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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1. Extract from the Proceedings of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 27th December 1857, No. 5581.

Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, addressed to the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 70 of 1857, dated the 6th October.

Financial letter from the Government of India, dated 13th March 1857, No. 35.

Reports the proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department for the Third Quarter of 1856.

82. *Forwards a Report by the Secretary in the Financial Department on the transactions of the Government of India in that Department in the year 1855-56.*

7. With respect to the Annual Accounts and Estimates, while the acceleration to some extent of their transmission to this Country is satisfactory, we trust that it will be found practicable to let the Estimates of each year accompany the Actual Accounts of the preceding year, or that they should be sent by the following Mail, as we are precluded from laying the Actual Accounts before Parliament until the Estimates are received and can form part of the Statements presented. In our Despatch, dated the 17th October 1855, No. 90, we pointed out the necessity that existed for the Annual Accounts and Estimates being completed by the 31st December following the close of each Official year, and transmitted to us by the succeeding January Mail; and we are most desirous that these documents should be so despatched as to reach this Country by the middle of February. We have reason to expect that this at least may be accomplished, seeing that you informed us in your letter of the 21st January 1856, No. 24, that your Reports on the Actual Accounts and on the Estimates would, in future, be probably furnished respectively by the second Mail in January and February in each year. The Accounts and Estimates themselves may, therefore, be conveniently transmitted before the Reports on the Financial results therein exhibited.

* Bengal.

Madras.

Bombay.

† Chief Commissioner, Punjab.

Do. do. North-Western Provinces.

Accountant General to the Government of India.

PARA: 6. We have read with satisfaction the Report of the measures taken for the reconstruction and due separation of the Accounts of the different Departments enumerated, and for accelerating the closing of the Annual Statements. We rely upon your attention being still directed to the subject, that further improvements may be introduced wherever the efficiency and convenience of the public Service render it desirable.

Ordered that a Copy of the above Paras: be forwarded to the Governments* and Officers† noted in the margin, for information and guidance, with the remark that in the Financial Letter of this Government of the 14th May 1856, to the several Local Governments, the following dates were fixed for the delivery at the Financial Department, Fort William, of the Financial Returns of the several Presidencies.

Dates of delivery at the Finance Office, Fort William.

1. *Sketch Estimate.*—By the 1st September of the year to which the Estimate appertains.
2. *Statement of Actual Receipts and Disbursements.*—By the 15th December of the year following that to which the Statement appertains.

3. *Regular Estimate.*—By the 15th January of the year to which the Estimate appertains. (In future by the 15th December, under the Honorable Court's orders of 6th October 1857.)

4. *Comparative Statement* (for Financial Review showing the Actual results of the Past year; the probable results, as per Regular Estimate, of the Present year; and the Anticipated results of the ensuing year.)—By the 15th February of each year.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, No. 63; dated 3rd February 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General for his information and guidance.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

of order from

No 13, dated 3rd Feb 58

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and guidance.

Fort St George
3rd February 1858.

J. J.

To the Seco General - } Dispt 3rd
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