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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 27th April 1858.

No. 3. From J. BREEKS, Esq., 2nd Assistant to the Accountant General, Madras; to the Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated 6th April 1858.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th March 1858, associating me with Mr. Harrison in the introduction of the Bengal system of Account Current into this Presidency, I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of Government, one or two points arising out of my present position as 2nd Assistant to the Accountant General, Madras, in relation to an Extract from a Resolution by the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Finance Department, under date the 4th December 1857.

2. In para: 10 of the last mentioned Extract it is stated, "that it should be ascertained by the Local Governments, in giving effect to these orders whether the *Officers now in the Department* are willing to remain in it, &c." By the words *Officers now in the Department* "the Madras Government have apparently held to be included only such Officers as are incumbents of the appointments set down in para: 17, as appointments in future to be filled by Covenanted Members of the Civil Service."

3. Now as my present appointment of 2nd Assistant to the Accountant General, Madras, is set down in the same para: as in future to be filled by an Uncovenanted Member of the service, I conclude that, on the introduction of the new Finance Department in May next, I shall be unconnected with that Department of Account Current and be virtually, as it were, out of permanent employ.

4. I am thus therefore induced to submit my case to the favorable consideration of Government, as being precluded the option of retaining my position in the Department, and being compelled to enter it afresh through the door of examination as explained in paras: 11, 12 and 13 of aforementioned extract.

5. It is this chiefly, though there are subsidiary points arising out of it, on which I wish to be favored with the instructions of Government.

6. My period of service extends over more than 8 years, of which 3 have been passed in the Account Current Department and wherein I am authorized by the Accountant General to state that I have discharged my duties to his satisfaction.

7. I have now been associated with Mr. Harrison on special duty which if I am to carry out the intentions of the Supreme Government and report upon the practicability of a reduction in the Account Current branch of each Collectorate, is a duty likely to occupy me for some months.

8. My position consequently assumes a somewhat anomalous aspect. I am struck out of the Finance Department from the 1st proximo, and yet I am engaged on a special duty of Account Current, which, while it apparently leads to nothing, deprives me of the chances of promotion that, from the point of service I have attained to, I might reasonably expect were I employed in either the Revenue or Judicial branch.

9. I am prepared at once, if necessary, to undergo the examination alluded to in paras: 11 and 12 of Extract, though I hesitate to register my application for the same, as it will only result, as far as I can see, in my being for the present attached as a supernumerary to a Department. I have already served some time in, and in my being eventually brought on the strength of the Department to serve under a senior who by reason of his incumbency retains his appointment in the new Department.

10. I am sure that the Supreme Government with their usual consideration on such occasions will not permit me to be a sufferer, so I hoped to be excused if I briefly submit the following points for their favorable consideration; that as I had been so long in the Account Current Department when this change was promulgated my election to remain in it may be at once accepted, and that my service in the Department may bear date from my original entry into it, so that when it may be the pleasure of Government to absorb the place I now hold in the old Department, the absorption may eventuate in my promotion in the new Department to such a situation as my rank in it may determine.

11. My paper has already extended to a greater length than I intended, I shall therefore conclude with a respectful request that you will submit the above points to the Right Honorable

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the Governor in Council, and at the same time that you will be good enough to inform me, whether I am permitted while on special duty to submit bills for my *bond fide* expenses as has been allowed by the Supreme Government in Mr. Harrison's case.

No. 4 Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 26th March 1858, No. 1681.

Read again the Financial Resolution, No. 5126, dated the 4th December 1857, regarding the formation of a General Department of Accounts including the Offices of Audit, Pay and Account in the several Presidencies, as well as the Punjab.

Read a communication from the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 152, dated the 6th Instant, and its annexures on the subject.

RESOLUTION.—By para: 10 of the Resolution of this Government, No. 5126, dated 4th December 1857, the Local Governments were directed to ascertain whether the Officers now in the Department of Account are willing to remain in it on the footing on which it is to be constituted subsequent to the 1st May 1858, and if any Officer should not be willing to remain in it, to report the name of such Officer for the information of this Government.

2. With reference to these orders the Government of Fort Saint George now report that reference has been made to the Accountant General and his first Assistant, to the Civil Auditor, and to the Sub-Treasurer at that Presidency, and that all are willing to remain in the Department, though Mr. J. L. Lushington, the first Assistant to the Accountant General, and Mr. F. Lushington, the Civil Auditor, have expressed a hope that they may be permitted to re-consider their decisions in the event of any reduction in the allowances of their appointments being made in consequence of Mr. Ricketts' recommendations, or from any other cause.

3. This request appears to the Honorable the President in Council to be reasonable if confined to reductions consequent on Mr. Ricketts' recommendations, and is to that extent recognized.

4. With reference to the 3rd para: of the letter of the Madras Government, His Honor in Council has no objection to the measures adopted by that Government for informing Junior Civil Servants of the Stations of the future General Department of Accounts.

5. In regard to the manner in which applications from Junior Civil Servants for employment in the General Department of Accounts shall be made, His Honor in Council directs that such applications be made to the Local Governments, and the Local Governments, until rules are issued in respect to the competitive examination, shall, in forwarding the applications to this Government, be required to state the appointments that have been held by the applicants and the manner in which their duties have been performed.

6. With reference to the 5th para: of the letter His Honor in Council desires that the Madras Government be informed that Mr. Breeks, the 2nd Assistant to the Accountant General at that Presidency, will be allowed to continue in the appointment he now holds until he can be provided for in some other branch of the service, or in some other appointment in the Department of Account if he wishes to remain in that Department. In the event of his electing to enter another Department, it will be necessary for the Local Government to provide him with another appointment on the first suitable opportunity.

