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Read again Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Financial Department, dated 6th January 1858, No. 3.

(Vide Diary to Consultation, 8th January 1858, Nos. 4 and 5.)

No. 6. From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st January 1858, No. 301.

SIR,

With reference to the Resolution contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 3, Financial Department, under date the 6th Instant, I have the honor to state that I have long considered myself pledged to remain in the Account Department. I received my appointment as Deputy Accountant General on the 11th February 1840 on the stipulation which was conveyed to me in a note from Mr. Walter Elliot, the then Private Secretary to Lord Elphinstone, in the following words.

“ With reference to your application for the Deputy Accountant Generalship, Lord Elphinstone desires me to say that the Gentleman who may be appointed to that situation must understand fully that he is not to leave it for any other on any account, a condition required both by the nature of the Office and the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors, and that if you wish to continue your application His Lordship can only attend to it on such an understanding.”

No. 6A.
From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 6th February 1858, No. 327.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, herewith, an original letter, dated the 26th Ultimo, from N. C. Moorogasem Moodelliar, the Principal Uncovenanted Assistant of this Office, to the address of Government, applying for the situation, when vacant, of second Assistant Accountant General, which by the 22nd para: of the Resolution of the Government of India of the 4th December last, can be held by an Uncovenanted Servant.

2. In para: 13 of the above Resolution, it is stated that Junior Civil Servants will be allowed to Register their applications for employment in the General Department of Account and after passing an examination, the examination papers, together with the Reports from the Local Government on the general aptitude for business of the several Candidates, shall be forwarded for the consideration of the Governor General in Council and that the Officer who appears best qualified for the duties of the Department, will, as a Rule, be selected ; and, in para: 23, it is laid down that the transfer of the Uncovenanted Officers in the General Department of Account from one Presidency to another shall be regulated on the same principle as has been provided for Covenanted Officers.

3. It is uncertain from the Resolution of the Government of India, under reference, whether applications for the Uncovenanted situations in the Department of Account, are to be forwarded by *Uncovenanted Subordinates* direct to the Private Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor General or, through the Heads of Offices, to Government for transmission to the Government of India ; but it may be inferred perhaps from para: 13 of the Resolution above adverted to, that the course I am now pursuing is admissible, if not intended.

4. The Government are aware that, Moorogasem Moodelliar, is already on the receipt of a salary of 600 Rupees per mensem. The salary attached to the Office of 2nd Assistant Accountant General to be open in May next, is 800 Rupees per month, the difference of salary is therefore 200 Rupees. Of this augmentation of Pay, and of this advancement in his own line, he is, in my opinion, fully deserving.

5. The change which is to take place in the General Department of Account in May next under the Resolution of the Government of India already adverted to, will deprive me of the assistance of two Covenanted Servants ; in lieu of them it is proposed to appoint a single Uncovenanted one. The work here has increased much of late years and is still increasing. It will be materially and suddenly augmented by the last change of system. It is particularly requisite therefore

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that the Uncovenanted Servant should be not merely a thorough Accountant,—such a person can of course be found elsewhere,—but a person well up to the peculiar duties of this Office. I beg to submit therefore Moorogasem Moodelliar's claim to the favorable consideration of Government in order that this application may be forwarded, if Government think fit, to the Supreme Government with such recommendation as Government may deem proper.

6. I consider it unnecessary to trouble Government further on the individual merits of Moorogasem Moodelliar, his application will speak for him, supported as it is by Testimonials from my Predecessors in Office, from myself and from other Gentlemen who have borne highly creditable testimony to his zeal and exertions as a Public Servant. The Government have also on their records the value of his services which have been adverted to in my letter to your address of the 8th January* 1856, and in Extracts† from Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th June and 1st September last.

* No. 320, *Financial Department*, paras: 43 & 44, & 47 to 49.

† Nos 1190 & 1668 in the *Public Works Department*.

From N. C. MOOROOGASEM MOODELLY, Principal Uncovenanted Assistant to the Accountant General; to the Right Honorable Lord HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 26th January 1858.

