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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 82-83 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 10 - 2 - 1857

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B. No. 10-13

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Circulate a volume - which has been compiled by the Aud^t General under my instructions after the form of the Blue books - which are ~~the~~ annually prepared in all Her Majesty's colonies & forwarded as early in each year as possible to the Colonial Office.

The object is to afford the means of easy reference to the ~~state~~ of each colony - under ~~[illegible]~~ the information being given separate for submission to the Govt. of India.

Should that Govt. adopt the suggestion I would recommend that the book should be printed throughout.

It would be well worth while ~~[illegible]~~ do this - as at least 50 or 60 copies ~~of each~~ would be required from each Govt. for distribution in India & in England.

Harris.

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Minute by the
Rt Honble the President

Dated 24th
Recd 27 January 1857

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Circulates a Volume compiled under his Lordship's instructions by the Accountant General. Details its utility and proposes to transmit the Work to Calcutta for submission to the Govt of India and if the suggestion be adopted by that Govt recommends it being printed throughout

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No 82

Read Minute by the R H the Gr. Fort St George 24-1-57.

Ordered that the above Minute be recorded & that the book be submitted as proposed to the Govt of India with the following letter

No 83

From the Chief Secretary

To the Secretary to the Govt of India
Home Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to submit, ~~for~~ ~~the information of~~ to the Govt of India, the accompanying volume, compiled by the Accountant Genl of this Presidency under the ~~[illegible]~~ instructions of the Right Honble the Governor, in which has been ~~who has~~ adopted throughout the form of the Blue Books, annually prepared ~~[illegible]~~ in all Her Majesty's colonies, and forwarded as ~~early~~ in each year as early as possible to the Colonial Office.

2. The object of the work is to afford the means of easy reference to the state of the Presidency — the information being given under separate heads, in detail but not with cumbrous minuteness. ~~The attention of [illegible]~~ is ~~invited to the Index of contents, which will be found to comprise every branch of Public receipts and expenditure, while additional chapters have been appended, to present at a glance information on a variety of~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~and other subjects, affecting the welfare of the community at large~~ of general interest

3. It appears to the ~~Govt.~~ Govt in Council ~~is of opinion~~ that volumes prepared, in a somewhat similar form, by each of the Indian Govts and by the separate Agencies would prove highly useful to the Govt of India and also to the several subordinate Governments. ~~All~~ ~~[illegible]~~ by those parts of the Govt. ~~must occasionally have experienced the~~ of India must frequently have been Extreme inconvenience ~~arising~~ from the ~~want~~ inability to institute an immediate comparison with respect to the strength & cost of Establishments entertained for similar purposes under ~~separate~~ different Govts, ~~and the consequent~~ delays ~~wh~~ consequently occur, often of great length and seriously retarding the introduction of public measures of utility. Such delays wd in great part be avoided by the mutual interchange of such compilations as the present.

4. The work, it must be admitted, has occupied a considerable length of time – upwards of two years – in its completion. The delay has been occasioned partly by the novelty of the labour, and partly by its having been performed, without the aid of a separate Establishment, by ~~the clerks~~ of the Acct Genl's office, during extra hours. Much time too has been taken up in condensing the masses of information, which in many instances was supplied in a very cumbrous form. These difficulties will of course diminish very much in a second year – and the Acct General is of opinion that sanction for an additional Clerk at 100 Rs per mensem wd enable him to continue the annual Record in a satisfactory manner & to present it with punctuality –

The word "which" refers to the information, not to the masses. "Was" therefore may stand.
D. G.

5 ~~6~~. Some emendations will suggest themselves. & the names of the officers ~~might~~ be omitted, ~~and~~ the particulars of the pension list might be presented on a less bulky & complicated plan – But on the whole the work has been well performed, and the Governor in Council resolves to submit the Volume for the consideration & orders of the Supreme Govt. Should it be approved of by the ~~[illegible]~~ this G. proposed to print it throughout. At least 50 copies wd be required to meet the demand for distribution in this country and at home.

I have &c

& In the list of establishments the Covenanted officers with their salaries &c might be given separately &

Fort St George
10th July 1857

D. G.
31-1-57.

In Cons 10 February

Finl 1857 Deptt

No 83

To

The Secy to the

Govt of India

Dated 10 Febry 1857

Replied 13 July/57 No 366

Appended to Engd 22 Dec

No 26 of 1857.

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