Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th December 1873.

No. 103. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. CLOETE, Deputy-Superintendent in charge of the office of Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 21st November 1873, No. 2,891-100 :—

In acknowledging the receipt of Proceedings Madras Government of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to state that the objections urged by Colonel Priestley, in his letter of the 30th September 1873,

No. 1,230.
„ 2,363-81.

are not removed by the Accountant-General.

2. As regards the suggestion made by him in paragraph 1 of his letter, I beg to represent that it is not possible to give effect to it, as the exact number of stones that can be brought in within any month cannot be ascertained; moreover, the head-quarters of a party are generally distant from the scene of operations where stones are delivered.

Dated 8th October 1873, No. 353.

3. Referring to paragraph 2, I do not understand how the instructions contained in Circular, No. 27, of 20th September 1873, can be attended to at the Presidency, as the pre-audit system is in force, and payments are made on cheques and not on minor abstracts.

Copy enclosed.

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1873, No. 1,409.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances stated by Colonel Priestley in his communication, dated 30th September 1873, No. 2,362-81, and by Captain Cloete in his letter above recorded, the order of the Government of India, directing that all permanent advances shall be refunded on the last day of each year, and drawn again on the next office-day, cannot be made applicable to advances given to the Revenue Survey Department for demarcation stones or boundary pillars and for payment to coolies and measurers.

Pro. of Govt., dated 3rd Nov. 1873, No. 1,230.

2. The Government, however, do not see the force of Colonel Priestley's objection to the order of the Government of India being adhered to in the case of the advance of Rs. 1,000 given to the Central Office, and, referring to paragraph 3 of Captain Cloete's letter, the Accountant-General will give that officer such further instructions as he may deem to be required.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Survey Office
Poona
2nd December 1873.

No. 2891
of 1873

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

SIR,

No. 1230 — I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from the Collector of Ahmednagar, No. 2363 of the 1st instant, with its enclosures, on the subject of the objections urged by Lieut. Priestley in his letter of the 30th September 1873, and to state that I am unable to concur in the opinion expressed by the Collector in the 3rd paragraph of his letter, that the objections are not removed by the Revenue Survey Records.

2. I regret that the explanations made by Lieut. Priestley in his letter of the 30th September, and in my letter No. 2358 of the 1st instant, have not been sufficient to satisfy the Collector, as the exact number of shows that can be brought to within any given number cannot be ascertained, moreover the Head Quarters of a party are generally distant from the scene of operations where returns are delivered.

(enclosure returned) 3. Referring to Paras 2, I do not understand from the instructions contained in Circular No. 27 of 20th September 1873, that the attended to at the Precedency of the Re-audit system is in force & payments are made on cheques & not on mere abstracts.

I have the honour to be
Your most obedient servant
[illegible] Captain
[illegible]

Minor Abstracts for Contingent Charges when Permanent Advance is insufficient.

CIRCULAR No. 27.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
20th September 1873.

Audit Department.

From The OFFG. DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

To All OFFICERS in the CIVIL DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

Government having now granted Permanent Advances on account of Contingencies to all Officers, I have the honor to request that the rules laid down in my Circulars, Nos. 10 dated 14th September 1865, and 15 dated the 21st February last, may be strictly observed, and to furnish you with the following detailed explanatory instructions for your future guidance with regard to Contingent Charges.

2. When the Permanent Advance which is assigned to any Officer is found insufficient to meet the expenses of any one month, remits should be drawn upon Minor Abstracts as *often as is necessary*. Several such Abstracts may, therefore, be cashed during the month, but one must always be sent in on the last day of the month, so that the whole sum ex-

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pended during the month may be readily drawn during the currency.

3. The Minor Abstracts must specify in detail the sums actually paid from the Permanent Advance and such further sums as require to be immediately paid and for which the Permanent Advance does not suffice. No vouchers need accompany these Minor Abstracts.

4. It will thus be seen that on a Minor Abstract being paid to an Officer, he will, after settling all charges contained therein, always have the full amount of his Permanent Advance left in hand.

5. The detailed Contingent bill must be accompanied by discharged vouchers, that must bear the required certificate of the disbursing and countersigning Officers when the latter is necessary. The amount of this bill should of course agree with the total of all the Minor Abstracts drawn during the month.

6. On the last working day of the official year after cashing the last Minor Abstract of the month referred to in the latter portion of para. 2, the whole Permanent Advance must be paid by each Officer into the Treasury and redrawn on a ~~charge~~ receipt on the first working day of the next official year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. DONALD,
Offg. Dy. Accountant General.

Revenue Department

No. 1403

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 12 December 1873.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Replying to Rec.d No 1230 dt.d 8th Nov.r 1873 calling for Report on the practicability of the proposal suggested by the Accountant General for the replacement of the Permanent Advances for the Survey Department

Rec.d Enter 21st Nov.r 1873 No. 2362

I refer the circumstances stated by Colonel Priestley in his communication dated 30th September 1873 No. 2362 and by Captain Cloete in the letter above recorded, the order of the Government of India directing that all Permanent