MY LORD,

1. I respectfully solicit permission to lay before your Lordship in Council the following circumstances of my case, in the humble but confident hope of its meeting with that support and recommendation to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council which to your Lordship in Council it may seem to deserve.

2. Prior to entering into the immediate subject of this my application, I beg to be allowed to give here a short and succinct account of my public services.

3. I was first entertained in the Accountant General's Office on the 1st of March 1827 in the subordinate situation of an Accountant in the General Department of Accounts, and from my exertions and close attention to business was gradually promoted in the course of 7½ years to that of Assistant Book Keeper—and shortly afterwards I was raised to the more responsible post of Head Accountant of the Military Department of Accounts, which I filled for about 2 years, when the office of a more important nature, viz., the Head Accountant in the Revenue Department of Accounts, became vacant. Mr. Turnbull,

the then Accountant General, offered the place to me and although the salary thereof was 2 Rupees less than that I then enjoyed, that Gentleman told me that, of the persons then in the office, he considered me the only one fit to fill it and desired me to accept it with a promise of speedy promotion.

4. While holding that situation, and shortly afterwards, I was ordered to assist in the Financial Department, in consequence of the prolonged illness of the then Head Financial Accountant—and as he was unable to join the office, and therefore allowed to retire on a Pension,

I was confirmed by Mr. Turnbull in that important situation, after having without any additional remuneration, conducted the duties thereof for about 18 months—to his satisfaction. This situation I held for upwards of 5 years, when I was promoted to the still more important one and the highest for an Uncovenanted Officer in that Office, of "Head Book Keeper and Principal Accountant," by Mr. John Orr, the then Accountant General.

5. With a view to shew the high opinion entertained of me, and the high estimation in which I was held, by my several employers, and how far I merited my various gradual promotions, I beg to refer your Lordship in Council first, to the Testimonials of Mr. John Orr and Sir Vansittart Stonhouse, Bart., who had been Accountants General successively, and then, to those of several other Gentlemen connected with the same office, and with whom I had the good fortune of being associated and of having daily intercourse on official business, copies and extracts of which are contained in the printed Pamphlet herewith submitted.

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6. On the occasion of Mr. John Orr's proceeding to the Cape, on sick leave, he addressed me a letter expressive of his opinion of me, in which he stated as follows: "From being in daily communication with you ever since I became Accountant General, I have had ample opportunity of forming a correct opinion of your character and conduct, and in every particular they have been most satisfactory. Your abilities are of the first order, and your accuracy and thorough and most intimate acquaintance with your duties, no less than your zeal in their discharge, have ever been most conspicuous, and I only wish I had the power of raising your pay to an equivalent with your merits."

7. Subsequently, on the occasion of Mr. John Orr's resigning the office of Accountant General, he placed on the record of the office, his opinion of me in the following words:—"Moorogasem entered the Office in March 1827, in a subordinate situation, but was soon by his own merit promoted and was successively the Head of the Military, Revenue and Financial Departments, in which situations he served for about 9 years—and in September 1843 was selected to fill his present high and very responsible post of Head Book Keeper and Principal Accountant. He possesses superior abilities with great clearness of head and soundness of judgment, added to a thorough knowledge of his duties which he conducts with great assiduity and correctness, and I consider the office very fortunate in having such a man at its head." He added also "I cannot but express my regret however that so able a servant and one holding so responsible a situation should be so inadequately remunerated, and had my health permitted me to have remained, it was my intention to have applied to Government to place his salary on a proper footing." Sir Vansittart Stonhouse, who was in the interval, appointed to act for Mr. Orr as Accountant General, testified on the occasion of his leaving the office on Mr. Orr's return from the Cape, his opinion of me as follows:—"Your great attention to your duties since I have been in the Accountant General's Office, your talents and integrity of conduct have deservedly won for you my regard and esteem, and I only hope that ere long you may obtain a salary more suited to your deserts and the high responsibility of your office."

8. This Gentleman afterwards succeeded Mr. Orr as Accountant General, and in the course of a few months, when he had occasion to address the Government about certain defects which formerly existed in the Books of the office, he stated at the concluding para: of his report in regard to me thus; "he has effected much improvement in the system of conducting the general business of the office, since, he has been Head Book-keeper, and from his assiduity and attention, I feel satisfied that in the course of time he would have remedied many of the defects now observable in the system on which the Books are kept."

