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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th November 1873

Read the following papers:—

No. 1. From Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 30th September 1873, No. 2,362-81.

In G. O., No. 965, of the 10th September 1873, a letter from the Accountant-General reporting that advances made for boundary pillars, cooly-labour, and office-expenses, come under the Resolution of the Government of India of 30th June 1873, No. 1,388, was communicated for my information and guidance.

Dated 22nd August 1873, No. 257.

2. I have the honour to state, as represented in my letter, printed in G. O., No. 845, of 14th August 1873, that "boundary pillars" are, in reality, "demarcation stones."

3. The usual system for the supply of Government stones (boundary and khandam) is, that contracts are entered into with one or more persons, that advances are made in no case exceeding 75 per cent. of the value of stones ordered, and that accounts are only adjusted after the full number has been supplied and approved of; the balance is then paid, and, with the receipts furnished, the charge is entered, and the amount drawn in contingent bills. It necessarily occurs, therefore, that some months must elapse before each advance is adjusted, and that permanent advances cannot be paid and redrawn as reported by the Accountant-General. I cannot discover the grounds for any distinction being made between boundary pillars and other demarcation stones.

Vide paragraph 30 of G. O., No. 2,243, of 12th December 1864.

4. As regards advances for cooly-labour, the same objection presents itself to acting up to the Resolution. Small advances are made either to Head Surveyors or to heads of villages for daily payment to coolies that may be employed, and for this purpose they must always have some small sum of money in hand.

5. The instructions from the Government of India will be acted up to by district survey officers as far as the advance for contingent expenses is concerned, the system of post-audit being in force; but Rupees 1,000, the amount of permanent advance sanctioned for the Central Office in G. O., No. 2,209, of 14th September 1865, cannot be repaid in full on the last day of each year, as portions of it always remain unadjusted, and cannot be replaced as can be done in districts under the Circular instructions from the Accountant-General, *vide* No. 1 of 15th June 1865, paragraphs 27 and 28.

G. O., No. 753, of 4th April 1862.

Referred to the Accountant-General for his remarks.

Ootacamund,
3rd October 1873.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 2. From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Hon. R. A. DALY[illegible], Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ocot[illegible]nd, dated Fort St. George, 8th October 1873, No. 353.

I HAVE the honour with reference to endorsement, dated 3rd October 1873, on a letter from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, No. 2,362-81, dated 30th September 1873, to suggest, with reference to paragraph 3 of his letter, that, with a view to carry out the orders of the Government of India, Colonel Priestley might require the officers of the Revenue Survey Department to make part advances monthly, not exceeding his present scale, for only so many stones as the parties who supply them can bring in *within the month*, paying the one-fourth value after the stones are delivered by a minor abstract, which will include the advances also. The permanent advance will thereby be replaced as contemplated in G. O., Revenue Department, No. 322, dated 12th February 1863.

2. In respect to paragraphs 4 and 5 of Colonel Priestley's letter, I would observe that, if the rules in my Circular No. 27, dated 20th September 1873, (which is applicable to officers having permanent advances at the Presidency as well as the Mofussil) are attended to, there can be no difficulty in complying with the orders requiring the permanent advances to be refunded at the last working day of the year.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1873, No. 1,230.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey who will be good enough to report whether he anticipates any difficulties in giving effect to the suggestions of the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Accountant-General.

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Revenue Survey Office.
Received 3rd October 1873.

No. 2362
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From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

SIR,

Dated 22nd August 1873 No. 257.

In G. O. No. 965 of the 10th September 1873, a letter from the Accountant General reporting that advances made for boundary pillars, coolylabour & office expenses, come under the Resolution of the Government of India of 30th June 1873 No. 1388 was communicated for my information and guidance.

