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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

19th October 1878, No. 1,694.

Read the following paper:—

No. 212. Endorsement of the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department, dated Ootacamund, 8th October 1878, No. 8,102.

From H. P. GORDON, Esq., Acting Collector of the Bellary District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1878, No. 316.

With reference to G.O., of the 3rd August, No. 1,222, I have the honor to forward an extract* from a letter from Mr. W. B. Oldham, B.C.S., asking whether the order in question is applicable to himself and his Assistant Mr. Hopkins.

2. Mr. Oldham has the supervision of the two camps in the Bellary Taluk, one situated more than ten miles to the north, and the other more than ten miles to the south of Bellary. He is enabled by using relays of horses to accomplish an inspection of either of these from Bellary, his headquarters, within about six hours, and without change of camp or quarters; but the distance so travelled by him is never less than 22 miles.

3. The rapidity with which his inspections are accomplished is productive of a great saving of his time for other work to the benefit of Government, and I cannot think that it is desirable to apply to him and his Assistant, Mr. Hopkins, whose case is almost similar, a rule which would have the effect of inducing them rather to make less frequent visits, or to cover their expenses by staying out a night for no useful purpose.

4. I have not thought it necessary to refer to the further question raised by Mr. Oldham as to visits to the Adoni Camp, because the Government Order does not, in my opinion, apply to journeys by rail. It seems merely to define the "march by road," referred to in G.O., No. 83, of 16th January 1878.

5. As the order of the 3rd August does appear to me, strictly construed, to apply to the visits to the Bellary Camps above specified, and as its application in these instances appear to me to be prejudicial to the interests of Government, I have the honor to solicit instructions as to whether the charges claimed on this account by Mr. Oldham and his Assistant should be disallowed.

* Paragraphs 1 to 8 inclusive.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. B. OLDHAM, Esq., Division Officer, Adoni and Bellary Taluks, to H. P. GORDON, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, dated 6th September 1878, No. 766.

With reference to G.O., of the 3rd August 1878, No. 1,222, forwarded to Mr. Hopkins and myself by your letter, in which you express the opinion that the travelling allowance drawn by us before we had seen this order should be refunded to the Treasury, I have the honor to ask if the Government Order really applies to our case, as it has been passed in a case entirely different from the circumstances under which we have submitted bills for travelling allowance. To make this as clear as possible, I will describe Mr. Hopkins' situation.

2. His chief duties are to inspect and control the two relief camps in the Bellary Division and the relief camp and hospital in the Adoni Division. Under the orders of Government the two former are at a distance of over eleven miles from Bellary, and the Adoni Relief Camp is over eight miles from Adoni, while Adoni itself is 66 miles by rail from Bellary.

Each of these camps is visited by Mr. Hopkins once a week at least, generally a little oftener. I consider that to be as I have made his headquarters to Bellary. His practice is to ride out to a camp in the morning, to remain there all day, and return in the evening. In the case of Adoni he sometimes stays the night, but generally leaves by the 6 o'clock train, and by using a gharry manages to visit both camp and hospital and return here between 7 and 8 o'clock.

2. In these cases the only approach to moving camp or quarters is that Mr. Hopkins has to take a tent out his midday meal with him.

3. Mr. Hopkins, who is in the lower grade of the Uncovenanted Service on very small pay, cannot afford to make these journeys for nothing; nor can I usefully employ him in any other way than in these inspections, in which he is most useful. To earn the allowance, therefore, he must, if the Government Order rules his case, arrange to stay out all night. By doing so much of his time would be wasted and his services annulled. He could not make his inspections nearly so often as he does now.

4. My own case is much the same except that, having better means of conveyance than Mr. Hopkins, my visits to the Bellary Camps do not occupy on an average more than six hours in going, inspecting and returning. Nor can more than two hours at a time be usefully spent in my office inspection. When the inmates are mustered and seen fed, the stores, money and accounts examined, and the general state of the camp inspected, there is no more to do; while, with the amount of office work now on my hands, my return on the same day is always necessary. In going to Adoni I sometimes take a servant with me, sometimes not. Should the rule be held to govern my case I must abandon these inspections.