9. I regret however to state here that I was much reluctantly under circumstances which I do not now consider necessary to mention, obliged to resign my post in the Accountant General's Office, but enough I think if I should explain that it was not in anticipation of a better appointment elsewhere or any appointment at all, for I remained in fact without any employment for nearly a year, after which I was taken by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. as their Head Native Agent. My emoluments there were not fixed in amount, being a stipulated Commission on the sales and purchases of Goods effected by me at their requisition. On my resigning the Office as above shewn, Sir Vansittart Stonehouse certified regarding me as follows, "I regret the loss of his services, and that circumstances have deprived me of the benefit of his talents, assiduity, and intimate knowledge of the business of the Office."

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10. Subsequently on the occasion of my having applied to the then Governor for a certain appointment which I could have held in addition to my Agency of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., Sir Vansittart Stonehouse, whose support I then solicited, replied to me in the following words. "I could not name any one whom I think more competent than yourself to discharge the duty of an Auditor of the Administrator General's Accounts," and further, "a Native has been appointed one of the Auditors in Calcutta, and I think one of them should be a Native here also, and I shall be very glad to see you nominated. I know of no better person for it."

11. Now for the opinion of other Gentlemen connected with the Office, Mr. G. L. Prendergast, the then Deputy, and now Accountant General, expressed his opinion of me as follows—
In page 6 of the Pamphlet. "my opinion of Moorogasem is most favorable. I know nothing to his disadvantage—and, as far as my acquaintance with natives extends he is the most intelligent I have met with, and I am satisfied that he will do credit to any patronage. I shall be very glad to hear of his being employed again in the service of Government, who have not a better native servant I believe."—The late Mr. G. M. Swinton, then Head Assistant Accountant General, recorded his sentiments of me in the following words. "I have had constant opportunities of observing his zeal, integrity, general intelligence, and intimate acquaintance with the peculiar duties of that situation (Head Book Keeper and Principal Accountant) and I have been led to form the highest opinion both of his character as a man and his qualifications as a public servant of the Government; and shall always regret that any thing should have occurred, which rendered it advisable for him to resign his situation and retire into private life."

12. Mr. J. W. Cherry, then Assistant Accountant General, speaks thus: "I have much pleasure in testifying, as far as I had the opportunity during my service in the Accountant General's Office, to your ability and high efficiency in the performance of your Official duties"—Again in another letter he says—"from my personal acquaintance with you, I have always had every reason to be perfectly satisfied with your conduct, but that I think on public grounds your services and experience will be a great loss to the Office."

13. Mr. E. Peters, formerly an Assistant Accountant General, expressed his sentiments as follows "I was glad to find by your letter that you had got some employment, although I should have been better pleased still to hear that you had returned to the service of Government"—Again, in his letter to George Arbuthnot, Esquire, about me, he says, "I have much pleasure in stating that, from what I saw of him while I was in the Accountant General's Office in which he was then employed, I formed the highest opinion of his integrity and ability. I regretted much that he ceased to be in the employ of Government, for I believe him to be a really honest and able man, a combination not so common in India, or in any other country indeed, as to deserve neglect."

14. Mr. G. T. Beauchamp, also formerly Assistant Accountant General, writes thus: "I am quite sure that your abilities are sufficient to enable you to forward the interests of your present employers."

15. As to my general usefulness and qualifications I beg to quote the following sentiments of the Madras Central Committee for the Great Exhibition held in Paris in May 1855, of which* I was appointed by Government to be a member, "resolved that the best thanks of the Madras Central Committee be tendered to N. C. Moorogasem Moodelliar for the above clear and methodical letter."

*Sir William Burton was the President.
In page 9 of the Pamphlet.