2. I have the honour to state as represented in my letter printed in G. O. No. 845 of 14th August 1873 that "Boundary pillars" are in reality "Demarcation stones"

3. The usual system for the supply of Government stones (Boundary & Khandam) is that contracts are entered into with one or more persons, that advances are made in no case exceeding 75 per cent of the value of stones ordered & that accounts are only adjusted after the full number has been supplied and approved of, the balance is then paid and with the receipts furnished the charge is entered & the amount drawn in contingent bills. It necessarily occurs therefore that some months must elapse before each advance is adjusted & that permanent

Vide Para 30 of G. O. No. 2246 of 12th Dec. 1864

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5. The instructions from the Government of India will be acted up to by District Survey Officers as far as the advance for contingent expenses as concerned the system of post-audit being in force but Rs. 1000, the amount of permanent advance sanctioned for the Central office in G.O. No. 2209 of 14th September 1865 cannot be repaid in full on the last day of each year as portions of it always remain unadjusted and cannot be replaced as can be done in Districts under the circular instructions from the Accountant General vide No. 1 of 10th June 1865 Paras 27 & 28.

G.O. No. 753 of 1st April 1862

Accountant General's Office
Recd 7 / 10 / 1873
Answd ___

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
J Trotter for C
Superintendent R. Survey

Copd J.L.D.
Cuttack

Book Department.

No. 353

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
8 October 1873.

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to Endorsement dated 3 October 1873 on a letter from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, No 2362/81 dated 30 September 1873 to suggest, with reference to para 3 of his letter, that with a view to carry out the orders of the Government of India, Col Priestley might require the Officers of the Revenue Survey Department to make part advances monthly, not exceeding his present scale for only so many stones as the parties who supply them can bring in within the month, paying the one fourth value after the stones are delivered by a sumsir abstract, which will include the advances also. The permanent advance will thereby be replaced as contemplated in G.O. Revenue Department No 322 dated 12 February 1863.

2. In respect to paras 4 and 5 of Col. Priestley's letter I would observe that, if the rules in my Circular No 27 dated 20 September 1873 (which is applicable to Officers having

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From No 3098
The Supdt Rev Survey
To
The Secretary to Govt
Rev. Dept

Dated 30 September 1873
Recd 1st Octr
Recd 3 " "
No 2362/81

Subject

States that it is impossible in certain cases to act up to the instructions contained in the Resolution of the Govt of India of 30 June 1873 No 1388 Para

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Refer Letter
Acct General for his
remarks.

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3rd October 1873

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Superintendent Rev Survey

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having permanent advances at the Presid-
-dency as well as the Mofussil) are attended
to, there can be no difficulty in complying
with the orders requiring the permanent
advances to be refunded at the last working
day of the year

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your obedient servant
W Rodwick.
Accountt. General.

Commd. 14th

No. 1230 R.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
under date the 3d Nov. Oct/73
Read the following
papers:—

From the Supt. Ro. Survey.
Stating that it is impossible
in certain cases back up to the
instructions contained in the Rs
of Govt. of India of 30th June/73
No 1388 T.

} H.E. 30th Sept/73 No 2362/81.

From the Acct General.
Offering certain suggestions
to meet the difficulties brought
forward by Col Priestley re-
garding the refund of Perma-
nent advances on the last work-
ing day of the year.—

} H.E. 8th Oct/73 No 2358

Communicated to
the Supt. of Ro. Survey
for his information and
guidance — The Govt.
are of opinion that with
some care on the part
of the officers entrusted
with permanent advances
the instructions of the
Acct. General can be
conformed to, and if after
giving

Rem 1873 Department
From No. 3224.
The Accountant Genl
To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Deptt

Dated 8th Oct/73
Recd 11th "
No. 353
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No. 1230—3 Nov.
Offering certain suggestions
to meet the difficulties
brought forward by Col
Priestley regarding the
refund of Permanent
advances on the last
working day of the
year.—

With Rules

Referred to the Supt. Ro. Survey
who will be pleased to report
for Madras whether any
difficulties in practice
will be experienced in giving effect to the
suggestions of the Acct. Genl.

3d Nov/73.

By Order &c.
Lieut. Col. &c. 3/11/73.

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whether Mys can be worked in the
manner the Acct. G. suggests
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giving practicable effect
to them, any difficul-
ties are met with in
refunding the perma-
nent advances on the
last day of the year,
Colonel Priestley will
submit a full explana-
tion of them. He

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