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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 12th May 1857.

No. 5. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 6th May 1857, No. 264.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council, proceeds to pass Orders on the following Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors.

Dated 11th March, No. 7 of 1857.

- Paras : 1 and 2. *As the superiority of the process of Assay followed in the Calcutta Mint appears to be established, approve of its introduction into the Mint at Madras. Intimate that the Articles indented for will be provided with as little delay as possible.*
1. A copy of these paras : will be furnished to the Mint Committee, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 7th April 1856, No. 149, and subsequent correspondence on the subject.
- 3 and 4. *Communicate instructions on the points of enquiry submitted by the Accountant General in his letter, dated 3rd July, No. 82 of 1856, and forward Statement of Annuities of £600 paid by them in England to Annuity of the Fund of 1818, for 1854-55, 1855-56, and to the latest date.*
2. Ordered that copy of these paras : and the Statement received from the Honorable Court be forwarded to the Accountant General, in reference to his letter of the 3rd July 1856, No. 82, and that they be also communicated to the Trustees of the Civil Fund.
- 6 and 7. *With reference to the recommendation of Government, that the Salary of the present Accountant General should be fixed at Rupees 43,500 per annum, observe that as Mr. Prendergast, at the time he accepted the Office, was well aware that the Government Agency was about to cease, and as neither duty nor responsibility attach to him on that account now that it has been abolished, cannot admit that he is entitled to draw a larger Salary than Rupees 36,000 per annum.*
3. These paras : will be communicated to Mr. G. L. Prendergast, Accountant General, in reference to the application submitted by him under date 8th August 1856, No. 132.
8. *Presume that the sum of Rupees 17,804-4-0 which the Sub-Treasurer has been authorized to write back to the debit of "Supplies between India and London" does not come under the control of the Managers, but is re-credited to the appropriated Branch of the Civil Fund's Assets.*
4. Communicated to the Accountant General in reference to his letter of the 7th August 1856, No. 130.
- 9 to 11. *In reply to the application submitted by the Directors of the Bank of Madras that Bank Notes may be received in payment of Revenue at the Talook Treasuries, are of opinion that some additional facilities should be guaranteed by the Bank for the conversion of the Notes, and should wish to be assured that such means will be devised by the Bank as will make the illegal fabrication of their Notes a difficult matter, and that such rules will be prescribed for the use of the Government Treasury Officers as may facilitate the detection of forgeries, before according their sanction to the Bank's Proposition.*
5. Ordered that copies of these paras : be furnished to the Bank of Madras, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, 2nd September 1856, No. 426. It will be intimated to the Bank, that the Government will be prepared to consider any suggestions which they may have to make, relative to the manner in which the conditions required by the Honorable Court, as preliminary to the reception of Bank Notes at Subordinate Provincial Treasuries, may be satisfied.
13. *In consideration of Mr. Spencer's long period of Service, grant him a special Pension of Rupees 20 a month, and desire that Government will in future be more sparing in recommending Pensions beyond the Rules.*
14. *Confirms the grant of Rupees 220 a month as compensation to Mr. F. Orme, for the loss of the emoluments of his Office as Examiner in Equity.*
15. *Are prepared to confirm the proposition for compensation to Mr. Teed, as far as regards the future, but cannot allow compensation for the losses of past years, of fees to which duties were attached, from which he was also exempted.*
6. Communicated to the Judicial Department in which the subjects originated.

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16. Agree with the Accountant General that his Financial Statements and Reports should be printed rather than transcribed, and also that the work should be executed at his own Office rather than at the Gazette Press, and approve of the proceedings taken by Government with a view of supplying him with the necessary printing materials.
17. Observe that the Statement exhibiting the Receipts and Disbursements of the Native Pension Fund, since its commencement in 1808, referred to in Para: 79 of Letter in Public Department, dated 26th August, No. 26 of 1856, has not been received.

Paras: 5 and 12.

7. Communicated to the Public Department in reference to the correspondence which passed in that Department on the subjects herein referred to.

8. No remark.

E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Sig. J. E. Maltby
At Chief Secy

To the Mint Committee - Para 1 - with Paras 1 & 2 of the despatch

Acct. General	" 244	" 304 & 8	do
Trustees C. Fund	" 2	" 304	do
G. S. C. S. S. S. S. S.	" 3	" 6 & 7	do
Dis. Bank of Madras	" 5	" 9 @ 11	do
Judicial Dept	" 6	" 13 @ 15	do
Public	do	" 16 & 17	do

Desps 22.

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Further from the Account^{ts} General of 23rd March/58 No. 140
In the sum: 12th May
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No 2614
Robert Morris of London
18th May/57

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