Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2110

DATED 16th May.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Meteorological reporter to the Govt of ~~In~~ Madras to inform the Imperial Reporter that ~~the extract~~ this Govt Considers that the extra Contingent expenditure incurred during 1897-98 on account of the daily weather report was necessary and should be admitted and that ~~the~~ an addition of Rs 50 per annum should be made to the Contingent expenditure.

BACK PAPERS.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2219

From

The Meteorological Reporter
to the Govt of India

Order

No. 104/S.

Dated 14 Mar

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for consideration and sanction, if the Madras Govt consider it necessary, a copy of from Miss Rogers, Meteorological Reporter, asking for an increase in the grant to meet contingent expenditure on account of the publication & distribution of the daily Weather Report.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	824		5.10.97
	268 bis		5.2.98
	187		25.2.98
	143 bis		15.1.98
	4516 bis		23.11.96
	2893 bis		24.7.96
	1063 bis		30.3.94
	457		26.5.93.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
Grant budget estimate for 1898-99.			
Rep. 2-1-1st Finance Committee 1898			

Madras Meteorological office,

3rd March 1898 No. 130

From

Miss E. Isis Pogson, F.R. Met. Soc,
Meteorological Reporter to the
Government of Madras,

To

The Meteorological Reporter to
the Government of India,
Calcutta

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the contingent Expenditure of the Madras Daily weather Reports has increased year by year and the allotted grant of Rs. 240 is found inadequate to meet the growing demands. The four Bicycles and Tricycles used by the Delivery peons are rather worn and require frequent repairs which deminishes the sanctioned grant as you will observe from the details given below for the current and the past two years

Year	Cycle repairs	Cycle Tax	Other items.	Total	Postage	Grand Total
1895-96	191 - -	24 - -	114 3 5	329 3 5	272 2 9	601 6 2
1896-97	109 2 -	12 - -	118 1 3	239 3 3	299 12 9	539 - -
1897-98 Drawn upto date	131 12 -	21 - -	100 13 6	253 9 6	237 7 6	491 1 -
1897-98 Bill annexed	120 9 6	12 - -	31 - 6	163 10 -	71 11 6	235 5 6
	252 5 6	33 - -	131 14 -	417 3 6	309 3 -	726 6 6
				Sanctioned allotment		540 - -
				Excess		186 6 6

The postage on the report also Exceeds the allotment in consequence of the increased number of requests made for Copies of the Madras Daily weather Report. Another unforeseen Expense is the Municipal Tax on the Bicycles and Tricycles of Rs 24/- per annum which were not taken into consideration when the original grant was asked for as these machines were not taxable in those days.

The two Lithographic presses came to grief during the year and the repairs done to them cost Rs 53. This is another item which has increased the Expenditure.

Under these circumstances, I request the favour of your kindly obtaining sanction for the additional grant

grant of Rs 187 for the current year and an increase of Rs 150 in the Annual grant for future years as per details shown below. I may mention that these additional Expenses are an absolute necessity.

Cycle Repairs	200
Municipal Tax on Cycles	24
Repairs to Lithographic Presses	30
Leather and Zinc Sheets for Lithographic Presses	20
Lithographic varnish and ink	60
Sundry things for Lithographic work at 3 Rs per mensem	36
	370
Postage	320
Total Rs	690
Sanctioned allotment	540
Increase Rs	150

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.,

(Sd.) E. Isis Pagson
Meteorological Reporter to
the Government of madras

1897-98

No. 107/S

FROM

THE METEOROLOGICAL REPORTER
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

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Madras

Dated Simla the 1st March 1898.

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1897-98

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more than the Sanctioned grant- (Rs 5760)
The increased Expenditure is in part
due to the heavy cost of repairs
to the tricycles used for the speedy
delivery of the Daily weather Report,
to certain unforeseen Expenditure such
as municipal taxes on Bicycles,
and to a larger Expenditure for
postage due to increase in the
number of copies distributed.

So far as I understand
my position, I believe I am
only authorized to advance
Contingent Expenditure upto the
amount Sanctioned, and hence
as Miss Borgson is now Exceeding that
amount, I have the honor to report
the circumstances to the Madras
Government for consideration
and for sanction; if they consider
it necessary for the proper
maintenance and Extension of
the publication of their Daily
weather Report, of the grant for
Contingent Expenditure on that
account as asked for in her
letter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt Servt,

Chief
Meteorological Reporter
to the Govt of India.

Read letter from the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India; No. 107-SS 14.3.98.
(Cno 2219 of 98).

Note.