5. Apparently the rule would be complied with by sending out a tent or a portion of tent, even though it were not used. Looking to the case on which the Government Order has been passed, it seems that she would not be so much an evasion of it as that the Government Order was not intended to apply to such cases as those now quoted. It is to be mentioned that since we have been here neither Mr. Hopkins nor I have charged for a journey of less than 12 miles.

6. Without dwelling on these two special cases, I beg permission to add a representation on general grounds. The rule for mileage as put by the Accountant-General in this paragraph is somewhat contradicted by the Government Order in the case that holds as to the amount of conveyance to be given. The rule has always been considered by many officers to entitle a person to make a journey of ten miles or less to and from his head quarters for mileage, or six pay for such a journey when the distance travelled is over ten miles. As regards officers making short journeys without expense to themselves "on service of various kinds," the case must be that the journey either has or has not to be made. If it has to be made, the officer was entitled to be paid for it under the rule as it stood. That a few of the more lucrative appointments are occupied contrary to this by the superior who considers himself entitled to do it, is not a reason for allowing such charges to be made. In Adoni last year I was in fact compelled to countersign bills for journeys of which the necessity was not apparent.

7. It happens very frequently that an officer can make these journeys without expense to himself. But in by far the majority of cases travelling allowance does not recoup the expenses which are incurred. Last year in Adoni it no doubt did; my travelling allowance cover the expense of the travelling establishment I had to maintain, and rarely half covered it. The cases in which mileages are made unnecessarily are much more than counterbalanced by those in which the expenses exceed the allowances.

Transmitted to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. STUBBOCK,
for Acting Secretary.

Madras,
31st September 1878.

Transmitted to the Revenue Department for consideration with the remark that, whatever decision may be arrived at, the Governor in Council considers Mr. Oldham should be given to understand that he will be required to perform to the full extent needful all necessary inspection duties, and that the Collector should be directed to see that there is no laxity on this important point.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

No. 213. Order thereon, 19th October 1878, No. 1,694.

Miscellaneous.

G.O., 23rd September 1878, No. 1,543.

