

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
from 18th to 24th June 1859.*

No. 2. Read the following letter from the Right Honorable Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated London, 7th April 1859, No. 29.

Para. 1. I have considered in Council your letter, dated the 31st December 1858, No. 37, submitting for decision the question by whom the duties of Superintendent of Stamps at Madras, at present combined with those of the Civil Auditor are in future to be discharged. This question has arisen in consequence of the creation of a new Department of Account for the whole of India including the offices of Account, Pay, and Audit.

2. The Government of Madras consider that the union of the offices of Civil Auditor and Superintendent of Stamps in future, is open to objection, as the same officer would be under the orders of the Supreme Government, in his capacity of Civil Auditor, and of the Government of Madras in that of Superintendent of Stamps.

3. At present the salary of Civil Auditor and Superintendent of Stamps is Rupees 2,166-10-8 per month and as a salary of Rupees 2,000 per mensem is in the new arrangement allotted to the office of Civil Auditor, it follows that in the event of its being deemed absolutely necessary to relieve that officer of the duties of the Stamp Department, a salary of Rupees 166-10-8 only will be available for the discharge of those duties, you were disposed to make over the duties of the Stamp Department to the Collector of Madras, but as the Government of that Presidency is opposed to that measure you consider that the Stamp Department might be combined with the Stationery office, which is now under the Principal Commissary of Ordnance, to whose duties it has no particular affinity, and be entrusted as in Bengal, to a separate officer with a salary of Rupees 750 per month.

4. The proposed change if carried into effect would result in an increased charge of Rupees 583-5-4 per month which Her Majesty's Government must decline to sanction without further information as to the necessity for the augmentation than is contained in the papers forwarded by your Government, an increased charge of this nature, at all times objectionable, is especially so at present, when the tendency of all your measures should be to effect, by all practicable means, a reduction of expenditure. I therefore desire that for the present the existing arrangement should continue.

No. 4397.

Copy of the above Despatch forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George for information, with reference to letter addressed from this Department to the Acting Secretary to that Government, No. 7807, dated 31st December 1858.

FORT WILLIAM,
Financial Department,
The 27th May 1859. }

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

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1859, No. 348.

Resolved that a copy of the above order and letter be furnished to the Acting Superintendent of Stamps in reference to the Proceedings of Government under date the 11th Ultimo.

Under the instructions communicated in the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, Mr. J. L. Lushington will, until further orders carry on the duties of Civil Auditor and Superintendent of Stamps on the former salary of the joint office, Rupees 2,166-10-8.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