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16. On the occasion of my leaving the service of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. in order to re-enter the Accountant General's Office, that Firm duly testified that I had given them great satisfaction and that they had a high opinion of "my zeal, ability and integrity." In a letter from George Arbuthnot, Esquire, who was the senior partner of the Firm, and had a little before that time returned to England, he writes as follows:

"I was sorry to find that the House were losing the benefit of your services, but I quite understood the motives which induced you to return to the service of the Government, in which I heartily wish you good success. I can truly say that I have always considered you to be an upright man, on whom much dependence could be placed with confidence and I know of no native inhabitant of India whom on this account I should so soon place in a position of responsibility, if I had the power of doing so, as yourself."

17. Mr. John Vans Agnew, another Member of the Firm, addressed me in these words
Under date the 22nd Oct. 1855 "Your talents I consider are of a high order and I have always reposed the utmost confidence in you, I shall be delighted to hear of your advancement in the public service as in my humble opinion you deserve promotion and because I am aware the pay you now get is less than what you received when you were in our service."

18. Although I thus held a very lucrative situation in the Mercantile line which gave me a Commission or Brokerage, on an average of five years, of Rupees 617-10-2, and a Palanquin allowance of Rupees 25 per mensem, independently of a profit on Trade which I was allowed to carry on, on my own account; yet I felt a very great desire to re-enter Government Service, though at the sacrifice of that lucrative and less laborious employment, on the following grounds.

1st. That my then engagement in the Mercantile line did not afford me an ample field for the exercise of my experience and usefulness in the public Service, as testified by the several Members thereof abovementioned.

2d. That the lengthened extent of the experience which I gained in the details and duties of the Office of Accounts and Finance, to which alone the whole period of my long public Service was confined, may again be usefully employed in it with credit to myself and with benefit to Government, more especially in effecting that improvement in the system of conducting the general business and details of the Office which the late Accountant General had noticed as before alluded to.

3d. That having spent the best and most vigorous part of my life in the Government Service I wished to take advantage of their improved and liberal views towards their Uncovenanted Servants and to raise myself in the scale* of the Public Service and when incapacitated for further Service, to enjoy the fruits of my past services in the shape of Superannuation Pension.

19. Accordingly when my former Post in the Office of Accounts and Finance became vacant and was about to be filled up, I offered myself to the Head of it as a candidate for the situation—who in reporting my appointment to Government said, "He laid before me his claims to the place I have appointed him, I considered them together with his qualifications to be superior to those of any body else, and I believe I have served the interest of Government well in re-employing him."

20. Mr. J. W. Cherry, formerly Head Assistant Accountant General, on hearing of my re-entrance in the Government Service, wrote to me thus: "Having been for some years in the same office with you, I think I am entitled to express an opinion, as to your qualifications, and therefore do not hesitate to congratulate you sincerely upon obtaining the important situation you deserve, and to add, my humble testimony, as to the great benefit the public interests will derive from the re-employment of one, who in my experience ever proved so upright and efficient a servant."

* See Mr. George Arbuthnot's observation—"I quite understood the motives which induced you to return to the Service of the Government, in which I heartily wish you good success."

On the 12th October 1854.
Vide page 11 of the Pamphlet.

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E. M. C. dated 9th Jan. 1856, No. 32, in the Revenue Department.

* The Registrar of the Govt. Secretariat in the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

In a letter dated 25th November 1856, No. 291.

E. M. C. dated 11th December 1856, No. 1300, in the Rev. Dept.

South Arcot.
Trichinopoly.
Tanjore.
Madura.
Tinnevelly.
Coimbatore.
Salem.
Chingleput.

23. Independently of this the Government expressed a wish that I should also inspect the Accounts of the Public Works Department in those Districts which was newly organized and to afford explanation to the Accountants upon any doubts they may entertain respecting the Rules and the proper mode of preparing the monthly Accounts Current for submission to the Chief Engineer according to the time prescribed. In the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 17th December 1856, the Government ordered that on my return to the Presidency I should lay before them a short Memo: of my proceedings in pursuance of the orders of the 11th Idem with any suggestions that I may have to offer.

