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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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from 24th September to 4th October 1859.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from C. HUGH LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 31st August 1859, No. 7552.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 469, dated the 20th instant, forwarding the Report of the Commissioners appointed under Act XXXVII of 1850, to enquire into the conduct of Mr. G. L. Prendergast, Accountant General of the Madras Presidency, together with their Proceedings in the case. At the same time you transmit a letter from Mr. Prendergast requesting permission to resign the service of Government.

2nd. In reply I am desired to state for the information of the Government of Fort Saint George, that His Excellency the Governor General in Council has read the papers submitted by you upon this painful case.

3rd. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the finding of the Commissioners is fully borne out by the evidence which they have reported.

4th. He is further of opinion that the Commissioners are right in their conclusion that the arguments contained in the defence of Mr. Prendergast are not a moral exculpation of his conduct.

5th. It is clear to the Government of India that the case has been treated fairly, patiently and with considerateness towards the Defendant.

6th. It is with sorrow that the Governor General in Council is brought to the conclusion that no course is open to this Government but to dismiss Mr. Prendergast from the Office of Accountant General, and to recommend to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, that Mr. Prendergast's name be removed from the List of the Civil Service.

7th. With regard to Mr. Prendergast's application to be permitted to resign the Service of Government, His Excellency in Council observes that cases sometimes arise in which, whilst the conduct of an Officer has made it impossible that he should be permitted to continue to serve the Government, considerations of a public nature may render it advisable and sufficient that he should be allowed to surrender the service voluntarily. But His Excellency in Council considers that this is not such a case. He is of opinion that in the present instance the duty of the Government is not confined to bringing about the removal of the Officer; but that it is incumbent on the Government that this object shall be effected in such manner that no man shall be at a loss to know the feeling with which the Government views the delinquency which has been committed.

8th. The fact that the delinquent is an Officer of very high standing and ripe experience, and that he has been raised to an Office which, perhaps above any other, no breath of evil suspicion should be suffered to reach, makes this course the more imperative.

9th. For the above mentioned reasons the Governor General in Council is unable to accept Mr. Prendergast's plea of long and hitherto faithful service, and to admit him upon that ground to voluntary resignation; and certainly His Excellency in Council does not find in Mr. Prendergast's defence any other reasons which would justify the Government in departing from the plain straight line of its painful duty.

10th. A copy of this letter has been forwarded direct to Mr. Prendergast with an intimation that he is dismissed from the Office of Accountant General at Madras.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1859, No. 544.

Resolved, that a copy of the above letter be furnished to the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. G. L. Prendergast, Accountant General of this Presidency, and that the acknowledgments of Government be conveyed to them for the patience and impartiality with which their enquiries were conducted.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary,

Exd. W. Komareck.

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letter from the Secy to
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(Dated 31st Aug. 1859 - No. 552)

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J. H. D. Phillips Esq } Sep 29th 1859
" C. Pelly Esq }

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