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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 22. 11. 1859

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, for the month of November 1859.

No. 1. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chellerpore, 29th October 1859, No. 320.

1st. With reference to my letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 286, regarding the tardy receipt of audited pay bills for the troops and establishments of this District owing to its distance from Madras, and the present state of the public post, I have the honor to submit the following suggestion which I cannot but think will be considered unobjectionable.

2nd. Letters to and from Madras occupy 8 days in fine weather and 10 or more in the rains. Supposing therefore, that the Civil and Military pay bills reach their respective offices of audit from the 8th to the 10th of each month, they will be returned (after allowing four days for audit, &c.,) at dates varying from the 20th to the 25th.

3rd. As this delay in the receipt of pay arises from distance and from the state of postal communication, it is but fair that the public servants who suffer from these causes, should be allowed the benefit of the Telegraph, even if it is to be used at their cost. I propose therefore, that the offices of Civil and Military audit, should, on concluding the audit of the bills of an Establishment, notify the fact to the Collector or Paymaster by Telegraph, naming any exception to the audit. The pay might then be issued at once reserving for explanation by letter the cases named as exception in the Telegram. If the Government will authorize this arrangement, public functionaries and troops in this District will receive their pay about the 12th or 14th of the month or from 8 to 10 days earlier, than at present.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1859, No. 642.

The Government are not prepared to accede to the arrangement which is suggested in the above letter, and which, if allowed in the case of the Public Servants of the Ganjam District, might, with nearly equal reason, be claimed by the Public Servants in other Districts, distant from the Presidency as Vizagapatam or Canara. The Servants must submit to the inconvenience arising from such distance in this as in other respects. If the dates for the disbursement of pay be nearly the same from month to month, it cannot be of great consequence after the first month whether the pay-day is late or early. It is observed that in Calcutta, Civil salaries are usually paid in arrears about the 15th of each month.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustine.

Financial Department

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To the Collector of Ganjam - Dispd 23rd