24. I accordingly performed the duties required of me, while on tour, in the eight Districts ordered, and on my return to Madras, I submitted to Government through the Accountant General a Memo: containing a short sketch of my proceedings with certain suggestions, some of which have been ordered to be adopted while others still lie over for consideration. I beg permission to quote in view to save them the trouble of reference, the words of Government in this instance. "The Government are gratified to find that

E. M. C. dated 19th June 1857, No. 1190—para: 2. "the Memo: in question contains much useful information, and several practical suggestions, in regard to the Treasury Accounts of the Collectors, and they willingly acknowledge that the services rendered

"on this occasion by Mooroogasem Moodelliar, are likely to be very useful." And again in para: 6, "it is observed that "The Government are of opinion that the advantage to the Public Service which has followed the Examination of the Accounts kept in some of the Provincial Offices by Mooroogasem Moodelliar has been such as to render it very desirable that similar course should be followed from time to time in future, and they consider it peculiarly desirable now when the Public Works Accounts are being transferred to Professional Officers, many of whom are probably but little versed in Account Keeping." The Government then called upon the Accountant General to report the arrangements under which he will be able to provide for the occasional future inspection of the Accounts kept in the interior.

25. In reply thereto the Accountant General reported to Government that there was not any person on the Establishment besides me competent to perform the proposed duty and as I had the preparation of the Manual of Instructions and Forms in respect to the special duties of the several Accountants and Clerks, which will end with the compilation of the general Manual, descriptive of the general duties of the Office and of those rendering Accounts to it periodically, the Accountant General asked the permission of Government to my continuing the compilation thereof and promised to submit an arrangement afterwards for my proceeding on the occasional inspection of Accounts in the interior.

26. The Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 1st September last, stated that they are willing to defer the inspection of Accounts kept in the interior till a fit opportunity

21. When the Government required the Accountant General to nominate a fit Member of his Establishment who should be fully acquainted with Accounts and enjoying also his confidence to co-operate with* Jayram Chetty in conducting the examination and revision of the Revenue Accounts kept in the Collectors' Cutcherry, the Accountant General was pleased to name me as competent for the task.

22. When I had occasion to apply for leave on private affairs to visit the Southern Districts of this Presidency, it was proposed by the Accountant General and approved of by Government that I should take that opportunity to inspect personally the details of Accounts in the English Department of the Collectorates noted in the margin, in order to ascertain the system observed there and to point out to the Accountants, how the compilation of their Accounts may be expedited, as there was great delay in rendering the monthly Accounts of some of those Collectors, which retarded the transmission of the several Financial Returns, Statements, &c., from the Accountant General's Office, to the higher Authorities.

23. Independently of this the Government expressed a wish that I should also inspect the Accounts of the Public Works Department in those Districts which was newly organized and to afford explanation to the Accountants upon any doubts they may entertain respecting the Rules and the proper mode of preparing the monthly Accounts Current for submission to the Chief Engineer according to the time prescribed. In the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated the 17th December 1856, the Government ordered that on my return to the Presidency I should lay before them a short Memo: of my proceedings in pursuance of the orders of the 11th Idem with any suggestions that I may have to offer.

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occurs, and referring to the specimen submitted of the proposed Manual, they added that "it will no doubt prove useful in the way of simplifying business, and establishing a proper system for the correct preparation of the several important returns required from the Accountant General. It will give to the Department generally the benefit of Mooroogasem Moodelliar's great experience, and be a useful memorial of his industry."

27. I would also beg leave to refer the Government to paras: 43 & 44 & 47 to 49 of the Accountant General's letter to Government, dated the 8th January 1856, in which he states the several qualifications necessarily required in the person who should hold the Office of 1st Uncovenanted Assistant in his Office, and how rare it is to find those qualifications combined in one individual. They are chiefly—a complete knowledge of Accounts, details and orders, and acquaintance with the duties of the Office, so as to command the respect of his subordinates—power to dress up Office Accounts into proper forms—a knowledge of the resources of Government and judgment to render the Accountant General assistance in matters of Finance and other important subjects—the will and health to set an example of daily assiduity, and devotion to duty that knows no holidays. The Accountant General also adds his opinion as regards my abilities and the qualifications adverted to.

