

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 348

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 23d June 1857.

No. 3. Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 29th May 1857, No. 2246.

Read the following papers in connection with the question, whether the half-yearly and quarterly statements of increase and decrease in charges on account of salaries and establishments in all the Presidencies, hitherto submitted to the Government of India, under orders of the 12th January 1842, shall be continued to be submitted.

Resolution passed in this Department, under date the 19th December last.

Extract from the Proceedings of this Government, in the Military Department, No. 39, dated the 2nd ultimo, with enclosures.

Letter from the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 181, dated the 24th March last, with enclosures.

RESOLUTION.—The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes that in a Resolution bearing date the 12th January 1842, this Government, under the orders of the Honorable Court, directed that quarterly and half-yearly returns of the increases and decreases of charges in all the Presidencies, should be submitted to the Financial Department of this Government, for transmission to the Honorable Court.

In 1843* the Government resolved that measures should be taken for concentrating in the *Financial* Department, for the sanction of the Government, all applications for increase or alteration of Salaries or Establishments, and Tabular Statements of such applications were accordingly, periodically prepared in the Financial Department, and submitted for the orders of the Government.

These Periodical Statements, also, having been submitted to the Honorable Court, the quarterly and half-yearly returns called for under the orders of 1842, are now merely filed in the office, and only occasionally consulted, and the practice of forwarding copies of them to the Home Authorities has long been discontinued.

On the 19th December last, with a view to enable the Financial Department to exhibit in the Tabular Statements compiled for transmission to the Honorable Court, the *real* increase and decrease of establishments, the several local Governments were called upon to furnish within fifteen days after the expiration of every two months commencing from the 1st January 1857, and according to a form prescribed, a statement shewing *decreases* effected in Establishments, both permanent and temporary, the Civil and Military Auditors General, Fort William, were at the same time desired to submit in like manner similar returns of decreases in establishments in the territories and departments under the immediate control of the Government of India, the pay abstracts of which were passed by those two functionaries.

In reference to the above instructions the Officiating Military Auditor General submits a statement shewing the decrease in permanent and temporary establishments in the Military Department during the months of January and February 1857, and also a corresponding return of increase in establishments during the same period, with similar returns from the Auditor of Commissariat and Stud Accounts, and requests, as these Statements include all arrangements such as have hitherto been inserted in the *quarterly returns prepared under orders of the 12th January 1842*, that he may be permitted to discontinue the latter. The Auditor General further requests to be allowed to shew the increase and decrease of permanent and temporary establishments in the return called for under orders of 19th December 1856, in separate columns, and in future to omit quoting the original sanction of any *permanent* expense which may be exhibited as a decrease, the original sanction for *temporary* establishments that are decreased or discontinued, being invariably quoted.

The Military Department enquires whether there is any objection to a compliance with the proposals of the Auditor General.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 23d June 1857.

The Government of Madras also in submitting the required return enquires whether the reductions appearing in this return, are to be exhibited also in the quarterly statement hitherto furnished by the Audit Office, which embraces all decreases as well as increases of Civil charge.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to resolve that as the quarterly and half yearly returns prescribed in 1842 are merely filed in the Financial Department and are now seldom consulted, the preparation of them at the several Presidencies shall be discontinued.

His Lordship in Council also observes that the increase to establishments need not be shewn in the statements called for under the Resolution of the 19th December last, as all increases must receive the sanction of the Supreme Government and therefore will, as a matter of course, be reported to the Home Authorities by the Financial Department in the tabular statements prepared from its own register; nor should the dates of Government orders sanctioning permanent charges which may be exhibited as a decrease, be entered in the statements submitted by the local Governments, but only the dates of the original sanction for temporary establishments decreased or discontinued.

* Foreign Department.
Home Department.
Public Works Department.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Military Department in reply to the Extract from that Department above adverted to, and that a transcript thereof be furnished to the other Departments, noted in the margin.*

† Bombay.
Bengal.
N. W. Provinces.
Straits Settlements.

Ordered also that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, in reply to the letter from that Government above referred to and that a transcript thereof be furnished to the other Governments noted in the margin.†

Ordered further that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Civil Auditor, Fort William.
(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, No. 348; dated 18th June 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor for his information and guidance, and also to the Military Auditor General through the Military Department.

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