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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 309 & 310 Press Mis.

Dated 30 4 1858

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 11th May 1858.

No. 13. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Civil Auditor; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th April 1858, No. 703.

Sir,

1. Adverting to the Resolution passed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, No. 5126, dated 4th December 1857, on the subject of the new Department of Account and Audit, I have the honor to request that I may be informed, whether it is intended that the Civil Auditor of this Presidency shall still continue to discharge the additional duties of Superintendent of Stamps from 1st May next, or whether it has been determined that those duties shall be assigned to some other Officer from that date.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is aware that to the Office of Superintendent of Stamps in this Presidency a salary of Rupees 1,158-0-9 has been attached, while the Civil Auditor, as such, has hitherto drawn but Rupees 1,008-0-9. In the Resolution of the Government of India above referred to, it is proposed to place the Audit Office at Madras and Bombay on the same footing, a salary of Rupees 2,000 being assigned to each, on the ground, it must be presumed that the duties of the two Audit Offices are supposed to be equal. No allusion is however made to the additional duties which now devolve upon the Civil Auditor of this Presidency on account of the Stamp Department, though it is stated that the present incumbent will be permitted to draw his present salary of Rupees 2,166-10-8, *viz.* Rupees 2,000 as Civil Auditor and Rupees 166-10-8 as Superintendent of Stamps.

3. I beg respectfully to observe that the above some of Rupees 166-10-8 is not adequate remuneration for the responsibility and labor connected with the charge of the Stamp Office, the importance of which has been fully recognised by this Government, who, on a recent occasion, in advertence to the greatly increased responsibility that devolved upon the Superintendent of Stamps as the Custodian and dispenser of Postage labels, strongly urged upon the Home Government "the propriety of raising that Officer's salary. Since then, the duties of the Audit Office have greatly increased in consequence of the substitution of a monthly for an annual Audit, by the transfer to it of many charges of which formerly it had no cognisance, and still further by the very large augmentation to the Officers and subordinates of the Department of Public Works, whose salaries, allowances and contingencies, unlike the practice which obtains in the other Presidencies, fall here-under the Audit of the Civil Auditor."

4. That the duties of the combined Offices are for one Officer unaided by an Assistant, Covenanted or Uncovenanted, in either Department exceedingly onerous and responsible must, I think, be admitted, though I trust that this Government will be able to testify that not only have these duties been in no respect neglected, but that the business in both Departments has been considerably expedited since my incumbency of the Office. If then it be determined that the Stamp Office shall still continue attached to the Audit Office, as a more economical arrangement than appointing a distinct Officer to that charge, I would fain hope that the Government of India will see fit to recognise the claim of the Madras Civil Auditor, to some suitable remuneration for these extra duties.

No. 14. Order thereon, No. 309 A; dated 30th April 1858.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to refer the question submitted in the foregoing letter to the Government of India for their orders.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 15. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 30th April 1858, No. 310.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the orders of the Supreme Government the accompanying copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor, inquiring whether it be intended that the Civil Auditor of this Presidency shall still continue to discharge the additional duties of Superintendent of Stamps from 1st May next, or whether it has been determined that those duties shall be assigned to some other Officer from that date.

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3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council remarks that the salaries of the Civil Auditor and of the Superintendent of Stamps at Madras, which Offices have for a great number of years been held by the same Covenanted Officer, amounted up to the year 1848 to Rupees 3,383-5-4 per mensem, of which Rupees 1,575 was the pay of the former and Rupees 1,808-5-4 that of the latter appointment.

4. In that year the Honorable Court, in reference to the arrangements proposed in 1843 for the Department of Pay, Audit and Account at the Subordinate Presidencies, directed certain changes to be carried out, and, under this revision of the emoluments of the several Offices, the pay of the Civil Auditor and Superintendent of Stamps was reduced and fixed at Rupees 26,000 per annum as the *consolidated* pay of the two Offices. In the Public Accounts this consolidated salary has been debited to the General Department and to the Revenue Department, and apportioned between them in the same proportion that it had been when the higher allowances were drawn. Thus Rupees 1,158-0-9 has been debited to the Revenue Department on account of the pay of the Superintendent of Stamps, and Rupees 1,008-0-9 to the General Department on account of the salary of the Civil Auditor.

From Government of India, dated 16th Decr. 1848, No. 1778, Financial Department with Extract from a Despatch from the Honorable Court, dated 18th October, No. 40 of 1848, paras: 11 to 19.

Or Rupees 2,166-10-8 per mensem.

5. On two occasions in 1849 and 1852 this Government has represented to the Honorable the Court of Directors the inadequacy of the consolidated salary attached to the performance of the joint duties of the Stamp and Audit Office, but the Court have not been prepared to grant any augmentation.

6. I am now desired by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to solicit the instructions of the Honorable the President in Council whether the union of the two Offices is to continue under the new Department of Accounts; and, if so, whether any and what addition is to be made to the salary of the Civil Auditor. present * or prospective † in consequence.

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7. This Government would submit that not only is the salary attached to the Audit Office under the new Department, Rupees 2,000 lower than that now annexed to the Stamp and Audit Offices which this Government have represented as being inadequate, but the union of the two Offices is open to the serious objection that the Gentleman who fills them will be under the orders of two Governments. He will be the servant of the Supreme Government *quoad* he is Civil Auditor, and of the Government of Madras in his capacity of Superintendent of Stamps. An anomalous position, and one not unlikely to lead to inconvenience.

8. At the same time it will be proper for this Government to state, that in the event of the Audit and Stamp Department being separated, there is no Office at Madras to which the latter could be attached. Provision must be made for the custody and charge of the Stamps and Postage labels by means of a separate Office. Looking to the value of the property, the responsibility attaching to the trust, and the necessity of preventing frauds, especially in the Department of Stamps, the Government are decidedly of opinion that the Officer should be a Covenanted Servant on a salary of not less than Rupees 1,200 per mensem. Such an Officer might at the same time have charge of the Stationery Office which is at present under the Principal Commissary of Ordnance, to whose duties it has no particular affinity.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No 309 A

The R. H. the Gover-
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the foregoing letter to the Govt
of India for their orders - and
directs that the following let-
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Fort St George
30 April 1858

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Fort St. Geo:
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F. W. Maxwell
Gov. Comm.

Fin.l Letter to Cng.d 24.th Augt. No 20
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No. 310.

To The Secy: to the Govt. of
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d/ 30 april/58—

Replied 14.th June 1858
No. 297.

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