28. Having thus shewn my long experience in the details of, and usefulness in, the Office of Accounts and Finance at this Presidency, as well as the knowledge derived from personal enquiries and inspection of the Provincial Revenue Accounts, together with my general qualifications and merits in public life;—having also shewn my eager desire for re-entering the service of Government at the sacrifice of better emoluments and less labour, on grounds already adverted to, of which my ambition to rise high in the scale of public service was the foremost;—and having further shewn the acknowledgment on more than one occasion, of the appreciation of my service by Government, since my re-entrance in the office—I trust I have satisfactorily established my claims for the appointment I now apply for, viz., 2nd Assistant Accountant General of Madras, which is declared open to the Uncovenanted Service from 1st May 1858 by the Resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated the 4th December 1857, in the Financial Department, Extract Minutes of Consultation, of the 6th January 1858. I now respectfully but most earnestly beseech your Lordship in Council, under those immediate eye and authority I am placed, and who have, therefore, better and more ample opportunities of testing my qualifications and usefulness, will be so gracious as to recommend to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, and strongly support this my application for the appointment just adverted to, as a reward for my zeal, assiduity, vigilance and close attention to my duties during the whole period of my past services in one and the same office extending to nearly 22 years, and the more so as both the Honorable the Court of Directors and the Supreme Government lay a strong stress upon the long continuance of Officers in the Office of Accounts and Finance, and on which chiefly rest the present proposed arrangements and appointments.

No. 6B.
From J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., 1st Assistant Accountant General; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated 15th February 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 6th Instant, forwarding Extract from a Resolution passed by the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in the Financial Department, dated 4th December last, requesting me to state whether I am willing to remain in the Account Department.

In reply I beg to state that having been upwards of ten years in the Account Department, it is my wish to remain in it.

At the same time I trust Government will permit me to re-consider my decision in the event of any reduction of allowance being made in consequence of Mr. Ricketts' recommendation or from any other cause.

No. 6C.
From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated 21st January 1858, No. 488.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation of Government in the Financial Department, dated the 6th Instant, annexing copy of a Resolution pass-

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ed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council under date the 4th December last, and requiring me to state with reference to certain measures therein proposed for reframing the Offices of Account and Audit at the several Presidencies, whether I am willing to remain in that Department.

In reply I have the honor to state that it is my wish to remain in the Department under its proposed new organisation. I trust, however, in the event of any alterations being made hereafter in the salaries now proposed to be assigned, that I may be permitted to re-consider my present decision.

No. 6D.
From S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Sub-Treasurer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated 18th January 1858, No. 984.

SIR,

I do myself the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Department, dated 6th Instant, No. 3, calling upon me to inform the Government whether I am willing to remain in the Financial Department, under the terms laid down in a Resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated 4th December 1857. In reply, I beg to state that I am prepared to continue in the Department, under the orders communicated in that Resolution.

I beg to append a Memorandum of my services in the Financial Department and would request, that a copy of it may be sent to the Supreme Government.

MEMORANDUM.

<i>Commencement of Service, 9th November 1831.</i>		Y.	M.	D.
Acting Cashier, Government Bank, and Assistant Sub-Treasurer	27th March 1838.....	0	9	5
Cashier do. and do.	1st January 1837.....	2	8	1
Acting Sub-Treasurer, and Superintendent and Treasurer, Government Bank, 2nd September 1841.....		0	1	13
Cashier, Government Bank and Assistant Sub-Treasurer, 15th October 1841.....		1	8	17
Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, 1st July 1843.....		1	7	0
Acting Sub-Treasurer, 1st February 1845 to 28th December 1846.....		1	10	28
Head Assistant Accountant General, 2nd March 1847.....		0	8	14
Special do. do. 16th November 1847.....		0	3	13
<i>Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, 29th February 1848.</i>				
Sub-Treasurer, 5th April 1849 to 31st December 1857.....		8	8	26
Period of Service passed in the Financial Department...		18	5	27

(Signed) S. D. BIRCH,
Sub-Treasurer.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 151; dated 6th March 1858.

Resolved that copies of the foregoing letters be forwarded to the Government of India in reference to the Resolution in the Financial Department, 4th December 1857, para: 10, and that the following letter be despatched.

