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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 13th July 1858.

No. 21. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, dated 19th June 1858, No. 852.

(*Vide* Diary to Consultation, 22nd June 1858, Nos. 50 and 51.)

(*Referring, for consideration, paras : 5 and 6 of a letter from the Civil Auditor containing certain remarks regarding the control which his Office exercises over the Collectors' Establishments.*)

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, No. 409; dated 10th July 1858.

It seems to the Government to be quite unnecessary to require the Collectors or other Offices to submit and the Audit Office to check detailed lists of Establishments monthly in order that any alterations which may be made irregularly between the 1st May and 30th April of each year may be at once detected. Such alterations are not likely to be numerous. The Collectors should be required to certify monthly that no alterations have been made at all in their sanctioned *Meyene esibitulu*, or, if there have been any, to note them and the authority on which they rest.

2. It might at the same time be notified by the Civil Auditor to all heads of Offices that this course had been adopted in reliance on their good faith in not allowing any unauthorised changes and to save the labor that would be entailed by the preparation of monthly lists in detail and that Government would visit severely any case which came to their notice in which such irregular changes had been made, as this could not in fact be done without the submission of false certificates.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Extract from a letter from the Civil Auditor, under date the 25th May 1858, No. 19.

Para. 5. Referring to the remark that the present is not the first instance of unauthorized alteration in Public Establishment which has come before Government within the last few months, I beg to observe that this office does not possess the means of exercising that minute control over the Collector's Establishment which the Government would appear to demand from it. On the substitution of the monthly for the annual audit new forms of salary abstracts were necessarily adopted, as it was unreasonable to expect that the Collectors should furnish monthly the detailed statement, which they had hitherto been wont to submit but once in the year. These forms were taken from those in use in the Bengal and Agra Presidencies, and contain, merely the total amount paid to each department without specification of the manner in which the different amounts are distributed. It is obvious, therefore, that the rates of salary assigned to each individual in the department might be changed by the Collector without detection by this office, provided the total sum drawn for the department accorded with the sanctioned amount. At the foot of each pay bill however the Collector is required to attach a certificate to the effect that the orders of Government in respect of dividing salaries have not been violated, and on this certificate this office has hitherto relied for the due observance of those orders.

6. If the Civil Auditor is now to be held responsible for any charge which may take place in establishments between the 1st of May and 30th April, when the detailed lists are furnished to him, it will be absolutely necessary for his protection that a detailed statement showing the sum paid monthly to each individual should be submitted for his audit, though the amount of additional labor which will be thrown on the Collector's Establishment in the preparation of this statement, and on the Audit office in checking it, will be excessive. I have no wish to evade this duty, if deemed by the Government necessary, as a few extra hours labor on the part of the Auditor during each week will probably enable them to perform it; but I believe that with the limited and already overburdened establishment allotted to the Collector, the preparation of such a statement will be found impracticable, nor indeed am I disposed to think that any good end would be attained thereby, for if an officer could sign a certificate to the effect that no alteration had been made in this establishment, knowing at the time that such avowment was false, it is not likely that he would scruple to make false entries in his detailed statement, which would answer the same purpose.

(A true Extract.)

W. H. Burley

Acting Secretary to Government.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 852.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th June 1858.

Read the following letter from the Civil Auditor.

*Acknowledging receipt of Extract Minutes of
Consultation in the Revenue Department dated
14th instant; affords explanation relative to
certain charges made by the Collector of South
Arnot in his establishment.*

(Here enter 20th May 1858, No. 59.)

The explanation of the Civil Auditor that he passed the appropriation of Rupees 30 from the pay of the Translator of the Collector's Catchery of South Arnot for the payment of the Press Establishment in anticipation of the orders of Government is not satisfactory. The practice and rules of the Audit office, the Government believe, allow no such discretion.

2. Para. 5 and 6 of Mr. Lushington's letter contain matter for consideration in the Financial Department; they will therefore be referred to that Department.

(A true Extract.)

H. H. Bayley
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Civil Auditor.

cc Financial Department.

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Financial Department

No 469

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Held on 10th July 1858.

Read the following
Extract from the Minutes of
Consultation in the Revenue
Department.

(Dated 19th June 1858. No 382)

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