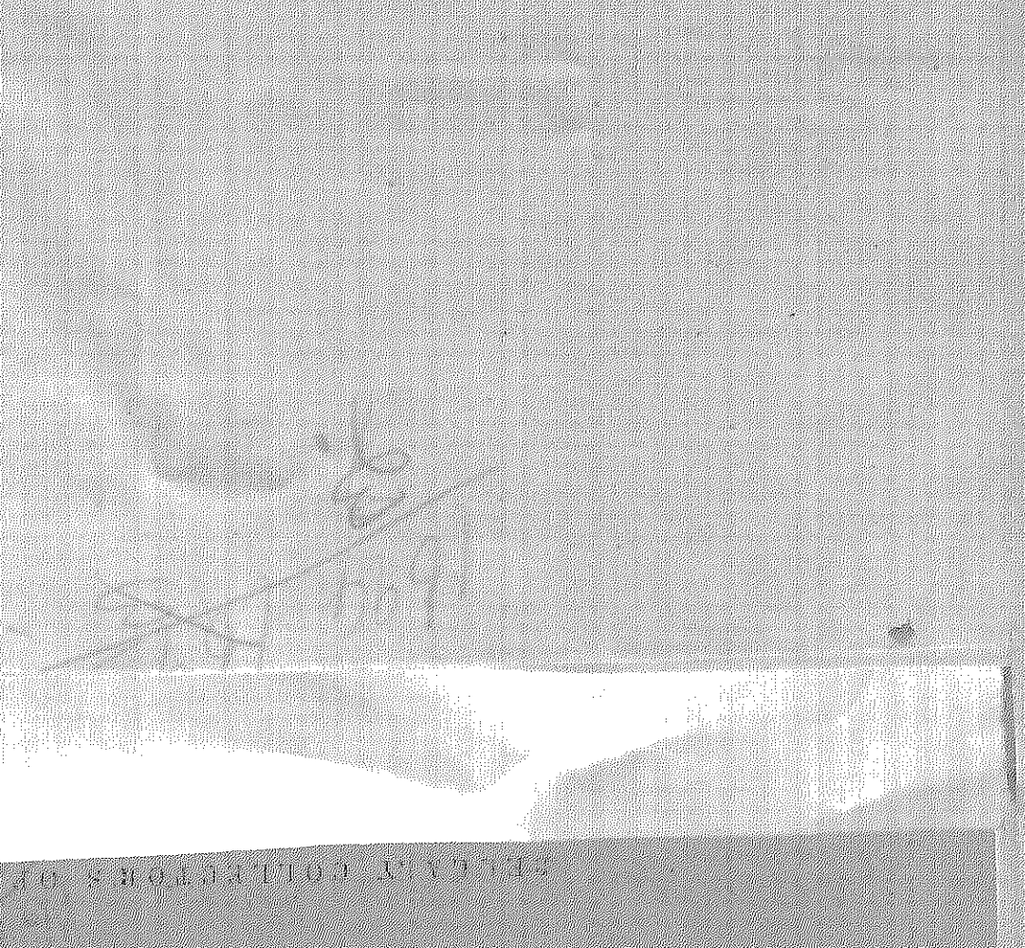
The Government Order which gave rise to this reference has been superseded by that noted in the margin. No exception to the rules can be made in favor of Messrs. Oldham and Hopkins, and the Collector will communicate to these gentlemen the endorsement of the Revenue (Famine) Department.

