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No. 22. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 29th September 1859, No. 8812, A.

Read the following :—

From the Governor of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William, No. 9-72, dated Singapore, 28th January 1859.

I have the honor to request you will inform me by what Government the salary of Captain G. C. Collyer, Madras Engineers, on special duty in the Straits by order of the Government of India, is to be borne. The Accountant General, Fort Saint George, states, it should be borne by the *Bengal* Establishment ; but this must I infer be a mistake. This amount of salary will comprise the period from Captain Collyer's quitting his appointment at Madras as Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, to his appointment as Chief Engineer in the Straits.

No. 1363, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 1ST MARCH, 1859.
Forwarded to the Accountant General to the Government of India, for report.

Accountant General's report to Financial Secretary, No. 2653, dated 11th March 1859.

Sep. Genl. Dept. The expenditure on account of Public Works in the Civil Department of the Straits Settlements, is borne as a charge of those Settlements, whilst that in the Military Department is debited to the Madras Government, the Straits being occupied by Madras troops. Should Government determine that this principle of adjustment continue, Captain Collyer's salary should be apportioned to the Governments of India and Madras, with reference to the amount of work executed for the Civil and Military Departments, respectively ; but if it be decided that the entire expenditure on account of Public Works in the Straits should be treated as a charge against those Settlements, Captain Collyer's salary will of course follow the same rule of adjustment.

From C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Accountant General to the Government of India, No. 2713, dated 6th April 1859.

With reference to your report, No. 2653 of the 11th ultimo, on the question of the Presidency to which should be debited the salary of Captain Collyer, the Chief Engineer in the Straits Settlements, I am directed to observe that it is understood that while the charges of the Military buildings in the Straits are debited to the Madras Presidency, because they are occupied by Madras troops, the charges of the Military buildings in the Saugor and Nerbudda Territories, although occupied by Madras troops, are debited to the Government of India, and to request you will report the circumstances under which this discrepancy of practice has occurred.

From the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Accountant General to the Government of India, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 3097, dated Fort William, 29th April 1859.

Sep. Genl. Dept. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2713, dated 6th instant, and, to state in reply, that charges on account of Military, buildings in the Straits Settlements, Saugor and Nerbudda Territories, Mysore Hyderabad, and other places occupied by Madras troops, were, till September 1856, adjusted to debit of the Madras Government.

2. On the application of the Madras authorities, who seem to have taken exception to this principle of adjustment, orders were issued by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, No. 4167, dated 8th September 1856, and forwarded to this Department, with docket from your office, No. 202, dated 12th idem, under which a change was introduced with reference to all but the Straits Settlements. No objection having been taken by the Madras Government to the debit against it of charges connected with Military buildings in the Straits Settlements, the former mode of adjusting them continues in force. Hence arises the difference in practice noted in your letter under notice.

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No. 3908, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 11TH MAY 1859.

Ordered, that the foregoing papers* be sent in original to the Public Works Department for an expression of its opinion, with the remark that, as buildings constructed for the service of any Territory must be held to belong to that Territory, it would appear to be right that the construction charges at Singapore as well as Captain Collyer's salary, should be charged against Singapore.

Office Memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 3487, dated 26th May 1859.

With reference to the Financial Department's Extract, No. 3908, dated 11th instant, the undersigned has the honor to observe that it appears to him that the question to be determined is not exactly as stated in that Extract.

2. The question is not how Captain Collyer's salary as Chief Engineer in the Straits is to be charged, (for upon this point no doubt it is thought could be entertained) but how to charge his salary during the time he was on special deputation connected with the fortifications of Singapore, previous to his appointment as Chief Engineer.

3. The undersigned is of opinion that to whatever head the cost of fortifications at Singapore is charged, Captain Collyer's salary for the period, referred to, should be charged to the same.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Accountant General to the Government of India, No. 5275, dated 24th June 1859.

With reference to your letter, No. 8907, dated 29th April last, explaining a discrepancy between the mode of adjusting the charges of the Military buildings in the Saugor and Nerbudda Territories, Mysore, Hyderabad, &c., and that of adjusting the charges of the Military buildings in the Straits Settlements, I am directed to request you will be good enough, in communication with the Accountant General, Madras, to submit a further report as to why a different system of adjustment should exist in respect to the latter class of buildings; in other words, why the charges of the Military buildings in the Straits, occupied by Madras troops, should be debited to the Government of Madras, while the charges of the Military buildings at Saugor and other stations occupied by Madras troops, are debited to the Government of India.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Honorable the Governor of the Straits Settlements, No. 5276, dated Fort William, 24th June 1859.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 9, dated 28th January last, and in reply to inform you, that the salary of Captain G. C. Collyer, Madras Engineers, while on special deputation connected with the fortifications of Singapore, must, under the existing system of adjustment, be debited to the same head as the cost of the fortifications, viz., "Madras Presidency."

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Accountant General to the Government of India.
Copy thereof also forwarded to the Government and the Accountant General, Madras.

From the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Accountant General to the Government of India, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 1124, dated 24th August 1859.

With reference to your letter, No. 5275, dated 24th June last, I have the honor to report that the Accountant General at Madras, adverting to the Financial resolution of the 8th May, 1857, observes, that, as the Government of Fort Saint George, does not enjoy the revenues of the Straits Settlements, it should not bear the cost of Public Works in those Settlements. I beg to express my concurrence in this opinion and

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request the sanction of Government for the adjustment in future of the cost of Military buildings in the Straits Settlements against the revenues of those Settlements, which appear on the books of the Government of India.

2. I take this opportunity further to solicit, with reference to the docket from your Office, No. 5277, dated 24th June last, that, on the principle referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Government will re-consider their orders of that date and authorize the salary of Captain G. C. Collyer, while on special duty connected with the fortifications of Singapore, to be debited to the Straits Settlements, and not to the "Madras Presidency," as prescribed in those orders.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION.

On a reconsideration of the question, the Governor General in Council is pleased to comply with the above recommendations of the Accountant General to the Government of India.

Ordered, that a copy of the above be sent to the Accountant General to the Government of India, for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy be sent to the Government and the Accountant General, Madras, for information.

(A True Extract.)

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

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1859, No. 633.

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustine.

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