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| 1 | From the Bank of Madras. | 20th October. | Report the amount of Specie and Liabilities, as they stood on the 17th Instant. |
| 2 | Order thereon..... | 22nd October. | Recorded. |
| 3 | Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India. | 2nd October. | General instructions relative to the payment of lost Bills of Exchange drawn on or by Treasuries not now in existence in consequence of the Mutinies. |
| 4 | Order thereon..... | 23d October. | Communicated to the Accountant General. |
| 5 | From the Accountant General. | 19th October. | With reference to an application from the Manager of the Oriental Bank Corporation for a supply of small Silver Coins for the Service of the Island of Ceylon, suggests that the Colonial Government be requested to state the quantity required for issue by them in the Colony. |
| 6 | To the Government of Ceylon | 24th October. | Requests to be informed what quantity of small Silver Coins they require for issue in the Island. |
| 7 | From the Accountant General. | 17th October. | With reference to an omission noticed by the Honorable Court, in the transmission of Advices of Bills of Exchange drawn on them, reports that the advice referred to was forwarded to Government on the 5th June last; and promises to despatch the Advices of Bills drawn by every mail instead of by the first mail of each month. |
| 8 | Order thereon..... | 27th October. | Brought to the notice of the Honorable Court, with the intimation that the Bill adverted to above, was transmitted by the first mail in June. |
| 9 | From the Sub Treasurer. | 19th October. | Reports the shipment on the 'Prince Arthur' on the 17th Instant of 264 boxes of small Silver and Copper Coins consigned to the Collectors of Canara, Malabar, and Coimbatore. |
| 10 | Order thereon..... | 27th October. | Recorded. |
| 11 | To the Accountant General. | 27th October. | Transmits the original Advice of Bills of Exchange drawn by the Honorable Court upon this Government. |
| 12 | From the above. | 28th Septr. | Submits, further observations in support of his arguments in favor of the present system of Accounts in this Presidency; states that the professional aid proffered by the Supreme Government is not necessary in case of the introduction here of the Bengal system; and explains how the pre-audit system has led to an increase of work. |
| 13 | Minute by the Right Honorable the President, concurred in by Sir Patrick Grant, K. C. B. | 3rd October. | After reviewing the arguments advanced in support of the two systems, the Bengal and Madras, is of opinion, that the principles on which they are based should be thoroughly examined by professional Accountants before preference be given to either of them. |
| 14 | Minute by the Honorable W. Elliot, Esq. | 8th October. | Considers that the Madras system of Accounts is likely to ensure accuracy; and hopes that the proposed change will not be carried out until the objections urged by the Accountant General are fully considered. |
| 15 | Order thereon..... | 27th October. | The Accountant General's letter and the above Minutes forwarded to the Government of India. |

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| 16 | To the Government of India. | 27th October. | Transmits the above papers with the intimation that this Government wish the introduction of that system, which is the most correct and practical. |

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| 17 | From the Accountant General. | 22nd October. | Submits an abstract Statement of the actual Receipts and Disbursements of this Presidency for the Quarter ending 31st July 1857, prepared according to the form prescribed by the Government of India. |
| 18 | Order thereon..... | 29th October. | Forwarded to the Supreme Government. |
| 19 | From the Accountant General. | 29th October. | Reports that upon the application of the Collector of Masulipatam he has instructed the Sub-Treasurer to pack up, and hold in readiness for shipment, small Silver and Copper Coins to the value of Rupees 50,000. |
| 20 | Order thereon..... | 29th October. | Government wish that the Coins be despatched as soon as practicable. |
| 21 | From the Government of India. | 22nd October. | Requests to be informed what portion of the estimated Cash balance of the General Treasury on the 31st Instant, is likely to be available for remittance to Calcutta or Bombay, as occasion may require. |
| 22 | Order thereon..... | 29th October. | The Accountant General called upon to furnish the information. |