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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 4th January 1859.

No. 11. From B. H. ELLIS, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 12th November 1858, No. 1101.

Financial Department.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Chief Secretary Young's letter, No. 952, dated the 30th September last, I am directed to state, for the information of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council, that the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy has reported that the Officer Commanding the "Auckland" appropriated one box of Rupees (6,000) Six thousand for the use of his Vessel, in consequence, it is alleged, of the exchange on Bombay being very low at the time.

2nd. As neither the rate of exchange prevailing at Ceylon (where the boxes were transferred on board the "Pottinger") has been stated, nor a certificate as to the money being actually required for the use of the Vessel given by Captain Drought, this Government have requested the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy to call upon that Officer to supply this information. They have, at the same time, intimated to Commodore Wellesley their opinion that Captain Drought's proceeding in this matter was most irregular; and their surprise that an Officer of his experience should have displayed so little knowledge of, or paid so little attention to the ordinary rules of the Public Service.

3rd. Captain Drought has submitted the following explanation in respect to the state in which several of the boxes of Treasure were received on board the "Auckland":—

"Several of the boxes, when received on board at Calcutta, were in an unsound state, but
"covered with Gunny Bag; on getting them ready to send to the "Pottinger," I caused
"extra lids to be nailed on over the Gunny, and having used all our spare plank, I caused
"the Carpenter's crew to proceed to the "Pottinger" to secure such as were not considered
"safe, and I directed Lieutenant Fraser to proceed in charge of the Treasure, that in the
"event of the boxes requiring further repairs, he could have them attended to.
"The boxes were, in several cases, old, corners of one or more patched with copper, but whilst
"on board the "Auckland," they were kept under hatches, with a sentry over the Hatch-
"way, so as to prevent any person having access to them."

No. 6833.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 29TH NOVEMBER 1858.

Ordered that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to letter from this Department, dated 22nd Ultimo, No. 5756 A, with a request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased, in communication with the Government of Bombay, to see that due credit is given on the Books of the Bombay Presidency to the Presidency of Fort Saint George for the amount of the Box of Treasure, belonging to the remittance made in July last, of 20 Lacs from Madras *via* Calcutta to Bombay, that was reported to be missing, and which it now appears that the Commander of the "Auckland" appropriated for the use of his Vessel.

Ordered also that a transcript of the above letter be forwarded to the Accountant General, Bombay, for information.

By order of the Honorable the President in Council.

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

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 820; dated 24th December 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General for information and guidance and that the following letter be despatched.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary

24 December 1858.

Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 4th January 1859.

No. 13. To THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, dated 24th December 1858, No. 821.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, under instructions from the Government of India, to request that the Accountant General may be instructed to give credit to this Presidency in the Books of the Bombay Presidency for the amount (Rupees 6,000) of the box of Treasure, belonging to the remittance made in July last of 20 Lacs from Madras *via* Calcutta, reported in Mr. Acting Secretary Ellis' letter of the 12th Ultimo, No. 1102, to have been appropriated by the Commander of the "Auckland" for the use of his Vessel.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Financial Department

No. 821.

To The Chief Secretary to the Govd
of Bombay
Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed by the R. & the Governor in Council, under instructions from the Govd of India, to request that the Accountant General may be instructed to give credit to this Presidency in the Books of the Bombay Presidency for the amount (Rs. 6000) of the box of treasure, belonging to the remittance made in July last of 20 Lacs from Madras *via* Calcutta, reported in Mr. Acting Secretary Ellis' letter of the 12th Ultimo No. 1102 to have been appropriated by the Commander of the "Auckland" for the use of his Vessel.

To the Secy.
24 December 1858.

J.P.
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