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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 9. Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council in the Financial Department, under date the 13th August 1858, No. 4392.

Read the undermentioned papers connected with an application from the Civil Auditor at Madras for an increase to his Office Establishment.

Letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 545, dated 8th November 1856, with enclosures, and the orders of this Government passed thereon, No. 5343, dated 5th December 1856.

Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, No. 154, dated 13th March 1857, with enclosures.

Orders of this Government passed in a Tabular Statement submitted with the above mentioned letter, dated 24th April 1857.

Communication to the P. W. Department, No. 1829, dated 24th April 1857.

Letter from the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India, No. 1268, dated 12th October 1857, and the reply thereto, No. 4917, dated 20th November 1857.

Letter to Civil Auditor, Fort William, No. 1821, dated 8th April 1858, and the correspondence connected therewith.

Financial Resolution, No. 2585, dated 30th April 1858.

Letter from the Civil Auditor at Madras, No. 138, dated 17th July 1858, with enclosures.

RESOLUTION.—On the 30th of April 1858, this Government referring to the previous orders of the 9th November 1857, wherein it was ruled that in future all cases in which leave of absence not notified in the Government Gazette is granted to Uncovenanted Servants in excess of a few days provided for in the Financial Resolution of the 12th June 1857, should be reported monthly to the Civil Auditor or the Military Auditor General, as the case may be, in a Form annexed to the above order, sanctioned the institution in the Offices of the Civil Auditors at the several Presidencies of certain Registers, *viz.* One shewing the period of absence of Members of Establishments drawing 100 Rupees and upwards, on sick leave under Section V of the Uncovenanted Absentee Rules, dated 22nd February 1856, for the year. One shewing the period of absence of Members of Establishments drawing 100 Rupees a month and upwards, on leave on Private Affairs under Sections VII, VIII and IX of the Uncovenanted Absentee Rules, dated 22nd February 1856, for the year. One shewing the period of absence of Members of Establishments drawing more than 10 Rupees a month, on Casual leave, under the provisions of the Financial Resolution of the Government of India, dated 19th March 1858, for the year. One shewing the period of absence of Members of Establishments drawing less than 100 Rupees and more than 10 Rupees a month, on leave granted to them according to the spirit of the Uncovenanted Absentee Rules, dated 22nd February 1856, for the year, and One Annual Absentee Register of Uncovenanted Servants drawing more than 10 Rupees a month, alphabetically arranged.

Referring to the above orders, the Officiating Civil Auditor at Madras submits for orders copy of a letter from him to the Government of Fort Saint George, and the orders of that Government thereon, and states that in accordance with the sanction therein conveyed he proposes to entertain the Establishment noted in the margin,* as being indispensably necessary

*5 *Checkers* @ 20 *each*…………	100
5 *Calculators* @ 25 *each*…………	125
4 *Copyists* @ 20 *each*…………	80
1 *Calculator* @ …………	30
Rupees	335

to enable his Department to check, calculate, and to register the leave Statements that are received in his Office from the various Departments. The further additional Establishment noted in the margin† will, he says, be required from the 1st October next, in order to carry out efficiently the object contemplated in the abovementioned orders.

† 1 *Compiler*	*on*	*Rupees*	60	*per*	*month*
1 *Assistant*	*do.*	„	40	*per*	*month*
		„	100		

He takes the opportunity of bringing to notice that the Establishment shewn in the margin sanctioned by this Government under date the 5th December 1856, has been found on trial quite insufficient for the Audit of the large number and the several descriptions of Bills received on Account of the Salary Bills and Allowances of the Public Works Department, adding, "my predecessor, Mr. F. Lushington, at the time of applying for the additional assistance to his Establishment to check and audit the Bills within a reasonable time, was not aware of the extent of work that would devolve upon his Office in auditing the Bills of the Department Public Works, and being anxious to avoid applying for further assistance during the financial pressure drafted some clerks* from the other Departments as a temporary measure to assist in the Department Public Works."

1 *Auditor*....................................	150
1 *Assistant do*....................................	70
1 *Paper sorter*....................................	12
1 *Assistant Calculator*....................................	10
Rupees	242

* 1 *Auditor*....................................	120
1 *Assistant do*....................................	40
1 *Accountant*....................................	25
1 *Checker*....................................	10
Rupees	195

"This measure was partially successful as it prevented any great delay in passing the Bills of the Department Public Works, but at the same time the Bills of the other Departments were not passed so quickly as they otherwise would have been had the usual number of hands been available, much delay has been avoided by keeping the Clerks at work beyond Office hours, and I must give the greater number of them credit for having worked steadily and well, but it would be unreasonable to expect that this state of things should continue for very long."

The Government of Madras in passing orders on the Civil Auditor's application referred to, observed as follows. "It will be for the Civil Auditor to apply direct to the Government of India, under whose orders his Department is now placed, for such an increase of Establishment as he may find necessary to carry out their orders of 9th November and 30th April last."

