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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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for the month of April 1860.*

Read again Civil Auditor's letter, dated the 2nd and recorded in Proceedings of the 8th March 1860.

No. 8. Read the following Memorandum :—

MEMORANDUM.

A Return has been called for from the "India House" of the "charges annually incurred for Establishments of the Government House, and all expenses appertaining thereto, and also statements exhibiting all Contingent charges defrayed by the Public under different heads of expenditure." The Civil Auditor has submitted a statement of these charges for the official year ending 30th April 1859, and I beg to offer a few explanatory remarks thereon.

I. HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.—We are allowed Rupees 1,400 a month or Rupees 16,800 a year for Servants. This is distributed at such rates of wages as the Officer over the Household may think proper. There is a great deal of very valuable public property at Government House and it is necessary to pay the upper Servants highly. The money is strictly distributed amongst the *public* Servants. The Governor's body Servants, Coachmen, Horse-keepers, &c., &c., are paid by himself—the same with the Servants of his family.

II. LASCARS.—Rupees 225 a month is separately allowed for this useful class of domestics.

III. ARTIFICERS.—We have a sanction of Rupees 1-7-1 per diem for a Smith, a Carpenter and an Assistant for each. There are always some slight repairs going on in a large House and Park like these, and these people are fully employed.

IV. PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.—The Civil Auditor has included this item, which costs Rupees 364-8-0 a month, but the terms of the Order do not appear to call for its exhibition. It maintains three Clerks, two Munshis (a Muhammadan and a Hindu) two Muchis and two Peons. This suffices for the work of the Military Secretary also, who has no separate establishment.

V. LIGHTING CHARGES.—Rupees 500 a month; not a Rupee more than is required.

VI. CONTINGENT.—Rupees 1,200 a month is allowed under this head, or Rupees 14,400 a year. We are not expected to supply out of this sum costly new furniture and other substantial fittings, which are procured on the direct sanction of Government, separately given in each instance, or in minor cases by Indent on the Commissariat; but it is designed to cover all other expenses of a recurring nature. The Civil Auditor has enumerated the several items of Contingent expenditure for 1858-59. The principal, it will be seen, are as under:

Clothing for the Servants.....	Rupees 2,177
Farm expenses, <i>i. e.</i> , principally the feeding of the draught cattle employed in working the wells in the gardens; and in the Parks, which have been thrown open to the Public.....	" 3,975
Extra Gardeners and other Garden expenses.....	" 1,521
Subscription to Newspapers and Periodicals, with postages, Telegraph charges, and Stationery.....	" 1,393
Extra establishment occasionally employed.....	" 1,164
Petties, including kuli hire.....	" 2,085.

I said we were not expected to supply out of the 'Contingent' new furniture and fittings. The Civil Auditor therefore should not have exhibited the charge for Furniture 2,103, and for new Chintzes 760 under the head of 'Contingent' as both were separately sanctioned by Government.

Other large charges in the Civil Auditor's statement, not to be included in the 'Contingent' are :—

1st. Lord Harris' Tour expenses.

2nd. The *special* item of "Shawls presented to Subadars." These were presented by Lord Harris on leaving India, to the Native Officers of the Body Guard, in token of His Lordship's appreciation of the loyalty and general good conduct of the Corps.

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3rd. "Ball and Supper." The Governor gives two Public Balls in the year, one on New year's day, the other on Her Majesty's Birth-day. Besides the whole of the society of the place, the senior Clerks in the Public Offices and the leading trades-people with their families are invited. The principal Native Gentlemen also attend, but they of course add but little to the expense. The cost of the last two Balls (including in each case a handsome Supper) averaged 4,000 Rupees.

To sum up—the cost to the State of the current expenses of Government House, including House Establishment, Lascars, Artificers, Lighting and Contingent reaches the annual sum of Rupees 40,440, which sum meets every thing, except (A) new furniture and fittings which are sanctioned by Government as required, (B) the cost of the Governor's Tours, which of course varies on each occasion, and (C) the Annual Public Balls. Ordinarily there are two only, but a third has been occasionally given, to celebrate a great Victory, or other auspicious event.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Private Secretary.

13th April 1860.

No. 9. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT, dated 14th April 1860.

The expenditure so clearly described in this Memorandum is moderate and systematically conducted, and I do not think that any reduction could be made consistently with the object in view.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1860, No. 155.

Ordered, that the statement furnished by the Civil Auditor, together with the foregoing Memorandum and Minute be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India with reference to his Despatch, dated 12th January last, No. 1.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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THE STATEMENT exhibiting in detail the charges incurred on account of Establishment and Contingencies at the Government House at Madras, from May 1858 to April 1859.

Description of Charges.	Amount charged per annum.
<i>Fixed Charges.</i>	
Government House Establishment	16,800 0 0
Lascars attached to the Government House... ..	2,700 0 0
Artificers attached to the do. do.	519 6 0
Governor's Private Secretary's Office	4,374 0 0
<i>Contingent Charges.</i>	
Lighting charges	6,000 0 0
Kitchen articles purchased	1,908 1 0
Do. extra servants and contingencies... ..	365 11 9
Extra laborers... ..	631 7 4
Feeding Cattle	3,975 3 4
Conveyance of Band... ..	255 9 6
Army Lists	56 4 0
Almanacs... ..	18 0 0
Furniture... ..	2,103 13 6
Presents to servants... ..	85 0 0
Postage	233 12 6
Subscription to Indian Newspapers	753 13 0
Carriage hire... ..	172 0 11
Charges for bearers at Bangalore... ..	55 7 0
Garden contingencies, including coolies... ..	890 10 0
Telegraph Message charges	253 2 0
Extra establishment	1,164 6 11
Petty contingencies, including cooly hire	2,085 8 7
Clothing charges	2,177 5 8
Travelling charges of the Right Honorable the Governor on his tour to the Northern Provinces	17,863 8 3
Stationery	71 13 0
Ball and Supper... ..	8,729 0 11
French chintz for covering the Furniture... ..	760 0 0
Shawls presented to Subadars, &c.	938 0 0
Contingent charges of the Private Secretary's Office... ..	128 15 11
Expense incurred for Dr. Sanderson's journey, from Madras to Ootacamund for the attendance of the Right Honorable the Governor... ..	161 14 7
Total Rupees...	76,231 15 8

(Signed) E. F. HARRISON,
Civil Auditor.

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CIVIL AUDIT OFFICE,
2nd March 1860.

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D. F. Carmichael
Private Secretary

April 13th 1860.

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Minute by the Honourable
the Governor

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Memorandum by
the Private Secretary
to the Governor on the
charges incurred for
Government House,
with a Minute by
His Excellency.

With One Inclosure

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No. 151

with the Memorandum forwarded to the
Chief Secretary, with
reference to Proceedings
of Government, dated
Financial Department,
8th March 1860. No. 98.

D. J. Principal

Private Secretary

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14th April 1860. }

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^{dated in Rep. of the 8th March 1860.}
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the Private Secy to the Governor
dated 13th & Minute thereon
by the Honble the President
dated 14th April.

Order thereon 23rd April 1860. No 155.

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by the Civil Auditor,
together with the fore-
going Memorandum &
Minute be transmitted
to the Right Honble the
Secy of State for India
in reference to his
Despatch.

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J. J.

To the Private Secy to the H^{le} Gov^r Sep^r 25.

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