7. Referring to the 6th para: of the letter from the Government of Fort Saint George, His Honor in Council desires that the Rule laid down in para: 5 of this Resolution be observed. Orders will be passed on the application of N. C. Moorogasem Moodelliar when the appointment of 2nd Assistant to the Accountant General at Madras becomes vacant.

8. With respect to the 7th para: of the letter from the Government of Madras, His Honor in Council desires that it be explained that the several officers in the General Department of Accounts shall, as far as is practicable, be placed under the control of the Government of India, and that all questions connected with the appointment, promotion, and grant of leave to Covenanted as well as Uncovenanted Officers appointed by Government direct, should be referred for the orders of this Government. The Officers of the Department shall, as a Rule, comply with all orders of the Local Governments which may not appear to be opposed to orders of the Government of India. In cases in which the orders of the Local Government may appear to be opposed to the orders of this Government they shall not be conformed to without the grounds of objection being in the

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first instance brought to the notice of the Local Governments and the orders of the Local Governments being subsequently repeated or without the question in dispute being forthwith reported for the consideration of the Government of India. If any difficulty is anticipated in acting on the foregoing rules, His Honor in Council will be glad to consider any suggestions which the Local Governments may desire to offer on the subject.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, for information and guidance.

Ordered that copy of paras: 5 and 8 of the Resolution be forwarded to the Governments* and Officer† noted in the margin for information and guidance and for communication to the Officers of Audit and Account subordinate to them.

* *Bombay, Bengal, N. W. P.*
† *Chief Commissioner Punjab.*

Ordered that a copy of para: 5 of the Resolution be published in the Calcutta Official Gazette for general information.

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

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 268; dated 21st April 1858.

1. Ordered, that a copy of the Resolution of the Government of India above recorded, be furnished to the Accountant General, who will communicate to Messrs. Lushington and Breeks, his 1st and 2nd Assistants, and to Moorogasem Moodelliar, his Principal Uncovenanted Assistant, the paras: severally relating to them.

2. The orders conveyed in para: 6 of the above Resolution render a reference to the Government of India on the subject of Mr. Breeks' letter of the 6th Instant, unnecessary. But Mr. Breeks is authorised, while on special duty, to submit Bills of his *bond fide* expenses, as has been allowed by the Supreme Government in Mr. Harrison's case.

3. Ordered, that the Resolution of the Government of India be also communicated to the Civil Auditor, Mr. F. Lushington, and to the Sub Treasurer.

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

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 21 April 1858

Read the following
papers.

From J Brecks Esq^r
2nd Asst. to the Acct^y General

(Dated 6th April 1858)

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Hon^{ble} the President
in Council of India.

(Dated 26th March -- N^o 1681)

W.D.

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2. The orders conveyed in para 6 of the above Resolution render a reference to the Government of India on the subject of Mr. Breck's letter of the 6th Instant, unnecessary. - But Mr. Breck is authorised, while on special duty, to submit Bills of his bona-fide expenses, as has been allowed by the Supreme Government in Mr. Harrison's case.

3. Ordered, that the Resolutions of the Government of India be also communicated to the Civil Auditor Mr. F. Lushington, and to the Sub-Treasurer.

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to the Asst. General
a Civil Auditor
a Sub Treasurer.

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18th April
Copy of Mr. Breck's
letter to the Asst. General
of the 6th April 1858
sent to the Asst. General
of the 10th April 1858

Financial Department.

To The Secy to the Govt of India
Sir,

Adverting to para 6 of the letter from this Department dated the 6th Instant. I have directed by the Governor in Council to acquaint you that Mr. J. W. Breck, the Assistant to the Accountant General, has been associated with Mr. Harrison in the duty of superintending the introduction of the Bengal System of Accounts into some of the Districts of this Presidency; and I am now desirous to submit, and to recommend to the favourable consideration of the Govt of India, copy of a letter from Mr. Breck, soliciting that, as he had been so long in the Account Department when the

and to the subsequent Com. Return. I have directed by the Governor in Council to acquaint you that Mr. J. W. Breck, the Assistant to the Accountant General, has been associated with Mr. Harrison in the duty of superintending the introduction of the Bengal System of Accounts into some of the Districts of this Presidency; and I am now desirous to submit, and to recommend to the favourable consideration of the Govt of India, copy of a letter from Mr. Breck, soliciting that, as he had been so long in the Account Department when the

the present change in its constitution was promulgated, his election to remain in it may be at once accepted. And that his service in the Department may bear date from his original entry into it, so that when it may be the pleasure of Govt. to absorb the place he now holds in the old Department, the absorption may entitulate in his promotion in the new Department, to such a situation as his ^{standing} in it may determine.

2. Mr. Preck also requests that he may be permitted, while on special duty, to submit Bills of his bonafide expenses, as have been allowed by the Supreme Court in Mr. Nixon's case. To which the

3. In forwarding this representation from Mr. Preck, I am desirous to state that in the opinion

opinion of this Government his requests are ^{are} reasonable, and to express a hope that they ^{may} be complied with.

Shane, Secy

S. E.

Copy to Mr. Preck Esq.
" Asst. General
" Civil Auditor

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W. H. H.

Govt. have acceded, but
subject to the approval of
the Govt. of India

W. H. H.

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