

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 27. MINUTES OF CONSULTATION,—No. 363; dated 23rd June 1857.

Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 7th April, No. 9 of 1857.

Paras: 2 & 3. Consider the substitution of a monthly for a yearly audit of the Civil Charges of the Madras Presidency to be a most desirable reform, and trust the measures authorized for carrying it out may be found effectual. Will offer no objection to the increase of Establishment sanctioned to the Civil Audit Office, consequent on the additional labors that will be entailed on it by this measure. For reasons assigned, hope that when the new arrangements are fairly in operation, some further reduction of Establishment may be found practicable in the Offices which have been relieved from duties.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor.

5 & 6. Consider the circumstances represented to justify the additional Establishment sanctioned by the Government of India for the Office of the Accountant General. Adverting to that Officer's proposal to re-distribute and revise his establishment as vacancies occur, intimate that care must be taken that the efficiency of the office is not impaired, but that no needless hands should be retained. Rely upon the Government also taking care that the new arrangement does not involve any increased expence, with the single exception that the salary of the Head Uncovenanted Assistant may properly be fixed at Rupees 600 instead of Rupees 500 per mensem, in accordance so far with the recommendation of the Government of Madras to that of India.

2. These paras: will be communicated to the Accountant General.

3. Under the permission given by the Honorable Court, the Government authorize the Salary of the Head Uncovenanted Assistant in the Office of the Accountant General being fixed at Rupees (600) Six hundred per mensem—the increase to be effected as vacancies occur.

8 & 9. Approve the abolition of the Offices of Mahratta Translator to Government, Head Assistant Register to the Court of Sudder Udalt, and Commissionership of the Northern Circars. Trust that Mr. Newill, the Deputy Commissioner Northern Circars, will be speedily appointed to another substantive appointment, so that the full benefit of the abolition of the Commissionership may be experienced.

4. The wishes of the Honorable Court communicated in para: 8 will be attended to.

Adverting to the correspondence between the Government and the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments relative to the emoluments of the Accountant General, Civil Auditor and Sub-Treasurer, intimate that the subject will be more fully considered on a future occasion, as a part of the general system.

11. Consider it unnecessary further to pursue the enquiry into the cause of the deficiency of 30 Gold Fanams in a remittance of uncurrent Coins consigned from Malabar to the Mint at Bombay on board the Steamer "Feroze."

5. Communicated to the Accountant General, with reference to Extract, Minutes of Consultation, dated 4th January, No. 1 of 1856.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Dated 23rd June 1857.

Read the following Despatch from the Hon. the Court of Directors dated 17th April N^o. 9 of 1857.

Paras 2 & 3. Consider the substitution of a monthly for a yearly audit of the Civil Charges of the Madras Presidency to be a most desirable reform, and trust the measures authorized for carrying it out may be found effectual. Will offer no objection to the increase of Establishment sanctioned to the Civil Audit Office, consequent on the additional labors that will be entailed on it by this measure. For reasons assigned, hope that when the new arrangements are fairly in operation some further reduction of Establishment may be found practicable in the Offices which have been relieved from duties.

586. Consider the circumstances represented to justify the additional Establishment sanctioned by the Govt. of India for the Office of the Accountant General. Adverting to that Officer's proposal to redistribute and revise his Establishment as vacancies occur, intimating that care must be taken that the efficiency of the Office is not impaired, but that no needless hands should be retained. Rely upon the Govt. also taking care that the new arrangement does not involve any increased expense, with the single exception that the salary of the Head Encovered Assistant may properly be fixed at Rupees 600 instead of Rupees 500 per mensem, in accordance as far with the recommendation of the Govt. of Madras to that of India.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor.

2. These paras will be communicated to the Accountant General.

3. Under the permission given by the Honorable Court, the Govt. authorizing the salary of the Head Encovered Assistant in the Office of the Accountant General being fixed at Rupees (600) per mensem the increase to be effected as vacancies occur.

Approve

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6. Ordered to be communicated to the Mint Committee, who will report, after communication with the Acting Mint Master, whether the services of Mr. Edwards can now be dispensed with.

7. A copy of this para: will be furnished to the Accountant General, with reference to his letter of the 4th September, No. 162 of 1856, and the appointment of Mr. G. L. Prendergast to be Accountant General to H. M. Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras will be notified in the Fort Saint George Gazette for general information.

8. Ordered that a copy of this para: be furnished to the Court of Wards through the Revenue Department, and also to the Accountant General and Sub-Treasurer.

9. Communicated to the Secretary to the Government Savings Bank and to the Accountant General, with reference to Order of Government, dated 15th July, No. 338 of 1856.

10. This para: will be communicated to the Public Works Department, and also to the Civil Auditor, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 31st March 1856, No. 137.

11. It is observed that the further measures which have been adopted for furnishing the Collectors of the several Districts with a supply of Silver and Copper Small Coins, were reported to the Honorable Court in the Letter in this Department, dated 2nd June, No. 11 of 1857.

12. The further correspondence referred to was brought to the notice of the Honorable Court in paras: 11 to 16 of the Despatch from this Department, dated 7th April, No. 7 of 1857.

13. Communicated to the Judicial Department in which the decision referred to was passed.

14. Need no Orders.

12 & 13. Approve of Government having strengthened the working power of the Mint by increasing the establishment of Bullocks attached to the Laminating Department, and concur also in the propriety of filling up the office of Superintendent of Machinery on a salary of Rupees 200 per mensem; but now that this appointment has been made, decline sanctioning the further retention of the services of Mr. Edwards, a pensioned Mint Superintendent, who has for some time past been engaged in the Mint on an allowance of Rupees 30 per month. Agree with the Government of India in thinking that it would be highly inexpedient to reduce the intrinsic value of small Silver Currency, or to alter the present form of the Coins.

