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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 709 Press Mis.

Dated 27. 10. 1858

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No. 26. From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th October 1858, No. *233.*

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated the 5th Instant, No. 658, passed on a letter from the Collector of Ganjam, forwarding a Petition from the European Merchants of Calingapatam, in which they solicit that this Office may be authorized to grant Bills to their Agents at Madras, on the Bengal Collectorates of Pooree and Cuttack.

2. In order to meet the wishes of the Petitioners, it will be necessary to make a reference on this subject to the Accountant to the Government of Bengal, under whose control the Treasuries of those Collectorates are :—Before this reference can be made, it should be ascertained from the Petitioners, to what probable extent they will require Bills on those Treasuries respectively, in order to the provision of the necessary funds to meet them, should there be no objection to their being drawn. If the Government wish it, the references for these purposes will be made by this Office.

3. The only Bengal Treasury, upon which I am at present permitted* to draw Bills for Commercial purposes, is that of Chittagong, which I do to the extent of Fifty thousand Rupees per annum, receiving from applicants a premium of two per cent upon the amount of such Bills. Perhaps similar arrangements may be made with regard to Bills on the Treasuries of Pooree and Cuttack.

*Vide *Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated the 19th September* 1842, *No.* 351.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 707 ; dated 27th October 1858.

The Government request that the necessary references for the purposes stated in the 2nd para : may be made by the Accountant General, and that he will report for their information what may be finally arranged for meeting the wishes of the Petitioners.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 707.

The Govt. request that the necessary References for the purposes stated in the 2d para may be made by the Accountant General - and that he will report for their information what may be finally arranged for rebating the wishes of the Petitioners.

Fort St. George,
27. October, 1858.

To the Acctt General
& Collector of Ganjam.

Desp. 30th