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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th December 1876.

No. 170. Read the following letter from R. T. DAWICK, Esq., Accountant-General, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th November 1876, No. [illegible]:

I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, the following circumstances relating to Mr. Sharkey's travelling allowance on joining his appointment in the Vizagapatam District.

2. Mr. Sharkey proceeded from Madras to Vizagapatam, per British India Steam Navigation Company's steamer, and on arrival at his station drew, in full, [illegible] on bill, from the treasury, Rs. 84 as passage-money for himself and one servant.

3. This bill was sent, as usual, to the Board of Revenue for countersignature. They, on 4th January 1876, in objection statement remarked: "Disallowed, pending explanation as to whether the steamer by which Mr. Sharkey travelled from Madras to Vizagapatam belonged to British India Steam Navigation Company. If so, the Government contract-rate of passage-money for the first and third-class passengers is only Rs. 48 and 7, respectively. A certificate from the Agents of the steamer should also be submitted in support of the charge." This Office ordered, on 8th March 1876, recovery of the amount from the next like bill, but the treasury officer did not comply, but merely said in reply: "Copy of explanation furnished to the Board is herewith attached."

4. Subsequently, on 1st July 1876, the Board, in Official Memorandum, stated: "Of this sum Rs. 56 only is admitted, as the Government contract-rate of passage-money with British India Steam Navigation Company is Rs. 48 for first and Rs. 7 for the third-class passengers. The remainder (Rs. 29) should be recovered from Messrs. Binny & Co., the Agents of the British India Steam Nav. Co., upon." On receipt of this information this Office, on 7th August 1876, again ordered Rs. [illegible] to be recovered from Mr. Sharkey's next travelling allowance bill. This time also the Treasury Deputy Collector did not obey, but remarked in answer that "the Board of Revenue directed the sum of Rs. 29 to be recovered from Messrs. Binny and Co., who have declined to refund the amount. The Board have been addressed on the subject."

5. The Treasury Deputy Collector's refusal to recover from Mr. Sharkey is in direct opposition to the Government of India's instructions contained in this Office Circular, dated 25th February 1875, No. 34, and I regret this disobedience of orders for such notice as Government may be pleased to take.

6. The Board of Revenue, in their Official Memorandum (to be returned), copy herewith, have admitted, as a charge against Government, the full amount of passage-money paid by Mr. Sharkey, thus setting aside the terms of the contract between Government and the British India Steam Navigation Company, and saddling the State with Rupees 29 over and above what is admissible, which, I submit, they have not the power to do. The amount should be recovered from Mr. Sharkey's next pay bill, as Messrs. Binny & Co.'s offer of reference should be accepted. The sum, if received from the British India Steam Navigation Company, can be handed to Mr. Sharkey in reimbursement.

7. It will be seen that the sum objected to was drawn in July 1876, and that the final order of the Revenue Board is dated 14th November 1876. I submit that such great delay in disposing of cases is extremely detrimental to the public service.

Nov. 21. Orders of the Board, 8th December 1876, No. 1,606.

Read the following letter from the Accountant-General, dated 21st November 1876, No. 1,606:—

A Shanker was a passenger by [illegible] steamer from Negapatam to Singapore on the 15th [illegible] 1875, and being in charge of the treasure of the coolies travelling between those ports, while the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company paid the amount from the coolies' Local funds as passage money to the vessel and servants, had drawn the amount already paid by him from the treasury at Vizagapatam. The Revenue Board disallowed this claim in January 1876, and in March 1876 the Accountant-General ordered the amount to be recovered from Mr. Shankey's next succeeding remittance. The Deputy Collector did not comply with the ruling received, requiring the Accountant-General to furnish a copy of Mr. Shankey's explanation tendered to the Board. In July 1876 the Board directed that the Rs. 20 overdrawn by Mr. Shankey should be recovered from Messrs. Binny and Co. The Accountant-General, however, again ordered the money to be retrenched from Mr. Shankey's next bill, but the Deputy Collector again neglected to carry the order and informed the Accountant-General that Messrs. Binny and Co. declined to refund. The Board appear desirously to have admitted the charge against the Government.

