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*Financial* DEPARTMENT.

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No. 11. Read the following letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th June 1859, No. 84.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Government of India in their orders, in the Financial Department, dated 14th July 1858, have ruled that the Government, before sanctioning applications for leave from Officers (I speak here of Civil Officers only) to proceed beyond sea, should receive a report from the Accountant General stating whether, according to the information before him, there is reason to require security, as a special case, because of any doubtful items outstanding against the applicant, or because of any thing suspicious or extraordinary in the applicant's Accounts.

2. In their further orders, in the same Department, dated 31st December last, the Government of India ruled that it was not intended when the foregoing rule was passed, that the Accountant General should be *prohibited* from applying to the Civil Auditor for any information that might seem to him to be necessary, in order to satisfy himself as to the general condition of the accounts of the Officer applying for leave. The Civil Auditor was accordingly desired to continue to comply with any requisition that may be made upon him by the Accountant General.

3. These orders of the Government of India considerably modify existing rules. The rule\* given in para. 170 of Chapter II of the Civil Auditor's Manual, viz. that Officers proceeding to England on sick leave are not required to furnish security for the discharge of any public demand that may arise against them, is thus set aside. Public Officers do not appear to be aware of this.

4. Further the Notification of Government of 23rd March 1855, given at para. 102 of Chapter II of the Civil Auditor's Manual, as well as the orders of Government of the 29th November of the same year, No. 1301, Revenue Department are entirely set aside. Under

the rules established by those orders, it was laid down\* *to be the duty of the Civil Auditor to ascertain whether there are any demands against an Applicant for leave,*

† *Para 9 of do. and he was required to obtain information from the Accountant General on certain points. Further it was also laid† down that in the case of Officers who have not had charge of any public money, and could not have made advances, a reference to the Accountant General was unnecessary.*

5. Under the rules now established by the foregoing orders of the Government of India, all Officers in the Civil Departments, except those employed\* in the Public Works Department, are required to obtain directly from this Office on all occasions of their intending to

apply for leave beyond sea, a report that there is no reason for requiring security to be taken, and to forward the same with their application for the leave. It will I presume, still rest with the Civil Auditor to see that all the requisite documents including the Accountant General's report are forwarded to Government with the application.

6. Perhaps Government, as these orders have not yet been publicly made known, may see fit to cause a Notification of the proper course of procedure to be inserted in the Gazette for General information.

7. The object the Supreme Government have had in view, in the proceedings in question is to alleviate the vexation of the security and no-demand systems. It occurs to me that full relief would be afforded if the home authorities were moved to permit demands against Officers to be forwarded to the India House for recovery. It was, I believe, to obviate the giving this

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No. 12.

ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1859, No. 395.

The Government request that the Accountant General will communicate with the Civil Auditor on the subject of the five first paras of his letter, and then prepare in concert with him and submit draft of a Notification for publication in the Official Gazette for general information showing the course of procedure to be followed.

2. The Government do not think it probable that the Home authorities would permit demands against Officers to be forwarded to the India House for recovery.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Your obedient servant

R. P. M. M. M.  
Accountant General

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C. P. M. M. M.

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Presented 30<sup>th</sup> June 1859 No. 84/

Order thereon 20 July 1859 No. 395.

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