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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 4th August 1857.

No. 4. From the ACCOUNTANT GENERAL ; to the CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, dated 25th July 1857, No. 98.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated the 6th Instant, No. 392, communicating, for my information and guidance, copy of a letter to Government from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 27th Ultimo No. 2588, in which it is requested that after sending ten lacs of Rupees to Bombay, a remittance may be made to Calcutta, of whatever portion of the Cash in the Treasuries of this Presidency may not be required for use here.

2. The remittance to Bombay has already been forwarded, as reported to Government in my letter of the 17th Instant. The present balance in the General Treasury, including small and uncurrent coins, as well as remittances received and remaining unshroffed, amount to one hundred and twelve lacs of Rupees. This would appear to be a large Balance, but from the calculations I have made, I do not expect that a larger balance than forty one lacs of Rupees will remain in the General Treasury on the 31st December next. In this calculation, I have also taken into consideration the probable reduction in the expenditure for Public Works, as well as the probable increase in the expenditure on account of the Military.

3. The present large balance in the General Treasury has been occasioned by the recent calls for specie remittances from the Provinces. Most of these, however, have been brought in, and I do not expect much more, this being the second half of the calendar year, in which the collections are always small as compared with those of the first half of the calendar year.

4. As the forty one lacs of Rupees, expected to remain in the General Treasury, on the 31st December next, will be hardly sufficient to meet the expenditure of two months, especially when it is considered that much of that balance will consist of small and uncurrent coins, I do not think that a remittance to Bengal can be spared.

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

From the ACCOUNTANT GENERAL ; to the ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, dated 29th July 1857, No. 101.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 27th Instant, No. 438, referring for my report thereon, a letter to Government from the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated the 16th Instant, in which information is requested as to what amount of Cash is at present available at the General Treasury at Madras for remittance to other Presidencies.

2. I have already informed Government in my communication of the 25th Instant, that although the balance at present in the General Treasury would appear to be large, yet from the calculations made in this Office, that balance would probably be reduced to about forty-one lacs of Rupees by the 31st December next, including small and uncurrent coins ; and that, in consequence, I did not think a remittance from the General Treasury could be spared.

3. Since writing the above letter, however, I have received the notification* of the Government of India, dated the 20th Instant, extending the provisions of the open five per cent loan to the receipt, in subscription thereto, of four per cent Government Paper together with an equal sum in cash. It is difficult at present to estimate to what probable extent the call for subscriptions to the five per cent loan in this manner will be responded to, but anticipating such cash subsscriptions that will amount to something considerable, and being under the impression that the want of money is much felt now both at Calcutta and at Bombay, I would suggest that the sum of twenty lacs of Rupees be held available for remittance to the other Presidencies, in the proportions that may be ordered.

* *Re-published in the Fort Saint George Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 25th July* 1857.

4. If the Steamer which may be sent for the Treasure in question can conveniently touch the Ports of Mangalore, Quilon, Tuticorin, and Tranquebar, arrangements will be made for shipment of a portion of the 20 lacs from those Ports, respectively, leaving the rest to be shipped from the General Treasury at the Presidency. In this case it will be necessary for the Government of India to communicate previously, the probable date of the Steamer touching those Ports respectively.

5. On receiving the orders of Government on the subject, the necessary instructions will be issued to the Sub-Treasurer and others to have the Treasure packed up and held in readiness for shipment at a short notice.

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,

Accountant General.

No. 5. Ordered that the following letter be despatched

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, dated 30th July 1857, No. 446.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 27th Ultimo, No. 2588, and 16th Instant, No. 2880, and to transmit for the information of the Government of India, copy of one from the Accountant General in which he proposes that the sum of Twenty Lacs of Rupees be held available at the Treasuries in this Presidency for remittance to Calcutta and Bombay, and states that if the Steamer which may be sent for the Treasure in question can conveniently touch at the Ports of Mangalore, Quilon, Tuticorin, and Tranquebar, arrangements will be made for the shipment of a portion of the 20 Lacs from those Ports, leaving the rest to be shipped from the General Treasury here.

Dated 29th July 1857, *No.* 101.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

No. 30 Str Steamer "Commander"

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To The Secy to the Govt of India

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To
The Sec.y to the Govt
of India

Dated 30th July.

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