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1	Accountant General.....	9th Septr.	Proposes to carry the unclaimed balance of the value of ground of the Black Town Esplanade, Rupess 90,811-2-5, to the credit of Black Town Esplanade Committee.
2	Order thereon.....	17th do.	Resolved accordingly.
3	Accountant General.....	9th do.	Suggests that Mr. T. Murray and Mr. A. Lamorendiere may be appointed to act as his 1st and 2nd Assistants, pending the relief of Mr. Waterfield, Acting Sub-Treasurer, and the arrival of Mr. Raynor.
4	Order thereon.....	17th do.	Referred to Mr. Harrison for consideration.
5	Accountant General.....	13th do.	Forwards a Covenant executed by Mr. H. A. Moraes, Uncovenanted Assistant in charge of the Bond Department, to be also executed by the Governor, and intimates that Mr. Moraes has substituted Promissory Notes amounting to Rupees 6,000, in lieu of others withdrawn by him.
6	Order thereon.....	17th do.	The Covenant duly executed, and returned to the Accountant General to be deposited with the Promissory Notes in the General Treasury.
7	Secretary to the Civil Fund.	3rd do.	Reports that Sir V. Stonhouse has preferred a claim for the refund of the surplus subscriptions to the Fund beyond the half value of his Annuity amounting to Rupees 47,378-3-6.
		5th do.	Referred for the opinion of the Advocate General.
8	Government Solicitor.....	13th do.	Forwards copy of Advocate General's opinion that Sir V. Stonhouse has a very strong moral claim to a refund, as already stated by him, but that if he assented to the abolition of refunds, he can have no legal claim, and that, if his claim of 30th September 1856, was the 1st, the Privy Council's decision is no authority in his favor, &c.
9	Order thereon.....	17th do.	Copy of the opinion furnished to the Trustees of the Civil Fund.
10	Secretary to the Government of India.	9th do.	Forwards copy of letter from the Mint Master Calcutta, stating that including the amount paid for Freight, &c., the cost of the Copper for the Madras Mint has been Rs. 10,437-10-9 in excess of Rupees 1,47,000 for its purchase.
11	Order thereon.....	19th do.	Communicated to the Accountant General, and Mint Master.
12	Proceedings of the Committee for investigating Public Establishments.	12th do.	With reference to the application for an increase to the Establishment and to the salary of the Actuary of the Government Savings' Bank, report on the large arrears that have accumulated in consequence of the great increase of work caused by the number of European Troops in this Presidency, and recommend the relief asked for, by the temporary employment of 7 Writers at the monthly cost of Rupees 182½ for bringing up the arrears, the additional hands being employed on the arrears only &c., also that reports of progress be submitted through them, and that the consideration of any permanent addition to the Salary of the Actuary and Establishment be postponed until the arrears have been overtaken.

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13	Order thereon.....	19th Septr.	Sanctioned and directed accordingly.
14	To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.	19th do.	In forwarding copy of letter from the Directors of the Savings' Bank and of the report by the Commission, and reporting the temporary increase sanctioned, solicits confirmation thereof.
15	G. L. Prendergast, Esq.....	16th do.	Reports that he has delivered over charge of the Office of Accountant General to Mr. R. P. Harrison, &c.
16	R. P. Harrison, Esq., Accountant General.	16th do.	Reports that he has assumed charge of the Office, as well as that of Accountant General to the Supreme Court, but states that he has not been nominated to the latter Office by the Supreme Government.
17	Order thereon.....	19th do.	Resolved that the Secretary of State for India be moved to appoint Mr. Harrison to be Accountant General to the Supreme Court, and that meanwhile he be requested to perform the duties of the Office.
18	To the Honorable the Judges of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras.	19th do.	Inform them that Mr. Prendergast has delivered over charge of the Office of Accountant General of the Court to Mr. Harrison.
19	Secretary to the Government of India.	9th do.	Forwards copies of the Minutes by Messrs. Phillips and Pelly, Commissioners for enquiring into the charge of misconduct against Mr. Prendergast.
20	Order thereon.....	31st do.	Recorded.
21	Civil Auditor.....	19th do.	Requests orders as to the rate of allowances Mr. Prendergast is entitled to during his stay in India.
22	Order thereon.....	21st do.	Observe that Mr. Prendergast is in the position of a Civil Servant without employ, and should draw the out-of-employ allowances of his rank, &c.
23	Civil Auditor.....	15th do.	With reference to Supreme Government's Order allowing Covenanted and Uncovenanted Servants to draw Travelling Allowances at 8 and 4 Annas a mile respectively, when forced to travel on the Public Service, but not when removed from one place to another on promotion or at their own request, suggests that Government in transferring an Officer from one Office to another whereby he gets no promotion should state in the appointment that the transfer is made at his request.
24	Order thereon.....	21st do.	Direct he course suggested to be adopted.
25	Acting Sub-Treasurer.....	30th Augt.	Reports the receipt of letters from the Sub-Treasurers of Fort William and Bombay regarding the mode adopted by them in receiving Copper Coin from the Mint, and proposes to abandon the test of counting altogether, the half and quarter Annas being packed in bags of 30 Rupees worth and single pie in bags of 10 Rupees worth, but states that he sees difficulties in the way of the experiment chiefly from parties objecting to accept a bag as worth 10 or 30 Rupees without examining it and insisting on the money being counted.
26	Minute by the President.....	6th do.	Intimates that the proposal arises from a suggestion made by him to the Sub-Treasurer, and thinks that it should be approved.
27	Order thereon.....	21st do	Direct accordingly that the practice of *counting* Copper Coin be discontinued and that the bags be received from the Mint by weight any discrepancies that may be discovered be-

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			ing carried to profit and loss. Observe that Government does not appreciate the difficulty adverted to, no one being entitled to demand payment in Copper unless the sum payable be a fraction of an Anna, &c.
28	Proceedings of Government.	23rd Septr.	Mr. R. P. Harrison, Accountant General, appointed a Director of the Bank of Madras, in conformity with instructions conveyed in Home Despatch, 16th December, No. 25 of 1846.
29	Secretary to the Government of India.	9th do.	Intimates that the Supreme Government, on consideration of the further letters from the Accountant General and Chamber of Commerce, &c., sanction the enfacement of paper at Madras for payment of interest in London upon conditions stated; and that all other reasonable grounds of complaint may be met by expediting the issue and renewal of Notes.
30	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Copy of the letter furnished to the Accountant General and to the Chamber of Commerce. The correspondence brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for India.
31	Chief Engineer Public Works Department.	14th do.	Submits Estimate, received from Mint Master amounting to Rupees 1,840, for the construction of a high and capacious Chimney for the working of the Engines in the Mint.
32	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Sanctioned.
33 & 34	Government Solicitor.....	21st do.	Reports that the claims of Luckmedut Davy and Girder Doss Virjee Loll Doss against Mr. Prendergast have been finally and satisfactorily adjusted.
35	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Permit Mr. Prendergast to proceed to England on private affairs.
36	Mint Master.....	20th do.	Recommends that the Coins referred to in order, 24th August, No. 476, be melted and recoined.
37	Order thereon.....	23rd do.	Authority granted accordingly.

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