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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 690 Press Mis.

Dated 20-10- 18 GF.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 29th October 1858.

No. 3. From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd October 1858, No. 212.

SIR,

I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that on the abolition of the late Government Bank in July 1843, certain sums were transferred* by it to the Madras Bank, being balances of Account in favor of different parties as per Statement furnished to this Office with a letter from the Sub-Treasurer, dated 6th July 1843, amounting to Rupees 7,61,897-9-3, several sums out of this amount have from time to time been paid by the Madras Bank to the proper parties, and with a letter, dated 12th January 1856, a Statement† was received from that Institution shewing a sum of Rupees 92,756-4-2 remained unclaimed out of the above amount. As it lately occurred to me that it was no use allowing this amount to remain in the Bank any longer, I wrote to the Madras Bank on the 30th July last to ascertain the correct amount. In his letter, dated the 3rd August, the Secretary and Treasurer informed me that the whole of the balance, *viz.* Rupees 92,756-4-2, which was reported in 1856, still remains in the Bank unclaimed.

*Vide *letter to Govt. dated 8th March 1844, No. 75.*

†*Copy of which is enclosed.*

2. In the sum above mentioned is included an item of Rupees 90,811-2-5 in favor of the Black Town Esplanade Committee. This amount is a portion of money paid from the Public Treasury into the then Government Bank, with a view that the Collector of Madras might draw therefrom from time to time and make disbursements to the parties entitled to the same. This sum has reference to the items sanctioned to be paid under the orders of Government, dated 16th March 1839, No. 1215, and referred to in the order, dated 15th September 1840. It appears from a letter received from the Collector of Madras, dated 13th August last, that no portion of this amount has been claimed owing, it is said, to dissensions among the parties concerned; and that it is "*very uncertain* when any demand for payment may be made."

3. I request therefore that authority may be granted for re-placing in the General Treasury the said sum of Rupees 92,756-4-2. A portion of that amount, *viz.* Rupees 90,811-2-5, will have to be carried to the credit of the head "Black Town Esplanade Committee," to which head it was debited when paid into the late Government Bank; and the transfer of the sum to the credit of this head is necessary in order to remove the debit standing against it in the Public Books of this Office. The remainder, *viz.* Rupees 1,945-1-9, will be credited to "Profit and Loss" subject to payment of any valid claims hereafter.

4. I further beg to state that the sum of Rupees 9,969-14-11 which was disbursed in 1839 and 1840 to certain parties, through the Collector of Madras, out of the amount sanctioned by Government and placed in the late Bank, as stated in para: 2, still remains unadjusted for want of proper Vouchers. The Collector of Madras has stated that no such documents were obtained, as the parties gave their Receipts on the backs of the Cheques issued in their favor by the Esplanade Committee. I request that I may be permitted to adjust this sum also in my Books to remove the debit against that Committee.

Balances transferred from the late Government Bank to the Madras Bank and remaining unclaimed.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Baillie, J. T. (dead)	0	2	3
Brown, Captain J. R.	21	10	10
Bannerman, R. A. (dead)	0	13	10
Cotton, Captain A. T.	0	10	8
Cavalry Forage Fund	1	11	8
Campbell, Ensign A. M., 34th Lt. Infy.	0	0	1
Dustageer, V. G.	5	11	0
Greeme, Revd. G.	3	4	0
General Canteen Fund	212	15	0
Greenway, G. S.	25	8	9
Hodson, Lieutenant C. W. 16th Regiment N. I.	10	5	6
Jantz, F.	20	0	0
Keaye, C. T.	0	4	9
Logan, Captain G., 41st N. I.	0	5	9
Mess, 10th Regiment N. I.	0	8	0
Mottet, Captain A.	0	0	5
McFarlane, C.	2	3	2
McMurdo, Captain J. J., 45th N. I.	3	8	5
Oswell, W. C.	94	2	4
Officer Commanding General Depôt Cuddalore	6	11	7
Paramanundoss	2	15	3
Ragaviah By	5	9	0
Scott, Lieutenant F. C.	200	0	0
Tontine Fund	883	5	1
Trustees for Tanjore Award No. 39	0	0	1
Taylor, W. R. (dead)	19	15	6
Treasurer Theatrical Fund	0	7	2
Taylor, Major H., 2nd Lt. Cavalry	0	10	8
Whisker, Captain J. 5th do.	1	0	0
Black Town Esplanade Committee	90,811	2	5
Estate of E. Gordon	66	4	9
Bell, J. H. (dead)	0	13	3
Devereux, H. B.	46	0	7
Gunning, Captain J., 17th N. Infy.	8	6	7
Dent, Morris and Sim	240	1	3
Harper, Revd. H., on account of the family of the late Revd. F. Scott	58	14	7
Company's Rupees	92,756	4	2

(Signed) G. L. PRENDERGAST,
Accountant General.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 690; dated 20th October 1858.

The Governor in Council grants authority for the sum of Rupees 92,756-4-2, reported to be still remaining in the Madras Bank unclaimed, being replaced in the General Treasury, the two* items included in that amount being adjusted in the manner proposed by the Accountant General. They also permit him, under the circumstances stated in the last para: to adjust, as proposed, the sum of Rupees 9,969-14-11 stated to have been disbursed to certain parties in 1839 and 1840.

* *Rupees* 90,811-2-5, *In favor of the "Black Town Esplanade Committee."*

„ 1,945-1-9 *To be credited to "Profit and Loss," subject to payment of any valid claims hereafter.*

2. It does not however appear to Government why the sum Rupees 90,811-2-5, balance of the price at the Black Town Esplanade, should not at once be carried to the public account. The period for which the sums which compose that amount have remained unclaimed is much in excess of that for which any legal claim could be sustained, and it would at any time be open to

the Government to authorize refund in any case that might seem to deserve consideration. The Accountant General will adopt this course unless he sees any objection.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Financial Department

No 690

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date 20 October 1858.

Read the following

letter from the Accountant

General

(Dated 2nd October 1858 No 302)

The Governor in

Council grants authority

for the sum of Rupees

92,500-0-2, be added to the

still remaining in the

Madras Bank unclaimed,

being, replaced in the

General Treasury - the

two items included in

that account being, and

are thus accounted

for, duly proposed by the

Accountant General - They

also permit him, under

the circumstances stated

in

Rs:90,811-2-5 in favour of the "Black Town Esplanade Co. Limited"

- 1,965-1-9 be credited to "Profit & Loss" Account being the amount of Unclaimed Salaries & Pensions

in the last para, to adjust
as proposed the sum of
Rupees 9969-14-11 stated
to have been disbursed to
certain parties in 1839 and
1840.

2. It does not however
appear to Govt why
the sum R 9969-14-11
balance of the grant of
the Black Town appts.
was not included
in the Council
& in the public account —
The period for which
the sum was drawn
per the account has
not been explained

Council 19/10/58

To the Board

To the Board [illegible] 26th

I opened the book and
the page referred to in my
last minute and
I discern no connection
with it. The Book
itself will explain
connection to
the my objection

GP

Supt. Ltr to Engr 11th March
#24 of 1859 Pang@ 4.

Dept Town & Cty Ords.
Finance 1858 Default

No 190

Extract this Ord.

Dated 20th October 1858

An Ordinance
directing the
Issue and Removal of
Bonds to carry the sum of
Fifty Thousand Dollars
Payable at the Office of
the Bank Commissioners
Boston to the Public Record
unless the Issue may be sooner
Extinguished.

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