

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Financial* DEPARTMENT.

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*Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 11th August 1857.*

No. 29. From the ACCOUNTANT GENERAL; to the ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, dated 6th August 1857, No. 111.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, whether it would not be well to represent to the Government of India, the propriety of extending the provision for the transfer of the 4 per cent promissory notes of the Government of India into the open 5 per cent Loan, to the 4 per cent. Tanjore Bonds of this Government. Such an extension, if granted, would probably be taken advantage of by several of the holders of Tanjore Bonds, and bring in equal cash subscriptions to a larger extent than may be expected under the present arrangements.

2. In other Presidencies, the 4 per cent promissory notes of the Government of India are generally liked, but within the Madras Presidency, the Tanjore paper is in favor, and is largely held to the exclusion of the 4 per cent promissory notes of the Government of India, over which they have the advantage of remittance of Interest by Government bills at the favorable rate of 2s. 1d. the sicca Rupee, to holders bonâ-fide resident in Europe. If the extension above suggested be not permitted, the many holders of Tanjore paper will not have any proper inducement to subscribe to the open 5 per cent Loan, for 5 per cent paper in the market is at a large discount.

3. In view to enable you to place before Government the condition and other particulars relative to the Tanjore debt, I would beg to refer you to the correspondence noted in the margin, on the subject of a proposal then submitted for the purchase of Tanjore Bonds when procurable at a favourable discount, for the benefit of Government. It is necessary to add here, that the accumulated Sinking Fund adverted to in the correspondence equalled the aggregate amount of the Tanjore debt, viz., Rupees 55,23,788, in the last Official year 1856-57.

*Letter from the Accountant General to Government, dated 13th November 1844, No. 340.*  
*Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th August 1845, No. 412.*  
*Extract Minutes Consultation dated 13th July 1846, No. 401, with Court's Despatch, dated 13th May, No. 12 of 1846.*

4. I beg to add here, that a similar suggestion might be submitted to the Government of India in respect to the transfer to the open Loan of Stock\* of the 4 per cent Book debt Loan. This stock will otherwise bear a depreciated value as compared with the 4 per cent Government Promissory notes, a depreciation which I do not think the Government of India would desire to bring about in this manner. The Stock has hitherto held a higher value than any other 4 per cent paper, because of the capability of its being transferred to the London Books. No reason occurs to me why this stock should be excluded from the advantage which the Notification of the Government of India of the 20th Ultimo, conferred on the rest of the Government 4 per cent Paper.

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,  
Accountant General.

No. 30. Ordered that the following letter be despatched  
To THE SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA, dated 8th August 1857, No. 473.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to submit for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, copy of a letter from the Accountant General, dated the 6th Instant, No. 111, suggesting, for the reasons therein stated, that the provision for the transfer of the 4 per cent Government Promissory Notes into the open 5 per cent Loans contained in the Notification of the Supreme Government, dated the 20th Ultimo, No. 27, be extended to the 4 per cent Tanjore Bonds of this Government, as also to the stock of the 4 per cent Book Debt Loan.

In respect to the Tanjore Debt, I am desired to solicit a reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, and to the Financial Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors to this Government, dated 13th May, No. 12 of 1846, which contain information relative to the condition and other particulars of the debt.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,  
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. H. Morgan.

*Reference*

Ord 8 for the Revenue

Financial Dept

No 473.

To The Secy to the Govd of India

Sir,

I am directed by the  
R. & the Governor in  
Council to submit for  
the consideration and  
orders of the Govd of In-  
dia copy of a letter from  
the Accountant General  
dated the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant No  
111, suggesting for the  
reasons therein stated  
that the provision for  
the transfer of the 4 per  
Cent Govd Promissory Notes  
into the open 5 per Cent  
Loan contained in the  
Notification of the Supreme  
Govd dated the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo  
No 27. be extended to the  
4 per Cent Tanjore Bonds  
of this Govd, as also to  
the Stock of the 4 per Cent  
Bong Sett Loan.

In respect to the  
Tanjore Sett, I am  
desirous to solicit a  
reference

At  
Sd/-  
W. J.

From Govt of India 30 Aug. 1857-1857  
 To Govt of India 5 Feb. 1858-1858  
 From do 30 Dec. 1850-1857  
 From do 8 Jan. 54.  
 From do 27 March 1858-1858

Reference to the Comrs.  
 Resolutions noted in the  
 margin and to the  
 patch from the Honble  
 the Court of Directors, dated  
 13<sup>th</sup> May No. 12 of 1846-  
 which contain informa-  
 tion relative to the con-  
 dition and other particu-  
 lars of the debt.

*[Signature]*

Fort St. George,  
 8<sup>th</sup> August 1857

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To the Secy. to the Govt of  
 India

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