*information and guidance.*" The Board of Revenue suggest that these words were "inadvertently inserted in the Order of Government," and the Government, in their last Order, the reconsideration of which I now respectfully ask, "approve the Proceedings of the Board as correctly interpreting the intentions of Government."

5. I venture to submit that the intentions of Government can only be inferred from its recorded orders. In this case a Resolution of the Government of India authorizing the conveyance of a certain portion of camp equipage at the public expense was circulated by the Madras Government to the different departments for "*information and guidance.*" Had the Resolution been to the effect that in future Revenue-officers were not to draw travelling allowance, I should have inferred, on its being forwarded to me for information and guidance, that the Government intended I should not draw such allowance; and in the same way I inferred in this case that the intentions of Government were that the office-tents should be carried at the public expense.

6. I do not wish to prolong this letter, and, in conclusion, will merely submit that if, on the authority of such an order as that now under consideration, money had been paid from the public treasury to any one not in the service, it could not have been recovered. To retrench me, therefore, after the lapse of a year for money drawn *bona fide* under the authority of an order circulated for my information and guidance appears to be (I say it with all deference) a somewhat arbitrary proceeding.

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ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1872, No. 460.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Accountant-General.
.. the Collector of the Godavery District.
.. the Board of Revenue.

Revenue 1872 No. 677.
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In the Secretary's Office
Recd 23 Feb/72
Recd 28.
May
Encl to Jm
no
Requesting of Govt.
to be considered their
order of the 20th Dec
No 222 regarding
cost of carriage.
With order.
No 460-15 March 1872

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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE ACTING ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated 15th March.

Recd.

Encl

G. O., 15th March 1872, No. 460.

MARCH.

Nos. 188-189.

Cost of carriage of office-tents.—Acting Accountant-General authorized to withdraw the retrenchment against Mr. Sullivan, Collector of Godavery, in connection with it under the circumstances stated.