

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 455

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Dated 5 - 8 . 1857

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Fort Saint George Financial Consultation, 11th August 1857.

No. 5. Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 26th June 1857, No. 2714.

Read an Extract No. 777, dated the 15th Ultimo, from the Proceedings of this Government in the Home Department, forwarding for consideration and orders, a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, submitting a book compiled by the Accountant General of that Presidency, with a proposition to sanction the entertainment of an additional Clerk on 100 Rupees per mensem, and suggesting the preparation and keeping up of similar volumes by the other Governments which may be interchanged.

RESOLUTION.—The Government of Madras submits a volume compiled under its instructions by the Accountant General at Madras, in which has been adopted throughout the form of the Blue Books, annually prepared in all Her Majesty's Colonies, and forwarded in each year as early as possible to the Colonial Office. The object of the work is to afford the means of easy reference to the state of the Presidency, the information being given under the separate heads in detail. The Index shews that the Books comprise every branch of public receipt and expenditure, while additional chapters have been opened to present at a glance information on a variety of miscellaneous subjects of general interest.

The Government of Madras thinks that volumes prepared in a somewhat similar form by each of the Indian Governments and by the separate agencies, would prove highly useful to the Government of India and also to the several subordinate Governments by allowing of an interchange of the compilations and thus avoiding in a great measure the necessity that now exists of numerous references in respect to the strength and cost of establishments.

The Accountant General at Madras proposes for sanction the entertainment of an additional Clerk, on 100 Rupees per mensem in order to enable him to continue the annual Record in a satisfactory manner and to present it with punctuality.

The Governor General in Council observes that the Government of Madras does not press this charge but proposes to print the work in the event of its meeting with approval.

To this, His Lordship in Council has no objection and may be convenient to prepare a similar annual record at Madras experimentally with such improvements as further enquiry may suggest but he is not prepared at present to direct a corresponding compilation at the other Presidencies.

The Governor General in Council will be glad to be furnished with half a dozen copies of the work when printed.

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 83, dated 10th February 1857.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Home Department for the issue of necessary orders and the paper noted in the margin returned.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 1045.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to Mr. Chief Secretary T. Pycroft's letter, No. 83, dated 16th February last.

FORT WILLIAM,
HOME DEPARTMENT.
The 13th July 1857. }

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 455; dated 5th August 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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-tion by the Acct^t sent
at this Pres^t of the
Form of Blue Books. &
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& desire to be furnished
with half a dozen copies
when printed. State that
they cannot at present
direct a corresponding
compilation at the
other Presidencies -
With an order.

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Ordered to be communicated to
The Accountant General

Fort St. George,

5th August 1857.

Mr

To the Acct General - Dispd 10th

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