With the Current read above the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India forwards a letter from the Madras Reporter in which the latter requests

1 That Sanction may be accorded for the Sum of Rs 18.7 incurred during the Current year in excess of the total amount Sanctioned for the Contingent expenditure connected with the publication of the Madras Daily weather report and

ii That the annual Contingent amount provided for expenditure may for future years be increased by Rs 150.

This application is submitted through the Imperial Reporter in accordance with the order contained in ~~G~~ para 3 of G.O. No 18 dated 15th January 1895.

2 The amount hitherto provided for ~~the~~ Contingent expenses Connected with the publication of

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the Daily weather report is Rs 540 and is made up of Rs 240 for "Press and other charges" sanctioned in G.O No. 457 dated 26.5.93 and Rs 300 for "Postage" sanctioned in G.O. No. 143 Mis. dated 15th January 1895. In her letter now before the Government, Miss Pogson (referring to the additional expenditure of Rs 187 incurred during the Current year) states that the four Cycles[x] used by the delivery peons in Madras required frequent repairs, that a sum of Rs 24 had to be paid for the municipal taxes on the Cycles and that the two lithographic presses had to be repaired.

From the statement given on page 2 of the letter it will be seen that under Postage there is an excess of only Rs 9 during the Current year while the remaining excess of Rs 178 occurs under "Press and other charges" and is chiefly due to the large expenses amounting to Rs 252 incurred on account of repairs to the four Cycles. As the expenses are stated to have been already incurred, they should, it thought, be admitted.

* please see estimate in para 10 of the Impl: Met: Reporter's letter dt 22.2.95 printed in G.O ~~=~~ (page 4). flag S

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x viz. 2 tricycles.
" 2 bicycles.

* please see estimate on page 3 of Miss Pogson's letter.

370
240
130

⊗ please see G.O's 117 Mis dt 16.1.94 flag O
+2893 Mis dt 24.7.94 flag T

2 tricycles (one 2nd hand)

x page 4 of G.O 457 dt 26.5.93, flag S

3 With regard to the proposed annual increase of the Contingent expenditure by Rs 150, it is observed that Miss Pogson* estimates an increase of Rs 130 under "Press and other charges" while the remaining Rs 20 is provided for in the increase under Postage caused by the growing demand for copies of the Daily weather report. The large increase under "Press and other charges" is chiefly due to the provision of Rs 200 made for Cycle repairs. The provision seems large but is apparently necessary as the four Cycles are reported to be rather old. The purchase of these Cycles was sanctioned by the Government in 1894 and the cost of their repair was does not therefore appear to have been specially taken into account when the sum of Rs 240 was provided in 1893 for "Press and other charges" in the estimate of charges drawn up by the Imperial Meteorological Reporter. It seems therefore necessary that some additional provision should be made in the annual contingent expenditure for

cycle repairs" and "municipal tax on cycles". But the annual cost of repairs may perhaps be ~~made~~ reduced by ordering the sale of the old machines now in use ~~and~~ (at least of the oldest two) and sanctioning the purchase of new machines in their stead. ~~Before~~ Sds the charges incurred must be sanctioned but possibly the bicycles may be sold & replaced by a good Stamp make of bicycles

~~Before agreeing to sanction this~~ Miss Pogson may be asked to report whether the purchase of ~~the Cycles will not in the long run be more economical and what the annual cost of repairs would then be.~~

4 As to the source from which the expenditure is to be met, it will be seen from G.O. No 457* dated 26.5.93 that according to the arrangement then made with the Government of India, the Imperial Department was actually to incur the expenses under 26 Scientific and Minor Departments - Meteorological Dept Imperial - while the Madras Government was to pay a lump contribution, the necessary adjustments being made under ⊗ Land Revenue (please see appendix A on page 209 of the Civil Budget Estimates for 1897-98). This practice continued until 1896-97 when the new Provincial Contract came into force. According to the usual practice, this contract

* please see para 15 of Mr Eliot's letter in the G.O. on page 5.

⊗ under "Miscellaneous transfers"

page 238.

has annulled all the adjustments between Imperial and Provincial made previously (including the adjustment on account of the cost of the publication of the Madras daily weather report) — please see para 292 of Chapter VII of the Report of the Financial Committee 1886, Vol I. No provision has been made in the Current Provincial Contract for the necessary adjustment (please see ⁂ Statement on page 14 of G.O. (Financial) No. 824 dated 5.10.97) nor does the charge appear to have been included in any of the budgets. It would therefore appear that the expenditure already incurred and that to be incurred on account of the publication of the Daily weather report is to be booked in the accounts of the Imperial Meteorological Department of the Government of India without any contribution from Provincial. On this point however, it seems better that the opinion of the Finance Department should be taken.