2. Resolved also, that copy of the above Resolution be communicated to all Collectors for record in their Offices, and for the information of their Junior Subordinates.

3. Resolved also that copy of the Resolution be furnished to every Junior Civil Servant below the grade of a confirmed Sub-Collector and Sub-Judge and their attention be drawn to paras: 10, 11, 12, 13, and they be informed that their applications, under para: 13, for employment in the General Department of Accounts after the prescribed period of service should be made to this Government direct and will by them be forwarded to the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 8. To the SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA, dated 6th March 1858, No. 152.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Order, No. 5131 of 1857, forwarding copy of certain paras: of a Resolution of the Government of India passed in the Financial Department under date 4th December last.

2. Under para: 10 of that Extract, reference has been made to the Accountant General and his first Assistant, to the Civil Auditor and the Sub Treasurer, to ascertain whether they are willing to remain in the Department as it is henceforward to be constituted. Copies of the replies given by those Officers are enclosed. It will be seen that they all are willing to remain. Mr. Birch, the Sub Treasurer, has appended to his letter a Memorandum of his services in the Financial Department, and requested that a copy of it may be sent to the Supreme Government which has been done. Mr. J. L. Lushington, the First Assistant to the Accountant General, has expressed his hope that he may be permitted to reconsider his decision in the event of any reduction of allowance being made in consequence of Mr. Ricketts' recommendations or from any other cause. Mr. F. Lushington the Civil Auditor has also expressed a similar desire.

3. Copies of the Resolution have been furnished to the several Collectors to be recorded in their Offices for the information of their Junior Subordinates. Copies have also been sent to all Civil Servants out of College and below the rank of confirmed Sub Collector or Subordinate Judge as explanatory of the Status of the future General Department of Accounts. They have been informed that their applications for employment in that Department after the prescribed period of service should be made to this Government by whom they will be forwarded to the Government of India.

4. The further arrangements for the examination of registered applicants under para: 13 of the Resolution will, it is presumed, be communicated to this Government hereafter.

5. The new scheme provides for only one Covenanted Assistant to the Accountant General of this Presidency. Of the two other Covenanted Assistantships on the present establishment, the 2nd and 3rd Assistantships, the latter will probably shortly become vacant. The present second Assistant, Mr. J. W. Brecks, will, it is presumed, have to continue in the Office until he can be provided for in some other branch of the service. It will be proper however to explain that in the present condition of the Junior branch of the Madras Civil Service a considerable time may elapse before an opportunity will occur of employing him in any other Department on allowances equal to those which he now receives.

Rupees 850 per mensem.

6. I am further directed to transmit a letter from the Accountant General of this Presidency forwarding with his strong support an application from his Principal Uncovenanted Assistant N. C. Moorogasem Moodelliar for the situation of 2nd Assistant Accountant General under the new scheme on that post becoming vacant. In transmitting this I have to ask whether such applications as these should be sent through the Local Government to the Government of India or should be sent by the parties direct to the Private Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor General. Whichever course may be ordered for future observance, the Madras Government in forwarding the present address from Moorogasem Moodelliar, deem it but just to that individual to bear testimony to his merits, to his long service in and perfect acquaintance with the Account Department.

7. Lastly, in concluding this letter I am desired to request explanation whether the purport of the Resolution now under acknowledgement is simply to form all the Covenanted Officers in the Account, Audit and Treasury Departments of the Government of India and of the Subordinate Governments into one body, the appointments, promotions and changes to and in which are to be made by the Governor General of India in Council, or whether any thing more is intended and it is designed to alter the relation in which those Officers at Madras stand to the Local Government or the authority and control which that Government now exercises over them. If such

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be meant, it is submitted that looking to the constant communication which under any system must pass between this Government, the Madras Treasury and Offices of Audit and Account, the position of this Government towards those Offices and the arrangements under which business is to be transacted with them should be fully and clearly defined.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 6th March 1858.

