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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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From C. S. McCarthy Esq. Secy to the Govt. 18

N^o 1.
The Secy to Government
Fort William,
Colombo, 9 Jan 1857

Sir,

Instructions having been received from the Right Honble the Secretary of State that the Accounts between Ceylon and India be closed and settled to 31st December 1856 and that from that date the exact balances of account on the 31st December of each future year be separately adjusted and settled by remittance, or through the Agents of the Ceylon Government at the several Presidencies, I am directed by the Governor to transmit to you an extract of a letter from the Auditor General here on the subject and to request that you will move the Right Honble the Governor General in Council at Calcutta to give directions in conformity therewith.

Colonial Secy's Office
Colombo, 9th Jan 1857.

I have the honor to be
Y^{rs} C. S. McCarthy

Extract referred to

With a view to carry into effect the suggestions respecting the settlement of Accounts between the Government and those of other Colonies and of the Presidencies of India, contained in the letter of the Board of Audit received with yours of the 31st ultimo, No 1070 I have the honor to recommend that letters should be addressed to the Government of the three Presidencies requesting that their Accounts may be at once closed up to the 31st January 1857 in order that our balances with them may be forthwith adjusted, and that in future the last day of each year should be the day to close accounts with this Colony instead of the financial date which they at present adopt of the 31st January and the succeeding quarters to render their Accounts to this Government.

Government should be 31st March, 30th June and 30th Sep-
tember instead of, as at present, 30th April, 31st July and 31st
October.

(A True Extract)
By Robt. Bayly

C. N. 2343

From,

The Honble. E. Drummond,
Accountant General to the
Government of India;

To,

L. H. Lushington Esquire,
Secy to the Gov^t of India
Financial Department

Sir,

With reference to letter from the Colonial
Secy at Ceylon to your address dated 9th Jan^y last for-
warded to me for report under your endorsement No 449,
dated 2nd Ultimo, I have the honor to observe that the
proposition of the Ceylon Government relative to the
Annual Adjustment of Accounts in future with this
Government seems to be a useful one and will obviate
the inconvenience attending the present mode of settling
Accounts with that Colony according to which they
are not closed for a series of years. The adjustments
under the new arrangements cannot however be made
in the same year in which the transactions occur,
for the following reasons.

1st Because the Ceylon authorities desire that the
Accounts should embrace the Calendar year and not
the official year as now - and 2nd because the Public
Books will not be closed till 18 months after the close
of the year the transactions of which they exhibit. By the
first the adjustment will be delayed for four months,
to which will be added the further period of 18 months
for the closure of the Books, the delay in the settlement
of

of Accounts therefore must extend to nearly two years.

2. Arrangements are being made in this De-
partment for the earlier closure of the Public Books
in future when these are completed, earlier settlement
of Accounts with the Colonies of Ceylon may be expected.
3. The original papers are herewith returned.

For William
Acct. Genl. Office
Acct. Genl. Dept.
The 3rd March 1857

I have the honor to be
Y^{rs} E. Drummond
Acct. Genl. to the Gov^t
of India

(True Copies.)

Wm. Lushington
Secy to the Gov^t of India

Comp^d

Port William
The 7th March 1857 }

Sir
Your most Obedient servant.
Wm. C. C. C. C.
Secretary to the Government of India.

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To the Hon. Mr. Grand
J. November 1857

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Forward copy of correspondence with the Canyon Gov^t and request report on the question referred relative to the Annual Adjustment of the Accounts of the Canyon Gov^t with the Indian Agency.

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Constant General for Robert
J. M. S. Mungo,
24 March, 1837
Chief Secretary

Chief Secretary

4th Dept General
with letter & enclosure } Date 25th Dec. 1861
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