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Miscellaneous No 572 Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
No 1 dated 30 September 1872.

Read the following:-
From, No 605

The Superintendent.
Honestmunt Farms.

To The Secretary. Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sirs,

Referring to the Correspondence
that has recently passed between
the Board and myself, on the
Audits of four Contingent Bills, I
have the honor to request that the
following facts, may receive the
Consideration to which they are
entitled; until the recent
abolition of the Laron form with
the Statute of this Department
was not such as to admit of it
taking a position as a Government
- Department, and the rules and
regulations

regulations, then in force, were only
such as would be adopted in
any private Enterprise of a similar
nature; the accounting was of the
simplest description, and the Books
were only such as sufficed
to show the amount Expended,
and the amount received; while,
having many transactions of a
very limited nature with men,
who were often either too illiterate
to give a receipt, or, who would
only give receipts on Palmyra leaves,
a certain portion of our disbursements
was not verified by vouchers, a
state of matters, I may observe,
quite in harmony with Estabts
Accounting at home, where the
simple Certificate of the Agent
is, at the audit, considered
sufficient for all payments
of small amounts. And as
only

only a small number of our vouchers
were submitted for audit in the
Accountant General's office, they
were prepared to generally only in
the form that best suited the
simple character of our Expenditure.
Under these circumstances, it is
not to be wondered at that Vouchers
so prepared do not always
meet the requirements of an Audit,
which has to deal with such a
very different class of accounts.
I have, since the Department was
placed directly under the control
of the Board, used my best endeavours
to bring our accounts and accounting
into something like harmony
with the methods usually adopted
in Government offices, preserving
at the same time their technical
character. The form in which
the accounts are now kept is,
I believe, as complete as could
be

he devised; but, recent Audits
have shown that, in matters of
detail, we do not yet reach the
requirements of the Board Audit.
We are, in the future, ready to effect
any change in this direction, but
it is difficult, and in many cases
impossible, to modify accounts, which
refer to transactions settled months
ago. I have received no intimation
of any sort, as to what is expected
of us, excepting by having vouchers
and forms returned for correction,
and as this is but an unsatisfactory
way of ascertaining the demands
of the Audit, I shall feel greatly
obliged if you can furnish me
the copies of any "Regulations," or
"Auditing Orders" referring to the
subject; and also supply me regularly
with a copy of the Fort Saint George
Gazette to be filed here. I would
also.

also request the permission of the
Board to be allowed to use Service
Stamps and Government Stationery
in this office.

Government Service Office
Madras.
10 August 1872

I have to
(Sd) W. R. Roberts

It is not clear upon what points
the Superintendent requires instruction.
He is referred to the Board's Proceedings
dated 18 January 1872 No 124, in which
it is stated that the following points
are clearly laid down. All that is
required in regard to Contingent Bills
is that the items in the Bill, should
exactly correspond with the Vouchers
sent in support of the Charges. In
the case of petty transactions involving
amounts less than Rs 10, the Superintendent's
Certificates will be accepted as
Vouchers.

2. The Stationery required will be
caused to be supplied to the
Superintendent.

Revenue 1872 Sept 11

No 3248

Proceeds of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 30th September 1872.

Rs 12.50

Paid 8th _____

Meeting at the
Muz. H. 2nd class
agents were re-
ferred to the right
in the first round.

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Subscribed by

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To the Board of Rev. 15 Oct 72
for the Rev. Board 14