

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Financial* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 657

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

No. 20. Read the following letter from R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th November 1859, No. 330.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of the Government, the Contingent bill of this Office for the month of October last, amounting to Rupees 427-15-10, which the Civil Auditor returned, unaudited, for the following reasons :

1stly.—That the amount exceeds the sum, *viz.*, Rupees 400, which he is authorized to pass, under the Orders of Government, dated the 9th May 1856.

2ndly.—Because the charge of Rupees 306-8-3, incurred for Telegraphic Messages, is unusually large for one month, and renders necessary the recognition by Government of its disbursement.

3rdly.—That the charge of Rupees 24, for a Chubb's Office box, is not an ordinary and usual Contingent charge, and must therefore have the authority of Government.

2. The heavy charge on account of Telegraphic Messages sufficiently accounts for the bill exceeding the amount authorised in the Orders of Government to which the Civil Auditor has referred. The expenditure on this account has been unusually heavy, in consequence of my having been called upon during the month by the Government of India, to furnish immediate information, regarding the Cash balances in this Presidency, to enable me to supply which, it was necessary that I should communicate by Telegraph with the local Officers.

3. The Chubb's Office box was required, and is used, for the purpose of sending Treasury Bills, renewed Notes of the Tanjore loan and other important papers from this Office to that of the Chief Secretary to Government. I was under the impression that a charge of this kind might be incurred by the Head of a Department without the special sanction of Government.

4. With the above explanation, I request that the Government will be pleased to direct the Civil Auditor to pass the bill, and I would respectfully suggest that that Officer may be authorised to pass the charges on account of Telegraphic Messages separately when, in consequence of their being large, the Contingent bill exceeds the authorized amount. These charges are incurred almost entirely in replying to messages from, and furnishing information required by, the Financial Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1859, No. 657.

Resolved, under the explanation submitted in the foregoing letter, that the Civil Auditor be authorised to pass the Contingent Bill of the Accountant General's Office for October last, amounting to Rupees (427-15-10) four hundred and twenty-seven, Annas fifteen and Pice ten.

2. The Civil Auditor will in future pass the charges on account of Telegraphic Messages, separately from the ordinary Contingent charges of the Accountant General's Office, when their being included would raise the amount beyond the authorized limit.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon. 29 November 1859 - No 657

Resolved, under the explanation submitted in the foregoing letter, that the Civil Auditor be authorized to pass the Contingent Bill of the Asst. General's Office for October last, amounting to Rupees (627-15-10) Four hundred and twenty-seven, Annas fifteen and Pice ten.

2. The Civil Auditor will in future pass the charges on account of Telegraphic Messages, separately from the ordinary contingent charges of the Accountant General's Office — when this being in accordance would raise the amount to the Asst. General beyond the authorized limit —  
Civil Auditor  
with all the vouchers  
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A G's letter  
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Have the honor to be,  
Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
J. H. P.

Respectfully,  
Cousin Augustus Foster  
J. H. P.