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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
from 11th to 17th June 1859.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 23rd May 1859, No. 4192.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 242, dated the 27th ultimo, recommending that Mr. J. W. Breeks be allowed during the remainder of his tour on the special duty on which he is engaged, the monthly sum of Rupees 316-10-8, being the difference between his salary as 2nd Assistant to the Accountant General at Madras and the salary of a Sub Collector.

2. In reply I am desired to state that the Governor General in Council considers the above proposal wholly inadmissible. He observes that Mr. Breeks, as the Government of Madras have been already informed, ought to be provided for in the regular line of the service, and it is not clear why this was not done when the opportunity of doing so offered by the departure of Mr. Child, seeing that the Government of Madras reported on the 22nd March that Mr. Breeks' services were no longer required for the special duty in which he had been engaged, and that the vacancy caused by Mr. Child's departure did not occur till the 12th Ultimo.

3. I am desired to add that Mr. Breeks' remaining in the Department so long has already led to inconvenience by diminishing the number of Officers available for duty at the other Presidencies, and that it is absolutely necessary for the Government of Madras to provide Mr. Breeks with a suitable appointment in the regular line of the service at the first opportunity, and that he will not be allowed any increase of pay under any circumstances.

No. 2. To C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 11th June 1859, No. 331.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 6th and 23rd Ultimo, Nos. 3689 and 4192, respecting Mr. Breeks.

2. In reply I am instructed to inform you, that, immediately on the receipt of the first of these letters, it was communicated to Mr. Breeks and to the Accountant General. It was intimated to the former Gentleman, that the Government would take an early opportunity of employing him in the regular line of the service—and the Accountant General was directed to arrange with the Collectors of the several Districts which Mr. Breeks had not yet visited, the measures proposed to be adopted for carrying out the Bengal system of account, and for the revision of the English and Account Departments on the principles followed by Mr. Breeks in the Districts to which his enquiries had extended.

3. I am further desired to bring to notice that your letter of the 6th Ultimo, on which the above order was passed contained the first distinct intimation that Mr. Breeks was to be wholly relieved from his special duty. The Telegram of the 26th March only stated that he might if convenient be appointed to act as First Assistant to the Accountant General until Mr. Balmain joined. It said indeed that he was to be provided with an appointment in the regular line of the service, but this was as directed on the 18th February last, and this order of 18th February, while desiring the Madras Government to provide him with such an appointment, directed also that a junior Civil Servant should be nominated to act for him in that appointment until the special duty on which he was engaged was completed. The Telegram (26th March) did not authorize Mr. Breeks being relieved from his special duty altogether, although the question had been mooted in the message from this Government to which it was a reply.

4. This will account for Mr. Breeks not being appointed Sub Collector of Malabar on Mr. Child's departure from India.

5. I have to add that Mr. Breeks has just been appointed Acting Subordinate Judge of Madura.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Memorandum

Letter from the Secretary to the Govt. of India
Dated 28th May 1859 N. 4192

17th Jan^y 1859

On the 17th Jan^y last this Govt. forwarded to the Govt. of India a letter from Mr. Speer, and supported his application that he might be allowed an increase to his salary of Rupees 250 per mensem to put him in point of allowance on a par with the Civil Servants of his own standing in the Service.

18 February

2 The Govt. of India, 18th Feb^y, replied, that the proper way to compensate ^{was} Mr. Speer ~~is~~ for the Madras Govt. to provide him with a suitable appointment in the regular line of the service, and nominate a Junior Civil

22 March

Civil servant to act for him in that appointment, until the special duty on which Mr. Preeks is at present engaged ^{was} completed."

3 On the 22nd March the Chief Secretary telegraphed to the Financial Secy Govt. of India to ask who was to act as First Asst. Accountant General at Madras as Mr. Mangles who had been appointed to that office had obtained six months additional leave. He said. "We have no civil servant qualified except Mr. Preeks. May he act for Mr. Mangles till the latter joins? The Accountant General thinks it is not necessary that Mr. Preeks should visit any more Collectors. The Bengal system of accounts may, he thinks, be introduced into them under instructions from the Accountant General's office."

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26 March

4 The Financial Secretary telegraphed in answer, 26th March, that Mr. Balmain had been nominated to act as First Assistant Accountant General in the place of Mr. Mangles, & Mr. Preeks should, as directed on the 18th Feby, last, be provided with an appointment in the regular line of service. but he may, if it is convenient, be appointed to act as First Assistant to the Accountant General until Mr. Balmain joins.

27 April

5 On the 27th April 1859 this Govt. addressed the Govt. of India on the subject of their instructions of the 18th February. They submitted their objections to the mode of remunerating Mr. Preeks ordered in that letter and requested that they might be allowed to disburse to Mr. Preeks during the remainder of his tour on the Special

6 May

Special duty on which he is engaged, the monthly sum of Rupees 316-10-8, being the difference between his salary as 2nd Assistant to the Accountant General Rupees 857 and the salary of a Sub Collector Rupees 1166-10-8.

In their letter of 6th May, answering one from this Govt. of 28th January, in which the progress of Mr. Specks in the performance of his special duty and the further time that he would probably be engaged in it, were reported - the Govt. of India referred this Govt. to their telegram of the 26th ultimo, directing that Mr. Specks should be relieved from his special duty, and provided with an appointment in the regular line of the service.

7 On receipt of this letter, the Govt. communicated a copy of it to Mr. Specks and

and to the Accountant General. They intimated to both their intention of taking an early opportunity of employing Mr. Specks in the regular line of the service, and they desired the Accountant General to arrange with the Collectors of the several Districts which Mr. Specks had not yet visited, the measures proposed to be adopted for carrying out the Bengal system of accounts, and for the revision of the English and Account Establishments on the principles followed by Mr. Specks, in the Districts to which his inquiries had extended.

8 It will be seen from the above that the first distinct intimation that Mr. Specks was to be wholly relieved from his special duty was given

given in the letter from
the Govt. of India of the
6th May, and that it was
immediately acted on.

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of the 26th March conveyed
no authority for relieving
Mr. Preetes from his special
duty altogether, altho' the
question had been mooted
in the Telegram from this
Govt. to which it replied:-

10 It was in the
absence of any explicit
intimation to that effect
that Mr. Preetes was not
appointed Sub Collector of
Malabar on Mr. Child's
going home.

22 April