5 If as stated above the Imperial is to meet the charges, Mr Eliot may be asked to pass (with

the Sanction of the Government of India if necessary) the contingent expenditure of Rs 187 already incurred.

With regard to Miss Pogson's request that the annual contingent expenditure should be increased by Rs 150, if no reference is to be made to her on the point (as suggested at the end of para 3 of this note) Mr Eliot may be informed that for the proper working and extension of the Scheme for the publication of a daily weather report in Madras and to ensure the speedy distribution of the daily charts in the Madras City, it is indispensable that the annual contingent expenditure should be increased by Rs 150 and that provision should therefore be made accordingly.

It is submitted that the repair of the bicycles (if the two bicycles are replaced by bicycles) should not cost anything like this sum. A round diamond frame badge with cushion tyres and solid tyres ought not to want more than 10 Rs worth of repairs during the year with ordinary care. Miss Pogson may be told to watch the peons usage of the machines & make them pay for injuries due to careless or rough usage. Municipal taxes however have to be paid too perhaps an addition of Rs 50 (for taxes & repairs) may be made to the allotment for contingent expenditure

Kelly
21/6/8

Will Fin. Dept kindly advise on the point at A in para 4 of the note; & the source of funds to meet the excess expenditure

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Fin Dept Note

P.T.O

[61/13]
1,000—31-7-07.

NOTE FOR THE Revenue Deptt.

All special contributions
the Queen Imperial and Provincial
arising
~~accruing~~ during the
Currency of a Contract
Cease ~~per se~~ on ~~the~~ Expiry
~~demand~~
of the contract; the sanc-
tioned Scale of expenditure,
Imperial or Provincial, on the
31st March being taken as
the starting point ~~of basis~~
for the new contract. The
Daily weather Report Charges
which have all along been
borne by Imperial, in the
first instance, will therefore
be
continue to the Imperial.
but the Special contributions
from Provincial to meet
the charge ~~have~~ ~~been~~ cleared
~~discontinued~~
from 1st April 1897.

The receipts from Subscriptions
were ordered to be credited
to Provincial (in para 8
A of G.O. No 428, Fin. dt 31-5-95).
the amounts are however
small that they be
given up if India
insists.

of the last year of the expiring contract

insists on it:–

Receipts		Charges
	Suppl	Provl
1894-95 — Rs 115-0-0	(Suppl)	5.520
1895-96 — " 139-9-9	(Provl)	4.561
1896-97 — " 164-0-0	Do	4.576
1897-98 — " 118-8-0	Do	nil

AB
6/4/98

[illegible] 3.4.98

~~[illegible] Secy [illegible] the [illegible] Imperial Meteorological Reporter [illegible] may be authorised [illegible] information that [illegible] considers that [illegible] the charge of Rs 187 has already incurred [illegible] necessary and that [illegible] (for larger [illegible]) [illegible] made to the allotment for Contingent Expenditure [illegible]~~

[illegible] 16/4/98

Please see draft order put up.
Secy
6.5.98

Hm.
The draft may issue.
8/5/98

The Met Repr

As the Daily weather Report charges are now subject Imperial ~~[illegible]~~ is expected to be good enough to address the Imperial Met Reporter on the subject ~~[illegible]~~ affirming that authority that

14/5/98

Dr 16/5/98

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.. Read letter from the Imperial Meteorological Reporter No 107/S d 14.3..98.

(Circ 2219 of 98)

G. O. mis No. 2110 d/ 16th May 98.

~~In the circumstances reported by the Reporter~~ the Government considers that in the circumstances the contingent extra expenditure of Rs 187 incurred during 1897-98 was necessary and should be admitted.

2 With reference to the request that the amount at present provided for the annual Contingent expenditure should be increased by Rs 150, it is observed that the provision made for Cycle repairs is large and ~~might be~~ that ~~the~~ expenditure on this account might be reduced by replacing the two tricycles the purchase of which was sanctioned in G. O. No 117 mis d 16.1.94 which must now be considerably worn, by two new bicycles of a ~~good and~~ strong make. ~~and by enforcing their careful~~ The careful use of all the cycles should be ensured by making the peons liable ~~if necessary~~ for injuries due to careless or rough use .. ~~With the charge instead~~

Miss Pogson may ~~also~~ inform the Imperial Meteorologist Reporter that if such steps are taken above, the Government considers that it will be sufficient if an addition of Rs 50 is made to the annual allotment for Contingent expenditure.

3. Miss Pogson will be requested to address the Met: Reporter to the Govt of India setting forth the above opinions of the Madras Government.

6.5.98

7/5/98

To the Met: Reporter to the Govt of Madras. Dft/ 19.5.98.

Note. It is thought that nothing need be said in the order about the source from which the expenditure is to be incurred.

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