The Accountant-General now reports the Deputy Collector for disobedience of [illegible] and refers to the Board's letter, considers that Mr. Shankey should [illegible] the Madras Mail Steamer and Co's office of interest should be asserted.

The Government are not aware what that offer was, but while indisposed to [illegible] Deputy Collector, who was placed in a difficult position, they consider [illegible] Accountant-General is according to the Accountant-General's orders although [illegible] the Board's order. The Standing Order of the Government of India [illegible] Article 1040, Section 2, distinctly lays down that it is an Accountant-General's duty to point steadily and immediately every failure to recovery of erroneous payments promptly and to report the case to the local Government, and the Deputy Collector will bear this ruling in mind in future.

[illegible] recovery of the Rs. 20 is now to be retrenched from Mr. Shankey, [illegible] Board with regard to Messrs. Binny and Co to refund the amount, intimating [illegible] Mr. Shankey is liable by having made to them, in ignorance, a payment [illegible] charges of what should have been paid under their contract with Government; and on the receipt of the amount it will be paid to Mr. Shankey.

(True extracts)

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

To the Accountant-General,
the Board of Revenue.

Ind. P. E. Gentleman.

Dated Department.

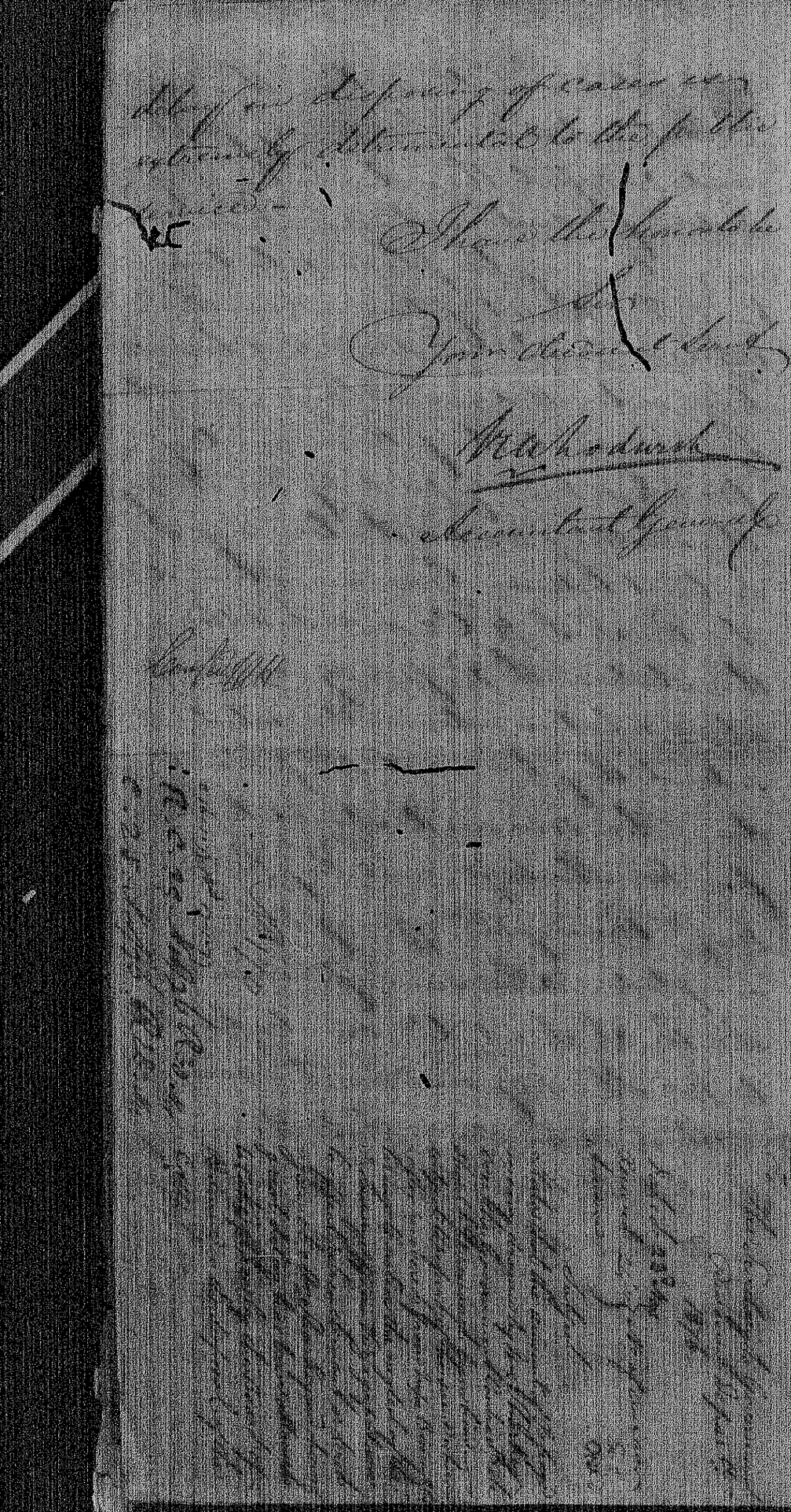
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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
[illegible]