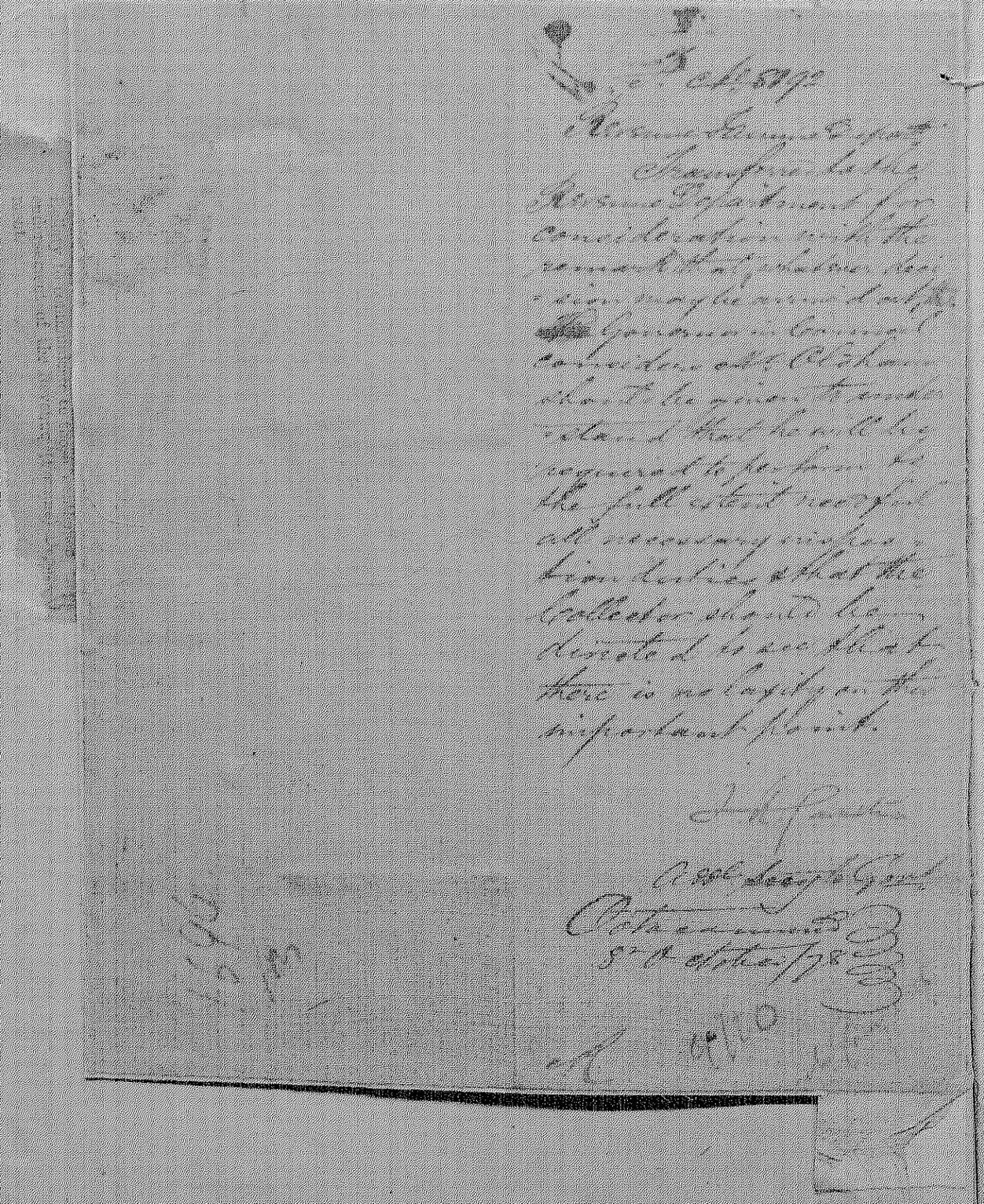
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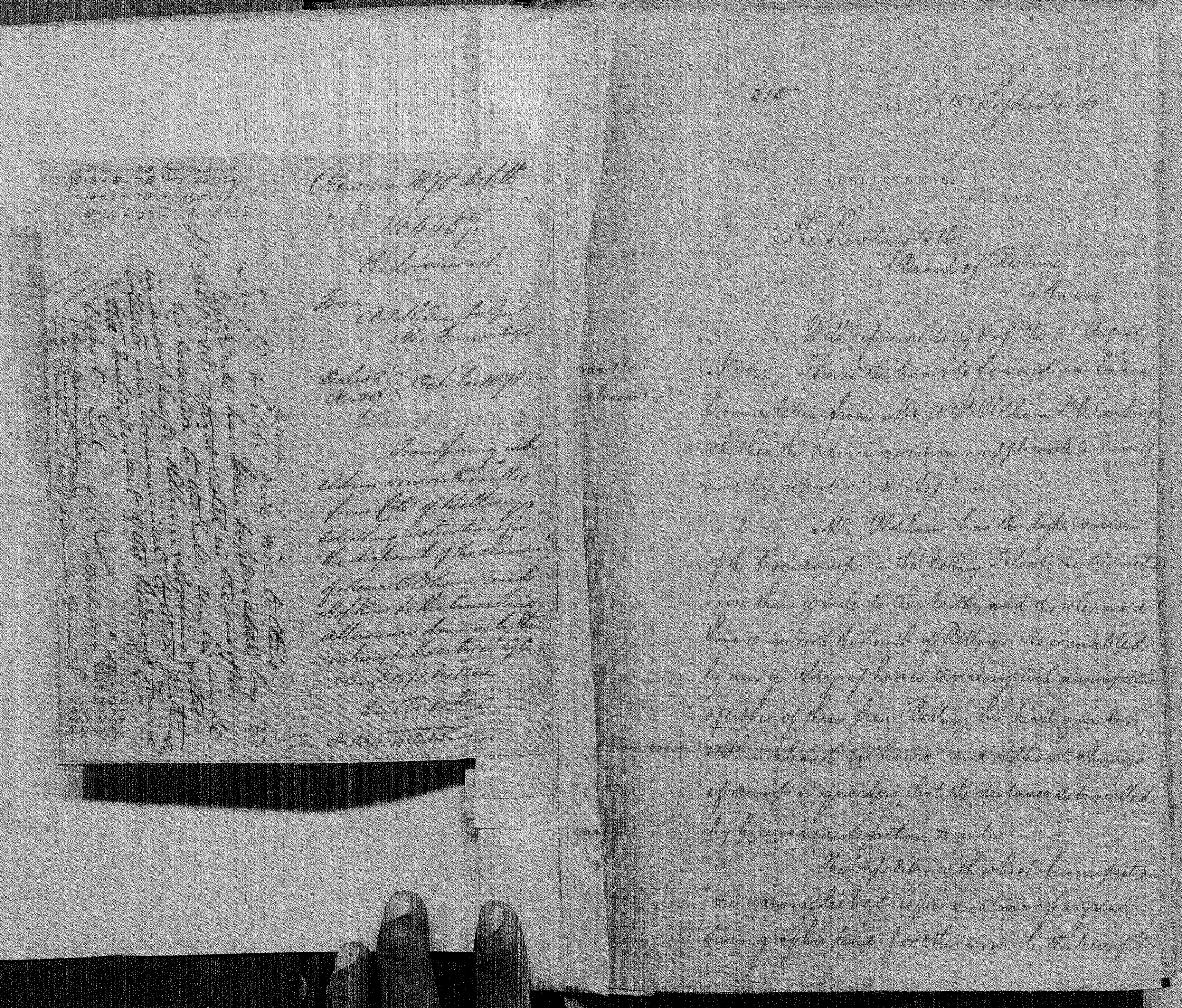
(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Revenue (Famine) Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Lhd. C. Howarth.







