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1	Accountant General	20th July.	As directed in Order, 19th July, No. 394, transmits correspondence between his Office and the late Acting Sub-Treasurer, Mr. Balmain, relative to a bag of 531½ Madras Pagodas found wanting in a box of Uncurrent Coins.
2	Minute by the President ...	22nd do.	Remarks that the defalcation ought, on discovery, to have been reported to him by the Sub-Treasurer, &c., suggests that he be desired to report all the sums in Deposit in the General Treasury, shewing the amounts, date of deposits, &c., the same information being obtained from Subordinate Treasuries.
3	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Direct accordingly.
4	Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.	12th April.	Again brings under consideration the subject of the receipt, at the Talook and Subordinate Treasuries, of Bank Notes tendered in payment of sums due to Government.
5	Minute by the President ...	16th July.	Having already recorded his opinion as to the course most advantageous to the Public interests, and as it is one of the subjects in reference to which India ought to be dealt with as a whole, proposes that copy of the letter be sent to the Supreme Government, and the Chamber informed accordingly.
6	Minute by the Honorable Walter Elliot.	18th do.	Being of opinion that the circulation of Bank Notes in the Mofussil would be a great public convenience, &c., concurs in the course proposed by the President and is prepared to support the plan he considers best suited to the purpose.
7	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Resolve to lay before the Supreme Government copy of the Chamber's letter with copies of the President's and Mr. Elliot's Minutes, and that copies of all the papers be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India.
8	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.	23rd do.	Transmits the papers accordingly, with an expression of the opinion recorded by the President.
9	Mint Master.....	8th do.	Reports that, agreeably to Order, 22nd June, he has taken over charge from the Sub-Treasurer of all the old Uncurrent, and Current Gold, Silver and Copper Coins referred to. States that the small quantities of Silver and Copper will be applied to the Coinage in the usual way, and recommends that the Uncurrent Gold Coins be melted down and sold as Bullion, at the market price
10	Minute by the President ...	20th do.	Suggests that the Mint Master should be instructed to dispose of the whole of the Current and Uncurrent Coins, as Bullion, to the best advantage.
11	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Resolve accordingly.
12	Accountant General...	14th do.	Solicits Orders as to how payments made on account of various establishments, &c., now debited to the Head "The late Nabob of the Carnatic" should, in future, be borne in the Accounts; also in respect of those made on account of the late Rajah of Tanjore's family.
13	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Being of opinion that the payments referred to, debited to "The late Nabob of the Carnatic" should be dealt with as charges of the State, desire the Balance in the Territorial Books

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			against the late Nabob be transferred to the proper head, but, as regard those on the latter account, think that no change should be made for the present.
14	Proceedings of Government.	25th July	The Civil Auditor informed that this Government have referred for the Supreme Government's confirmation, the Establishment for translating the Chepauk Accounts, &c.
15	Civil Auditor.	19th do.	Requests Orders on an application from Mr. J. E. D'Monte of his Office, for 6 months' leave, without pay, in order to qualify in the Vernacular for the Managership of the Inam Commissioner's Office, to which he has been appointed.
16	Order thereon.....	26th do.	Observe that the arrangement may be allowed if the Civil Auditor does not object. As Mr. D'Monte's intention in accepting the appointment is apparently to qualify himself for employment in some other Revenue Office, direct copy of his letter be furnished to Mr. Taylor.
17	Secretary to the Government of India.	25th June	Transmits copy of Home Despatch, intimating that the P. and O. Company decline to make any general abatement in the existing rates of Freight on remittances of Treasure.
18	Order thereon.....	27th July	Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine and to the Accountant General and Sub-Treasurer.
19	Civil Auditor.	14th do.	Requests Orders on a case in which the Civil Judge of Salem granted leave to one T. Moothoosawmy Chetty, Head Writer of his Office for the purpose of joining an appointment temporarily vacant in Madura, to which that person was not entitled under the Rules. Remarks that it seems but equitable that the lower, as well as the higher Uncovenanted Servants should be allowed to take acting appointments out of their Districts, with the regulated time for joining.
20	Order thereon.....	27th do.	Agree with the Civil Auditor, and think that T. Moothoosawmy's case should be provided for accordingly, &c.
21	Mint Master.	26th do.	Under circumstances represented, requests that a Telegraphic Message be despatched to the authorities at Calcutta, to purchase and send here 100 Tons of Sheet Copper, $\frac{1}{12}$ inch in thickness.
22	Order thereon.....	27th do.	A Telegram despatched to the Financial Secretary, Calcutta accordingly.
23	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.	29th do.	Report that Mr. Breeks has been appointed Sub Collector and Magistrate of Bellary.
24	Accountant General.	23rd do.	In forwarding the General Territorial Books for 1857-58, &c., reports that certain Duplicate Accounts mentioned in a Memo: will be sent as soon as received, &c.
25	To the Under Secretary, of State for India.	29th do.	Transmits the Books, with copy of letter.
26	Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department.	18th do.	Referring, for disposal, an Extract of letter from the Civil Auditor representing the lax supervision exercised by Heads of Offices in granting leave of absence, &c.
27	Order thereon.....	29th do.	Observe that it would be useful and tend to check the irregularities noticed, if the Civil Auditor would draw up a concise Manual of Uncovenanted Service Absentee Rules, copies of which, on approval, would be struck off at the Government Press and circulated to Heads of Offices, &c., also that it would be an advantage if he would prepare a similar Manual of Covenanted Service Absentee Rules.
28	Mint Master.....	18th do.	Reports that he has taken over charge of all the Books, Records, &c., belonging to the Office of the late Mint Committee, and has given the Members of the Establishment notice that their services will be no longer required. Suggests that the duty of verifying the Balances in the Mint Cellars, as well as the selection of Coins for the Pyx be assigned to the Sub-Treasurer. Forwards a document from several servants of the Establishment, pointing out their services, their claims to pension or gratuity, &c.
29	From the same.....	26th July.	Submits letter from the Assay Master bringing to notice that since the dissolution of the Mint Committee, no Pyx Coins have been received for Assay, and recommending that the local Pyx trials should be confined to Coins taken daily from the Presses at the rate of 1 in 10,000.
30	Order thereon.....	29th do.	Direct that the Mint Committee Office Establishment be discharged, the Civil Auditor reporting on the claims of the servants to pension or gratuity, and all those of upwards of 5 years' service being eligible for re-employment without passing an examination. As to the other subjects noticed, resolve as suggested by the Mint Master.
31	Proceedings of Government, Public (Separate) Department.	23rd do.	Ordering a Statement of Superannuation Pensions granted from 1st April to 30th June 1859 to be forwarded to the Home Authorities.
32	To the Under Secretary of State for India.	29th do.	Forwards the Statement.

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