

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>101</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	<i>18. 2.</i>	1858

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 23rd February 1858.

No. 3. From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 13th February 1858, No. 345.

SIR,

1. With reference to the orders of Government contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 22nd December last, passed on the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 30th November 1857, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that in introducing the Bengal system of Account and Audit in this Presidency, from 1st May next, it becomes necessary for the duties of examining the entries of charges in the accounts of the Sub-Treasurer, the Collectors and all other Officers of Treasury and Account in the Civil Department with the passed Vouchers; and also of preparing the Sketch Estimate, Regular Estimate, Comparative Statements and the new Financial Returns with the necessary explanations of variations between estimates and actuals and between two estimates* which are now performed in the Civil Auditor's Office should be transferred to, and be performed in, this Office with the same establishment which was sanctioned by Government† for performance of these express duties, amounting to Rupees 345 per mensem.

* *Between the estimate of the Current and the actual of the preceding years.*

Between the actual and estimate of the same year and between the actual of a year compared with the actual of the preceding one.

Between the actual of one year, the Regular Estimate of the following year and the sketch Estimate of the 3rd year.

should be transferred to, and be performed in, this Office with the same establishment which was sanctioned by Government† for performance of these express duties, amounting to Rupees 345 per mensem.

† *Under date the 14th October 1856, No. 503.*

2. If the Government concur with me in this view, I request that they will be pleased to sanction the measure to take effect from 1st of May 1858, and instruct the Civil Auditor to pass the charge of Rupees 345 from that date, as a part of the establishment of the Office of Account and Finance instead of as part of that of the Office of Civil Auditor, there being no additional charge to Government on this account, as it is merely a transfer of duty with the competent establishment sanctioned for the performance thereof. I have already communicated my views to the Civil Auditor on the subject.

3. I would only beg here to impress upon Government that the same establishment which was ample for the due performance of the duties under reference in the Office of Audit will scarcely be adequate for the performance of the same in this Office in-as-much as they have the means of estimating charges of variable nature‡ with reference to registers and other returns kept there for Audit purposes, whereas in this Office such registers and returns will have to be kept newly for the sole purpose of framing Estimates and tracing for, and affording explanations, of variations. On this point, as well as on the arrangement adverted to at the conclusion of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, under reply, viz., extent of additional establishment which will be essential for the necessary adjustment of the accounts of the Sub-Treasurer, the Collectors and all other Officers of Treasuries in the Civil Department which will be rendered by them from May 1858, in the form of Treasury Account,* instead of in the form of Journals and Ledgers, I shall have the honor of addressing Government again probably upon the experience† of the practical operation of the proposed system for 2 or 3 months, after May next. By that time the question of reduction to be effected in the Collectors' Offices under this Presidency, the enquiry of which has been referred by the Government of India to Mr. Ricketts, Commissioner for the Revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India, will have been completed.

‡ *Such as stoppages on account of absence on leave, vacant situations, Deputation allowances, &c. &c.*

* *Under instructions which will be issued by me to them with new forms which have been already prepared and are now in course of preparation.*

† *Unless indeed on consideration of the matter I deem it expedient to suggest some increase at once to be prepared before hand to meet the coming changes.*

Vide para: 12 of the letter from their Secretary, dated 30th November 1857.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 101; dated 18th February 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Civil Auditor for any remarks he may have to offer on the proposition therein submitted for the transfer, from his Office to that of the Accountant General, of the establishment sanctioned under date 14th October 1856, for the preparation of certain Statements of Civil Charges.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Fort St George,
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J. D.

To the Civil Auditor. - Disp^d 24th