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Government of Madras.

*Financial* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,  
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th March 1860, No. 474.

I have now the honor in continuation of my letter No. 329, dated 25th November, and in reply to the Order of Government, in the Military Department, No. 2931, dated 17th August 1859, to report some of the changes which have been made in this Department, and the Offices in communication therewith, with a view to reduce as much as possible the amount of correspondence and other scriptory labour, and to do away with all unnecessary returns, statements, and other documents.

*Financial Department.*

The tri-monthly reports of cash balances from Collectors, Masulipatam General Treasury and Mysore Commission, have been discontinued, and are now received bi-monthly in a revised form. Those from the Paymasters and the Superintendent of Stationery have been discontinued and are now received monthly. The copying of the anticipation sketch estimate and of all other important financial papers have been discontinued, they are now printed at the Accountant General's Press.

*Revenue Department.*

The quarterly quick stock statements have been discontinued, and will be furnished annually in future.

The annual fusli statements from Collectors have been discontinued, the information being obtained from other sources.

*Military Department.*

The quarterly quick stock statements have been discontinued, and will be furnished annually in future.

The monthly reports of Paymasters' Abstracts received and disposed of, discontinued.

*Audit Department.*

Monthly Memoranda of accounts overdue by Collectors, Paymasters, &c., discontinued—Monthly Memoranda of transactions on account of Government Saving's Bank discontinued,—Monthly Registers of advances and deposits made by Sub-Treasurer, discontinued, the same information existing in the Treasury accounts,—Quarterly Collector's abstract of demand, collection and balance discontinued, and an Annual statement substituted,—Quarterly Memoranda (verification of the quarterly abstract) discontinued, and an Annual Memorandum substituted,—Annual Memorandum of expenditure on account of Ecclesiastical Department discontinued.

*Book-keeper's Department.*

Monthly statements of Civil Fund transactions discontinued, account particulars transferred in lieu.

Quarterly statements of quick stock discontinued,—copies of valuation statements of Ordnance Stores discontinued, originals transferred in lieu,—monthly statements of Military advances discontinued. On the other hand however, the remittance statements are prepared monthly instead of quarterly, and are largely increased.

The remittances of deceased Seamen's Estates have been transferred from the Marine to the Accountant General's Department.

The changes in the Postal system have also added somewhat to the duties of the Department, as also have the institution and development of the following Departments.

The Inám Commission, the Revenue Survey, the Irrigation Company, the second Railway, the Educational Department, the Mofussil Police, and the Telegraph Department.



reduction in correspondence and in the acceptance and advice of Treasury drafts, will be equally effected by the contemplated issue of notes.

4. I shall from time to time make such further alterations as circumstances will permit, and due attention to efficiency allow. The object to be desired in this Office is the reduction as much as possible of the time which has hitherto elapsed between the transactions and their final audit, adjustment and record; and to effect this, my office has been recently remodelled in all its important sub-Departments.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedient servant

W. M. M. M.  
Account General

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T. J. and M. H. L.

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From

The Secretary of the

The Secretary of the

Government

Despatch 8<sup>th</sup> March 1860.

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The Board of the  
changes which have been  
made in the Department  
and the Office in connection  
therewith, on the 18th March  
as much as possible to the same  
of the Board has been  
taken, and to the same with  
all necessary papers,  
documents and other documents,  
with an order

1860. Order thereon is of the 18th March 1860. No. 132.

Order thereon

The Accountant General of the Exchequer

is to be in the foregoing letter  
the account and that the

my Government regards of

with much the arrangements

which have been made by me

to economize the Public

establishments and simplify

and expedite the transaction

of the Public Business

to the Secretary General. 1860. 1860.