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS.

To The [illegible]

Sir,



Memo. with reference to the
Hon. Sir W. Robinson's remarks on Sept 5th
Order in Co. 5750 regarding Passage Money
drawn by Mr. Stanley.

Mr. Stanley in sent
to Crown in the enclosed
and there advised return
only. He should be forwarded
by Agents Messrs. Finlay
Clan Fraser and Co.
Leith Glasgow and Liverpool
Mr. Stanley could
then forward by the
1st Steamer on the 9th
Lady Yrs sent Copy
correspondence Crown Agents
Sydney on the subject
of Passages Colony Papers
by R. M. of Good Hope
Cape Town, on the
Natal Commissioners Co

Me reading to the Board
Office on 29th March 1837
with the Official Return
No 1837.

Mr Thankey received
from Gen[l] the Comp[y]
Cheque received by
them. Messrs Harvey
& Co have been paid
for their Acc[t]

Last they also are dif-
ficult because they
were not returned to
the Comp[y] Mr Thankey
has the passage that
he was to Gen[l] Comm[g]
Hodgson here enumerated
the Board directed Comp[y]
that notice was to
appear

Clerks

[illegible]

clerks the Accountant
General is corresp[g] on the
reasoning the orders
the Deputy Trustees to
deduct from Mr Thankey
bill the sums received
paid to the Company
when the Board had
decided that Rents
Binney ffs should be
added to Mary H. Mer-
chant Deputy added
Registry as not obeyed
the Accountant General
continues Secretary
they were ignored to
the Board's notice

Ags instructed that
the Accountant General
should be told that
he

the Deputy Collector
was not at fault.

Resolved that the said
work done in the Surveyor's
office & delivered under
his hand Recd the Board were
asked to report on the
subject. Their report
was read the Resolution
before passed rescinded
and passed. —

Proceedings of the Heads of Enquiry
held at the Office
at Castle Garden
pursuant to Act of Assembly
passed 23d Nov 1796 ch. 569

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Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners
Under date the 8th Nov 1876

Received from the
Secretary of Commissioners
23rd Nov 1876 vol. 525.

Ohio Penitentiary Cost
Bureau of Statistics
Columbus Ohio

Nov 23rd 1876

Sir

I have the honor to
transmit herewith and
under cover the report
of the Board of Directors
of the Ohio Penitentiary
for the year ending
October 31st 1876
and
to request that you
will cause the same
to be laid before the
Commissioners of
the Ohio Penitentiary
at their next meeting
to be held on the 28th inst.
as required by law.

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