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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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N.o 5343

To The Chief Secretary
to the Government of
Fort Saint George.

Fin.l Depart.t

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N.o 545 dated 8th Ultimo with enclosures, reporting that the additional Establishment Sanctioned by this Government on the 4th April last for the Civil Auditor's Office having been found insufficient to meet the work transferred to it by the Military Department in connection with Accounts &ca in the Department of Public Works and for the preparation of certain Statements furnis to the Accountant General, the Madras Government have Sanctioned, as a temporary measure, the entertainment of the two sets of Servants noted in the margin.[+]

1 Auditor	150	
1 Assist. Do	80	
1 Voucher Supplier	12	242
1 Accountant	150	
1 Do	100	
1 Do	80	
1 Voucher Assorter & supplier	15	345
		Rupees 587

2 In reply I am desired to intimate that the Right Honble the Governor General in Council considering that sufficient cause has been shewn for the appointment of the first set confirms as a temporary arrangement, the Sanction given to it by the Madras Govt., but

but the necessity of employing the second set appears doubtful to His Lordship in Council, for even admitting that the five returns referred to by the Civil Auditor may under existing circumstances be more conveniently prepared by him than by the Accountant General, and that the great pressure of the present system of Audit renders it impossible that the men heretofore employed in their preparation can now be spared for that purpose, His Lordship in Council considers that it is not unlikely that an unnecessary degree of labor will be bestowed on the preparation of the return No. 5, and he desires therefore that, as the information required in that Statement is not expected to be strictly accurate the Government of Madras will with reference t is circumstance again consider whether a portion of the expense cannot be reduced.-

[5 Comparative Statement of the Disbursements of the Madras Residency showing the actual results of the past official year and the estimated results of the Current and the ensuing official years with explanatory notices of the principal items of estimated increase and decrease in the two last mentioned years.

3 It appears, however, to His Lordshi in Council that as the unexpected introductio f a preaudit of Bills has completely disturbed all the Civil Auditor's existing arrangements by the heavy duties it has impo t is indispensable that some extra Establisht. should be allowed him for the preparation of the Statements furnished to the Accountant General, and His Lordship in Council is pleased therefore on this consideration to confirm the sanction of the Madras Government to the entertainment by the Civil Auditor of the second set of servants also, pending the general revision of the Establishment which he proposes to submit at the close of the year, and subject to such modifications as may be made after the consideration of the question mentioned above.-

4 His Lordship in Council also desires to know whether, as the Civil Auditor is to have so large an accession of duty in the Public Works Department by the transfer of Audits formerly conducted in the Military Department, some reduction of Strength may not be effected in the Military Auditor General's Office.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Secy. to the Govt. of India

Fort William
The 5th December 1836

Exd W P Ramchunder

F. C. 11th November 1856 No. 12
Fin.l Lr. to Eng.d 30th June No. 13 of 1857 Paras 2 & 11

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Copy of Para 4 sent to the Mily. Aud. Genl. d/ 2d Jany 1857 No. 1.

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From Secretary to the Govt. of India. No. 5323.

Dated 5th
Recd 15 Decr 1856

W. G. M.

No. 699

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Forwards with observations the confirmation of the Govt. of India to the Sanction of this Govt. to an additional Estabt. as a temporary measure, for the Civil Audit Office and requests to be informed whether a reduction cannot be effected in the Estabt. of the Mily. Audit Office.

No. 2117

From,
T. Lushington, Esqre.
Civil Auditor.

To,
T. Pycroft, Esqre.
Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department.

Sir,

With reference to my letter to Government of the 2d May last and of the Order of Government of the 22d idem, No. 230, in the Financial Department regarding the entertainment of a temporary additional Establishment for Six months to assist in clearing off the arrears outstanding at the time the monthly audit of accounts was authorised, I have the honor to request the permission of Government for a continuance of this Establishment for six months longer, as it has not been found practicable, under the heavy duties imposed on my Establishment by the system of preaudit, the introduction of which was not foreseen at the time the promise was made to work through the arrears within the period of Six months, to get through the

whole

whole of the arrears up to this time. I trust that as every exertion has been put forth by this Establishment to go through its current duties, which are now of a very responsible and irksome nature, and that as the cause of the whole of the arrears not having been disposed of before this is due to the current duties not permitting me to allot a sufficient number of auditors to be engaged on this special duty, the Government will see fit to grant the continuance of the temporary aid now solicited.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

F. Lushington
Civil Auditor.

Fort Saint George
Civil Audit Office,
12th December 1856.

× A. Woolf

Financial Department.

No. 1

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 2d January 1857.

Read the following letters-

From the Secretary to the Govt. of India Dated 5th December 1856 No. 5343.

" Civil Auditor ——————— " 12th do " No. 2117.

1. Ordered that the letter from the Govt. of India be communicated to the Civil Auditor, and that he be requested to state, with reference to the remarks contained in the latter part of the 2nd para, whether some portion of the 2nd Set of Servants entertained at a cost of Rs 345 per mensem could not be dispensed with.

2. Ordered also that a copy of para 3 of the letter to the Govt. of India dated 8th Nov. last & of paras of

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F. 15 July / 58 No. 352

Fin. Lr to Engd. 30th June No. 13. (1857) Paras 2 & 10

Ansd. 6 January 57.

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Financial Department

From,

F. Lushington Esqr.

Civil Auditor

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government,

Dated 12th } December

Recd. 13th } 1856

No. 2117

No. 698

Solicits that the temporary Establishment sanctioned under date 22d May last No. 230 may be allowed to continue for 6 months longer.

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of their reply above recorded, be furnished to the Military Auditor General, with a request that he will report whether some reduction of the strength of his Establishment might not be effected since the audit of those charges of the Public Works Department, which were heretofore exclusively Military, has been transferred to the Civil Audit Office.

3. The Civil Auditor is requested to submit as soon as practicable, with full explanation, the revised Establishment which he would propose to entertain for his whole Office in consequence of the introduction of the system of preaudit and in so doing, he will exhibit

separately

separately what portion of the Establishment he would be able to dispense with, supposing that on the creation of the Auditorship of Accounts in the Public Works Department as a separate Office, the auditing of all salaries and allowances, Civil or Military of the Officers employed in it were transferred to that Office.

4. The Govt. authorize the Civil Auditor to entertain for a further period of six months the additional Establishment sanctioned under date the 22nd May last at a charge of 100 Rupees per mensem for the purpose of clearing off the arrears in his Office, as solicited in his letter of the 12th Instant.

To the Civil Auditor.
with Letter No. 649 } Desp. 3.
Copy of para 2 with copies of paras of the Letter to the Govt. of India of 8th Novr. No. 565 of 1856, and of para 4 of their reply to the Military Auditor General

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Desp. 9th C.A.

T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary

Geo. B. Huntly

Trid. Lr. to Eng. 30th June
No. 13 of 1857 Paras 2 & 10

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Further letters from the Military Auditor General D/ 19 January /57 No. 37

Further D from the Civil Auditor D/ 22d January /57 No. 43

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