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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department,
dated 2nd May 1860, No. 911.

*Communicating Order passed in the Public Works
Department, relative to the Circular submitted
to Government by the Accountant General,
regarding Stores supplied to the several Civil
Departments at the Presidency.* } (*Vide Proceedings Public Works Department,
from 1st to 10th May 1860, Nos. 33 & 34.*)

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1860, No. 224.

Resolved, that the audit of the annual depreciation of Mint Stores be vested in the Mint Master.
(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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My dear Mr. Pym:

As, in the last part of
their order, the Govt. Comptroller
take the Chief Cash. Auditors
of the Store accounts of his
own Dept., I think there
will be no impropriety in
investing the Mint-Master
with the same functions
in regard to the Mint.
If it be meant that there
should be a separate

Statement which the
Accountant Genl. wishes
to be furnished annually
showing in detail the stores
on hand, their cost, present
value &c, should be verified
& come over unconnected
with the establishment in
the same way as our Bill
is examined by the Sub-
Treasurer, I have no
objection, though I believe

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it will be better to leave the
adjustment of the accounts
entirely in the hands of the
Treasury, who are empowered
for the custody and proper
employment of the stores, but
as they must necessarily be
at his disposal for the
operations of the Service &
are of great extent, I do not
think that any one but he,
without the most obvious

*Personal investigation, can
possibly determine the
state of bank which is
applied to rate of charges
to it, or check its responsibility
from*

Yours very truly

Charles D. Orr

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again letter from the Accountant General, dated 11th and recorded in Proceedings of Government, 23rd January 1860, No. 179.

Read again also letters from the Chief Engineer, Mint Master, Superintendent of Marine, Acting Principal Commissary of Ordnance, and Superintendent of Stationery, and Deputy Superintendent Electric Telegraph, Madras Circle, dated respectively 30th January, 4th February, 18th February and 23rd February 1860, Nos. 9,730, 364, 560, 174 and 1,721, and recorded in Proceedings of Government, 20th March 1860, No. 594.

Read also the following letter from the Accountant General :—

Proposes some alterations in his Circular already submitted to Government, regarding Stores supplied to the several Civil Departments at the Presidency. } (Here enter 5th April 1860, No. 515.)

ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1860, No. 911.

With his letter dated 11th January 1860, No. 385, the Accountant General submitted for approval draft of a Circular which he proposed to issue to Officers in charge of Civil Stores in order to ensure a more correct account of those Stores and to fix the responsibility for their custody upon the proper Officers. The Government, therefore, called for the opinion of the Officers named in the margin on the subject; and their replies, recorded in the Proceedings of 20th March 1860, No. 594, were forwarded to Mr. Harrison in view to his considering whether any alterations were required in his Circular. The present letter is his reply.

2. He states that the Circular is not intended to apply to the Marine, Stationery and Electric Telegraph Stores. The Government have, therefore, to consider only the letters from the Chief Engineer and Mint Master. Colonel Bell, while generally approving the Circular, expresses his opinion that the amount of depreciation of the Stores should be written off annually to "Profit and Loss," and that the form should be amended with that view. Major Orr has no objection to offer to the Circular, if it is not intended to impose restrictions which do not now exist on the expenditure of the Mint Stores.

3. The Accountant General concurs for the most part with the Chief Engineer, and has amended the form accordingly. The only point of difference is that Mr. Harrison considers that the annual depreciation should be written off to the particular departmental head of charge, instead of to the general head of "Profit and Loss," and in this the Government agree with him. Mr. Harrison adds that he does not intend by his Circular to impose any new restrictions on the issue of Mint Stores.

4. Under these circumstances the Honorable the Governor in Council approves the measures which the Accountant General proposes to adopt for correctly accounting for and keeping of the Stores.

5. There are two other points in the Accountant General's letter which require orders, viz., the rates of annual depreciation to be charged, and the audit of the sums so charged. The Government are not in a position with the information before them to give a decided opinion upon the former; they therefore resolve to request the Officers noted in the margin to form themselves into a Committee, and to furnish a table with any remarks they may find necessary, of the rates of depreciation proper for the several descriptions of Stores likely to come under the Accountant General's Circular.

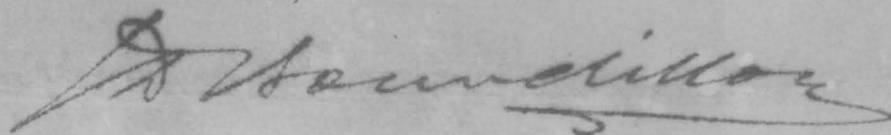
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6. In regard to the audit, the Government would vest it in the Chief Engineer as regards Public Works Stores. That Officer is *ex officio* the Auditor of Public Works expenditure and Controller General of the receipt, custody and issue of Public Works Stores; there is no reason why the audit of the annual depreciation should be transferred to another Officer. The subject of audit of the depreciation of Mint Stores will receive consideration in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

„ Accountant General.

„ Mint Master.

„ Financial Department. ✓

Exd. T. O'Connor.

J. Caplan

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