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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 5. From C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 29th March 1858, No. 1628.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a Financial Despatch, No. 3, dated the 13th January last, addressed by the Honorable Court to this Government, calling for an explanation of a discrepancy between the Books of the Accountants General, of Fort William, and Madras in the payments made in 1855-56 in Bengal to the Mysore Princes on account of their Pensions and Allowances. A copy of the report on the subject by the Accountant General, Fort William, is hereto annexed, and you are requested, with the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to call on the Accountant General of Madras to furnish the explanation required.

No. 3 of 1858.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

1. In our Despatch in this Département, dated the 28th November 1855, No. 104, we directed that the separate head of Account in the Bengal General Books designated. "The Mysore Princes" against which was charged the Pensions and Allowances annually paid to Prince Golam Mahomed and the family of Tippoo Sooltan, and to which was credited the sum of 7 lacs of Rupees per annum set apart under the Treaty of Mysore, for the maintenance of the families of Hyder Ally and Tippoo Sooltan should be closed, and that the balance should be transferred to Madras, and be credited in the Madras Accounts as an Extraordinary Receipt. We added "For the future we desire that the actual payments only on account of the Mysore Family be stated as a charge in your Books and that the amount be annually debited to the Madras Government."

2. These instructions have not yet been complied with. We find on reference to the Bengal General Books for 1854-55,* that the balance under this head at the close of that year was Rupees 59,08,800, but the amount is not written off to the Government of Madras, nor is any credit on this account shewn in the Madras Books for 1855-56.

3. The payments in Bengal in 1854-55, on this account, according to your General Books for that year, amounted to Rupees..... 2,93,700 2 4 and the Madras payments to Rupees..... 83,349 8 3 being an annual disbursement of..... 3,79,049 10 7,

while in 1855-56, the disbursements in Bengal appear to have amounted to Rupees 3,35,737-5-1, which is debited as a Supply to Madras.

4. In the Madras Accounts, however, for 1855-56, the sum of Rupees 1,19,071-4-2, only is credited as a Supply from Bengal and the total disbursements under this head are stated at Rupees 2,00,060-0-5; the estimated amount for 1856-57 being Rupees 2,81,000.

1854-55. Rupees 7,00,000
at 2s the Sicca Rupee £ 65,625
1855-56. Rupees 2,00,060
at do. £18,756.

5. It is manifestly impracticable to reconcile these discrepancies in this country and their occurrence is attended with inconvenience. The Accounts presented to Parliament being compiled from the Statements we have referred to, necessarily state the disbursements on account of the "Mysore Princes" in 1854-55 at £65,625, and in 1855-56 at only £18,756, thus representing very inaccurately the sum annually disbursed under this head.

6. We desire that complete explanation may be furnished to us of all these discrepancies, and that no further delay may be allowed to occur in carrying our instructions on the subject into full effect.

LONDON,
13th January 1858. }

We are,
Your loving Friends,
(Signed) ROSS D. MANGLES,
(„) F. CURRIE,
and other Directors.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 20th April 1858.

From the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Accountant General to the Government of India;
to C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Fi-
nancial Department, dated 24th March 1858, No. 2535.
SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 1074, dated 3rd Instant, forwarding for explanation a Financial Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 3, dated 13th January last, and to observe in reply that the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1854-55 including the payments made on account of the Mysore Princes as a disbursement of this Presidency was closed in this Department on the 19th January 1856, whilst the instructions from your Office conveying the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors for transferring the balance of the head of Mysore Princes to the Madras Presidency, bears a subsequent date namely 2nd February following. With the view therefore of preserving a correspondence between the Receipts and Disbursements and General Books the payments were adjusted as usual in 1854-55. The balance of the head however should properly have been written off to Madras on the close of the Books for 1854-55, but in order that the transfer on the Books shall be effected in the same year in which a change should be made in the Financial Statements, with reference to the exhibition of such transactions; and as it was deemed of little importance whether the balance of the close of one year or the same amount at the beginning of the following year were written off, the transfer of the head was deferred on the General Books till the year 1855-56, in which the necessary entries in obedience to the orders of the Court will be found to have been made.

2nd. I am quite unable to account for the discrepancy between the payments at this Presidency on account of the Mysore Princes amounting to Rupees 3,35,737-5-1 in 1855-56, and the credit of Rupees 1,19,071-4-2, on the Madras Receipts and Disbursements of the same year, as a Supply from India under that head. Intimation of the payments were furnished from this Department in the usual course, the Account for April 1856, the last of the annual series, having been forwarded on the 26th September 1856, in completion, to admit of the charge being included in the Madras Receipts and Disbursements of 1855-56, I would therefore suggest a reference to the Madras Authorities for the necessary explanation on this head.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 254; dated 14th April 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosures be communicated to the Accountant General, and that he be requested to submit the required explanation of the discrepancy therein noticed.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No 1628

*To The Chief Secretary to the Govt of
Fort Saint George-*

Sub. Despatch Sir

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the*

The explanation required.

East William
The 29 March
1858.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant

Wm. Smith
Secretary to the Govt of India.

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Financial Department

1.3 of 1838

Our Governor General of India
in Council

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2 These instructions have not yet been complied with. We find on reference to the Bengal General Books for 1834/55, that the balance under this head at the close of that year was Rs. 59,08,800, but the amount is not written off to the Govt of Madras, nor is any credit on this account shown in the Madras Books for 1835/56.

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We are &c.

Wm Ross & Mangles
and other Directors

London
13th January 1838

(A true Copy)

Wm Ross & Mangles

Secy to the Govt of India

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1834/55-
at 29th Dec 1835-
Rs. 500,000
£ 65,625
1835/56
Rs. 2,00,000
£ 18,750

No 2535

From

The Honble E. Drummond

To

Account Genl to the Govt of India

C. A. Lushington Esq.

Secretary to the Govt of India

Financial Department

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For William
Secy Genl. Office
Genl. Dept.
The 21st March 58.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Obedt. Servant
J. C. Drummond
Secy Genl. to the Govt. of India

(A True Copy)

Wm. R. M.
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Forwards for subscription articles
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the Hon. Secy. of the department
for calling in an explanation of
a discrepancy between the
book of the accountants and
of the William was necessary in
the Department made in 1855/56
in regard to the Mysore Prince,
on account of their various
various accounts. A single
copy of the report on the subject
by the Secy. Genl. for William,
and requests that the
Secy. Genl. be instructed to
call upon to furnish the
required explanation.

William Order

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No. 357

Ordered that the foregoing
letter and its enclosures be com-
municated to the Accountant
General, and that he be requested
to submit the required explanation
of the discrepancy therein noticed.
14th Dec. 1858-3

To the Accountant General - 21st Dec. 1858