"Meanwhile, pending the receipt of orders from the Supreme Government and to prevent obstruction to the despatch of business in his Office, the Governor in Council sees no objection to his entertaining the additional servants specified in the margin* of paras: 9 and 10 of his letter at an aggregate monthly Cost of Rupees 225 and 210 respectively.

* 5 *Checkers*	*@ 20.*	*Rupees*	*each,*	100
5 *Calculators*	*@ 25*	„	*each,*	125
			Rupees	225

* 4 *Copyists @ 20 Rupes each*.....	80
1 *Calculator*..............................	30
1 *Compiler*..............................	60
1 *Assistant*..............................	40
Rs.	210

The Honorable the President in Council observes that a somewhat similar application was lately made by the Civil Auditor at this Presidency, when an additional Establishment costing 150 Rupees per mensem was allowed for the purpose of checking the absence and calculating the absentee allowances of ministerial Officers reported in the *Monthly* Statements, prescribed by the orders of this Government of the 9th November 1857. The number of these Monthly Statements was stated as 799.

The number of Monthly Statements received by the Civil Auditor at Madras is said to be 596, so that an additional Establishment costing say 120 Rupees a month or a little more than

$\frac{4}{5}$ths of the sum allowed the Auditor at Calcutta ought to be quite sufficient for the Madras Office, and to this extent, his Honor in Council is pleased to accede to the application of the Civil Auditor at Madras.

The Registers prescribed by the orders of this Government, dated 30th April 1858 (except the annual alphabetical Register) are intended to be kept by all the Public Officers who submit Monthly Statements to the Auditor, which Monthly Statements should be prepared according to the entries made in the Registers. The Civil Auditor may keep such Registers also, but for his *own Office* only. The only *General* Register which the Civil Auditor is required to keep is the "alphabetical Register" which he has to compile for the various Monthly Statements received by him during each year and from the Registers of his own Office. No copies of any of the Registers are required for either the Supreme or the Local Government. They are intended to be records merely in the Offices to which they appertain. No additional Establishment therefore is necessary on this account.

The Madras Civil Auditor in his letter to the Government of that Presidency considers it probable that the Collectors "will never be able to prepare and submit the Bills accompanied by the Leave Reports before the 15th or 20th of every month." This the Honorable the President in Council observes, is a mistake. The preparation of the Monthly Statement ought not to occupy more than a single day, it being only necessary to transcribe the entries from the Register.

With regard to the Establishment sanctioned on the 5th December 1856, for the Audit of the Bills connected with the Public Works Department, which the Madras Civil Auditor takes the opportunity of bringing to notice as insufficient, his Honor in Council remarks that that Establishment was sanctioned as a temporary arrangement, pending a general revision of the Civil Auditor's Establishment, which took place under the orders of this Government, dated 24th April 1857, at an additional charge amounting to 260 Rupees a month, subject to revision by the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India, and that the question of a separate Audit Office for Public Works Charges adverted to in the proposition submitted by the Government of Madras, was referred to the Public Works Department for consideration.

His Honor in Council desires that early orders may be issued in order to put a stop to the charges which have been incurred under the provisional sanction of the Government of Madras, in excess of the 120 Rupees per mensem allowed by this Resolution.

His Honor in Council further observes that the Commissioner for the revision of Civil Salaries and Establishments throughout India, reported on the 10th October 1857, that a Committee sitting at Madras had been directed specially to investigate the system under which the Civil Auditor's Department is worked, and his Honor in Council directs that the Government of Madras may be requested to ascertain and report the result of the investigation of that Committee.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, and for communication to the Civil Auditor.

Ordered also, that a copy of paras: 1 to 4 and 11, of the above Resolution be forwarded to to Public Works Department for consideration with reference to the communication from this Department, dated 24th April 1857, **No.**

(True Extract.)

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

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 586; dated 3rd September 1858.

1. Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Civil Auditor, with instructions to discontinue forthwith so much of the Charges on account of the additional servants entertained under the provisional sanction of this Government as are in excess of the 120 Rupees per mensem now allowed by the Government of India.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 7th September 1858.

2. Ordered that the last para: of the Resolution be furnished to the Committee for investigating Public Establishments, with a request that they will report, for communication to the Government of India, the result of their investigation of the system under which the Civil Auditor's Department is worked, and also of the efficiency of the existing Establishment of that Office.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Financial Department

No. 586

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 3d September /58.

Read Extract from the Proceedings of the Govt of India-

(Dated 13 August 1858 No. 4392)

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Ordered

2 Ordered that the last para of the Resolution be furnished to the Committee for investigating Public Establishments, with a request that they will report for communication to the Government of India the result of their investigation of the system under which the Civil Auditor's Department is worked, and also of the efficiency of the existing Establishment of that Office.

To the Civil Auditor
" Committee for investigating Public Estabts } Dispd 4th
" Acct General.

Finl. Letter to Engd 21/30th Octr No 22
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