of Government and cannot think that it
is reasonable to expect to him and his Assistants
all the Nights when necessary a Guard sufficient
which would have the effect of withdrawing them
often from the Service required of them to conse-
quence they apprehend it right for no
Person

to Grant Warrants
to refer to the further procedure noted by the Chair-
man to write to the Adam Camp, because the Officers
not, in many Instances reside so far removed as
render it impossible to obtain the Signatures
to the Warrants in due time

8th

to the Order of the 3d August, desc
appear to me Armed, to apply to the
Bench to the Petty Sessions thereafter specified and
make application in the manner appointed me
by the Magistrates to the Board of Government
Have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Letter
the enclosure dated 1st this month by the Chair-
man and his Assistant should be more Cautious

Have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Ste Ewen Pollock

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated the 11th September 1873

To,

The Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Madras

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Public Service of the Bellary District for the month of August 1873, and to request that you will be pleased to cause the Accountant General to be informed that the Collector has drawn on the Treasury Officer of Bellary for the amount of the Bills specified in the Statement.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. Hurst

for Collector

Received 12th Sept 1873

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Forwarded 13th Sept 1873

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One of these camps is visited by Mr Hopkins
once a week at least generally a little after
Tea enable him to do this he made his Head
Quarters in Bellary. His practice is to ride out to
a Camp in the morning, to remain there all day
and return in the evening. In the case of Cholera he
sometimes stays the night but generally leaves
by the 6 o'clock train, and by means of Carts train
is able to visit both the Camps and Hospitals and
return here between 9 and 10 AM.

3. In these cases the Assistant to
the Camp Surgeon is that officer Hopkins
had to take or Lieutenant Bloomfield may usually
have -

4. Mr Hopkins has in the Lower Grade
of the unclassed Service a very small
Ring Counter for he make these Journeys for
nothing. For an Invalid employ this means
Other way than in these Districts in which the
Climate is fatal. To earn Handsome Allowance therefore
he must if the Cholera has ceased prevail to stay
out all night. By doing so much a Short time
would be saved and the Services rendered
He could not make the Journeys for

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Envelope addressed

to Peter Jones Esq
Bankers of Toronto
on 31st July 1872

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