14. Observe that with the exception of Mr. Cecil Smith in 1801, it does not appear that any formal nomination to the office of Accountant General to the Supreme Court has been made either by the Honorable Court or the Madras Government—but to prevent any further misapprehension, appoint Mr. Prendergast to be Accountant General to the Supreme Court.

15. Consider it necessary in accordance with Regulation V of 1804 that, notwithstanding the cessation of the Government Agency, the Sub-Treasurer should continue to undertake, in behalf of the Court of Wards, the safe custody of Securities purchased on account of disqualified proprietors.

16. Hope the measures taken at the Madras Presidency, in accordance with the decisions of the Government of India regarding the investment of Savings Bank Deposits and their custody after investment, will effectually prevent inconvenience, or an undue increase of the business of the Government Savings Bank.

18. State that Government will probably ere this have received a communication from the Supreme Government on the subject of the Honorable Court's letter to that authority dated 23d July 1856, intimating that the Civil Auditor, and not the Chief Engineer, is the proper Officer to whom should be entrusted the audit of Public Works expenditure.

20. Approve the Collector of Masulipatam having, when applied to, authorized the issue at par of Copper in exchange for Silver to a limited amount. Approve also the measures taken by Government with a view of remedying the scarcity of small Coins in certain Districts.

21. Await the further correspondence promised on the subject of the application of the Chamber of Commerce for an extension of the present arrangement under which payments to or by Government are made at the Bank of Madras.

25. State that the decision passed by Government on a reference made by the Acting Sub Judge of Cuddapah regarding privilege leave, is correct.

Paras: 1, 4, 7, 10, 17, 19 and 22 to 24.

889. Approve the abolition of the Office of the Assistant Registrar to the Court of Chancery, and Commissioner of the Northern Circars. Trust that Mr. Newell, the Deputy Commissioner Northern Circars, will be speedily appointed to another substantive appointment, so that the full benefit of the abolition of the Commissioner may be experienced, & directing the Govt. and the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments relative to the emoluments of the Accountant General, Civil Auditor and Sub-Treasurer, intimate that the subject will be more fully considered on a future occasion, as a part of the general system.

11. Consider it unnecessary further to pursue the enquiry into the cause of the deficiency of 30 Gold Tanams in a remittance of concurrent coins assigned from Malabar to the Mint at Bombay on board the Steamer "Seize".

12813. Approve of Govt. having strengthened the working power of the Mint by increasing the establishment of Bullion attached to the Laminating Department, and concur also in the propriety of filling up the Office of Superintendent of Machinery on a salary of Rs 200 per mensem; but note that this appointment has been made. Intimate also turning the further retention of the services of Mr. Edwards, a pensioned Mint Superintendent, who has for some time past been engaged in the Mint on an allowance of Rs 30 per month. Agree with the Govt. of India in thinking that it would be highly inexpedient to reduce the intrinsic value of small silver currency, or to alter the present form of the coin.

Further letter from the Mint dated 28 July 1856 No 364

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4. The wishes of the Honorable Court communicated in para 8 will be attended to.

5. Communicated to the Accountant General, with reference to Ex. Min. Con. dated 14th January N^o 1 of 1856.

6. Ordered to be communicated to the Mint Committee, who will report, after communication with the Acting Mint Master, whether the services of Mr. Edwards can now be dispensed with.

14. Observe that with the exception of Mr. Cecil Smith in 1851, it does not appear that any formal nomination to the Office of Accountant General to the Supreme Court has been made either by the Hon. Court or the Madras Govt. - but to prevent any further misapprehension, appoint Mr. Randerghast to be Accountant General to the Supreme Court.

15. Consider it necessary in accordance with Regulation V of 1856 that, notwithstanding the vacation of the Govt. Agency, the Sub-Treasurer should continue to undertake, on behalf of the Court of Wards, the safe custody of Securities purchased on account of disqualified proprietors.

16. Hope the measures taken at the Madras Presidency, in accordance with the decisions of the Govt. of India regarding the investment of Savings Bank Deposits & their custody after investment, will effectually prevent inconvenience, or an undue increase of the business of the Govt. Savings Bank.

18. State that Govt. will probably ere this have received a communication from the Supreme Govt. on the subject of the Hon. Court's letter to that Authority dated 23rd July 1856 intimating that the Civil Auditor found not the Chief Engineer, is the proper Officer to whom should be entrusted the audit of Public Works expenditure.

7. A copy of this para will be furnished to the Accountant General, with reference to his letter of the 4th September N^o 162 of 1856 and the appointment of Mr. R. S. Randerghast to be Accountant General to H. M. Supreme Court of Indication at Madras will be notified in the Fort St. George Gazette for general information.

8. Ordered that a copy of this para be furnished to the Court of Wards through the Revenue Department, and also to the Accountant General and Sub-Treasurer.

9. Communicated to the Secretary to the Govt. Savings Bank and to the Accountant General, with reference to the Order of Govt. dated 15th July N^o 338 of 1856.

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21. Await the further correspondence promised on the subject of the application of the Chamber of Commerce for an extension of the present arrangement under which payments to or by Govt. are made at the Bank of Madras.

25. State that the decision
passed by Government on
a reference made by the
Acting Sub Judge of Luddipah
regarding privilege leave,
is correct.

Paras 1, 4, 7, 10, 17, 19
and 22 @ 24

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2043. Dispt? 23^d?
Dispt? 11th
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Part of Para 11th to the Supl. for Payroll - Dispt? 25th J.B.S.
P. 13. with C^t. Lr. P. 25- to the Civil Auditor - Dispt? 23^d Sept
" 2049 with Dr. - 585- to Dr. - Dr. - Dispt? 20th - 50th

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Debt of 1000 in 1851.

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