Read again Extract
from Resolution passed by
the Right Honble the
Governor General in Council
in the Financial Depto
dated 4th December 1837
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Read also the following Letters
From the Account General - Here enter 21st Aug. 1858 & 6th Feb. 1859
From the 1st Asst to do - " - 15th Feb. 1859
From the Comr Auditor - " - 21st January 1858
From the Sub Treasurer - " - 18th Jan. 1859

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Resolved that copies of the foregoing letters be forwarded to the Govt of India in reference to the resolution in the Fin^l Department 4th December 1837 p 10. and that the following letter be despatched.

Here

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Here enter letter to the
Secretary to the Govt of India
dated ^{March} January 1858
No.

2. Resolved also,
that copy of the above re-
solution be communicated
to all Collectors for
record in their offices
and for the information of
their Senior Subordinates.

3. Resolved also
that copy of the resolution
be furnished to every Senior
Civil Servant below the
grade of a confirmed
Sub-Collector and Sub-
Judge and their atten-
tion be drawn to P 10-11-12
13- and they be informed
that their applications
under P 13 for employ-
ment in the General
Department of Accounts
after the prescribed
period of service should
be made to this Govern-
ment direct and will

Collector of North Arcot.

South Arcot.

Bellary.

Canara.

Chingleput.

Coimbatore.

Cuddapah.

Ganjam.

Guntur.

Agent at
Collector — Karnool.

Land Customs — Madras.

Sea Customs — do.

Madura.

Malabar.

Masulipatam.

Mellore.

Rajahmundry.

Salem.

Tanjore.

Tinnevely.

Trichinopoly.

Vizagapatam.

Dispt. 17th

67 G. S. Foster — Secy. to the B. of Revenue.

84 W. Hodgson — Ag. Sub-Judge of Salem.

89 W. B. Dykes — Out of employ. Salem.

90 E. W. Bird — Asst. Judge of Combaconam.

- 153. ✓ J. W. Morris. — Ag. Senior Aftt. to the Coll. of Vizagapatam.
- 154. ✓ H. S. Thomas. — Aftt. to the Coll. of Canara.
- 155. ✓ J. A. C. Roswell. — Do. — Coimbatore.
- 156. ✓ W. A. Arbuthnot. — Ag. 3^d Aftt. to the Auct. Genl.
- 157. ✓ W. D. Morsley. — Aftt. to the Coll. & M. of Rajahmundry.
- 158. ✓ G. R. Sharpe. — Ag. 2^d Aftt. to the Coll. and Magt. of Malabar.
- 160. ✓ F. M. Hendersley. — Aftt. Coll. & Magt. of S. Arcot.
- 161. ✓ F. C. Carr. — Aftt. Coll. — do — " — Salem.
- 162. ✓ W. S. Hooper. — Do. — do — " — Mellore.
- 163. ✓ A. MacGregor. — Do. — do — " — Madurai.
- 164. ✓ J. W. Reid. — Do. — do — " — Cuddapah.
- 165. ✓ W. S. Whiteside. — Do. — do — " — Arcot.
- 167. ✓ R. W. Barlow. — Aftt. to the Coll. & Magt. of Arcot.
- 168. ✓ W. A. Kerr. — Aftt. — do — Tanjore.
- 169. ✓ C. G. Plumer. — Aftt. — do — Trincoddy.
- 170. D. Williams.
- 171. J. C. St. Clair.
- 172. C. C. Campbell.
- 173. W. C. Carbonell.
- 174. C. B. Irvine.
- 175. R. J. Melville.
- 176. A. R. Hutchins.
- 177. J. A. Garstin.
- 178. W. M. Duhaac.
- 179. J. R. Arbuthnot.
- 180. G. D. Leman.
- 181. A. McCallum Webster.
- 182. E. F. Webster.
- 183. J. C. Hamington.
- 184. P. P. Hutchins.

Prosecuting their Studies.

M. D. Bell

will by them be forwarded to the Government of India.

JF

To the Secretaries at
" First Dist — do } Insp. 17th
" Sub Treasurers — }
" Civil Auditor — }
" Collector of several Districts } Insp. 17th
" Junior Civil Servants — as per annexed list }

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Paul & Co. Esq. 24 Aug 1858
Paris

Edw. D. C. Esq. 12 March
Chancery 1858

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De la Roche, Min. of Gen. 1

27th March 1858