

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 279

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 4th May 1858.

No. 1 From S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Sub Treasurer ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 26th April 1858, No. 1422.

SIR,

I do myself the honor of submitting, for the consideration and orders of Government, copies of correspondence which has passed between the Bank of Madras and this Office, on the subject of the Bank's Specie deposited in the General Treasury.

At the time this arrangement was first carried out, it was expedient that as little publicity as possible should be given to the proceeding, and the deposit of the whole of the Bank's Specie into the Treasury, (amounting at one time to Company's Rupees 38,50,000,) was effected without the transport of a single Coin.

Conceiving, however, that the arrangement was only a temporary one for the purpose of meeting a particular emergency, I addressed the Board of Directors, when it appeared to me this had passed away, on the subject of the removal of the money:—their reply to my letter states their wish to be allowed to retain, in the Treasury as a permanent deposit, the sum of 12 lacs of Rupees, the Sub Treasurer granting his receipt for that sum. The amount specified is calculated, I presume, to be about the average which the Bank would at all times require to have in its possession, under Clause 28 of the Charter Act so that no transactions are likely to take place upon it.

Should the Government concur with the Directors of the Bank, in thinking it prudent that a reserve should be retained in the Treasury, I am not aware of any real objection to their wishes being complied with, except that it entails a responsibility on the Sub Treasurer, which, I submit, ought not to devolve upon him.

From S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Sub-Treasurer ; to ROBERT HUNTER, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras, dated 4th February 1858, No. 1055.

SIR,

The circumstances under which the Specie of the Bank of Madras was allowed to accumulate and to be retained in Deposit in the General Treasury, having passed away, and the arrangements under which this measure was permitted to be carried out, being such as were only adapted to an emergency, I have to solicit you will ascertain from the Board of Directors, whether they are now prepared to relieve the Sub-Treasurer of the responsibility which attaches to the custody of so large an amount of Specie, or what their views in the matter may be.

From ROBERT HUNTER, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Madras ; to S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Sub-Treasurer, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd March 1858, No. 820.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Directors of the Bank of Madras to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th Ultimo. The Board desire me to express their thanks for the trouble and responsibility you have undertaken, in the custody of the Bank's Specie. Although the Board do not entertain those apprehensions for the safety of the Treasury, which they felt at the time its removal to the Fort was resolved on, they nevertheless consider it prudent, that a reserve be retained in the General Treasury, and I am requested to ask the favor of your obtaining the sanction of Government, for allowing a reserve not exceeding (12) Twelve Lacs of Rupees to remain in your charge, a receipt for the same being furnished to the Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board purpose removing with all practicable dispatch the difference between the above and the amount now in your charge.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 279 ; dated 28th April 1858.

Considering that the Treasury Department will in a few days be under the direct control of the Government of India, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to pass orders on the subject of the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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To the Sub Treasurer - Disp 28th