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## Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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## *Fort Saint George, Financial Consultation, 15th February* 1859.

No. 5. From G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th January 1859, No. 337.

SIR,

1. A case similar to that on which orders were passed by Government on the 15th* September last, has occurred in a remittance of Ten lacs of Rupees conveyed by the "Coromandel" from Tranquebar to the Presidency in September last; a deficiency of Six Rupees has been discovered in a bag in one of the boxes of this remittance when opened at the General Treasury. The Collector of Tanjore states in his letter to me of the 4th Ultimo, that "there "is nothing to show and he is not prepared to admit that the error has occurred in his Office, "any more than the Sub-Treasurer is willing to acknowledge that the money has disappeared "in his." The Collector has also stated in his letter to the Sub-Treasurer of the 9th November last, that the Gollah, who shroffed the money contained in the bag in which the deficiency has been discovered, asserts that he put into the bag the full usual amount, and the balance in the Tanjore Treasury being found correct there is no just reason for supposing that any mistake in the weighing or counting of the money is attributable to the Tanjore Treasury Officers, and that the absence of Six Rupees from any one bag would have been so obviously apparent when the bag was in the scale that he has difficulty in believing the error would not have been rectified before the remittance left Tranquebar had such originally occurred there. The Sub-Treasurer on the other hand† represents that the greatest care is taken in shroffing and weighing the remittances received into the General Treasury, and where an apparent deficiency exists it is checked by more than one Shroff before it is admitted. Under these circumstances I have the honor to suggest that the Collector of Tanjore may be authorized to write off in his Accounts to "Profit and Loss" the deficient amount which the Sub-Treasurer has reported to have been discovered in the remittance in question.

* *No. 612, Financial Department.*

† *In his letter to the Collector of Tanjore, dated 25th November* 1858.

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No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 86; dated 9th February 1859.

Resolved accordingly that the Collector of Tanjore be authorised to write off in his Accounts the sum of (6) Six Rupees found deficient in the remittance made by him to the General Treasury in September last.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

## Memo

In consequence of the remark upon my Memo on the Asst generals letter of the 18th ultimo No 22 I sent to that Office for the correspondence that had passed on the subject of the deficiency of 6R in the bag of Eccaiset at the general Treasury from Tanjore - and I now circulate it - It does not throw any light on the matter -

It has been noticed as singular that in this case as in that of the Cannon Equipt. - that the deficiency was discovered last - but that I submit is the natural course of things - It is here where the check is applied & detection if any where to be

Appellant.

R.

Respt.

It seems to me doubtful whether this case should be disposed of in the manner recommended by the Asst Counsel - although it is that adopted on a previous occasion, when however the dispute was less than it is in this case.

We cannot question the proceedings at the Quarter Sessions Treasurer's Clerk where is the use of stopping him at all? That can be no reason to think that the boy was R6 short when opened here —

If so the deficit must have

occurred in the Tanjore Treasury from
omission on the part of the Sheristadar who
packed the bag - a town pettah pitlan-
-ing when his attention was diverted -
and for this he thought, I think, he
held responsible.

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It is remarkable - that
the deficiency shd, in both cases,
not till - I shd be disposed
to suspect the Treasury people
as much as those in the districts -
same Enquiry shd be made

No. 86.

Resolved according
- by that the Collector of Tanjore
be authorised to write off in his
Account the sum of (6) Six Rs.
-pees found deficient in the re-
-mittance made by him to the
General Treasury in September last.

Fort St George
9th February 1859.

To the Accountant General with the original correspondence
received with the Minute of the 1st instant No. 351.
& Sub Treasurer
" Collector of Tanjore
" Civil Auditor