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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,

8th June 1860.

No. 28. Read the following letter from JAMES HALL, Esq., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 23rd May 1860.

May I beg you will have the goodness to submit for the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council the following circumstance, connected with a subject upon which His Excellency will probably remember that I had the honor of making a verbal representation to him personally, on the occasion of his Official visit to the Hills in February last.

2nd. In 1857 I removed from Madras to the Neilgherries, and commenced at Ootacamund a Banking business, granting Bills on my Agents at Madras to those who wished to remit money thither, and cashing Bills and Orders presented at Ootacamund.

3rd. From the success which attended my business, I have every reason to believe that while it yielded me a profit, it suited the convenience of the residents of this place, and that there was thus, a mutual accommodation.

4th. But consequent on the Government Treasury at Ootacamund being opened since March last for the receipt of money from parties wishing to remit to Madras, the cash that previously was brought to me is now carried there, as might be naturally expected, it being impossible for a private individual to compete successfully with Government in such a matter.

5th. Besides this, I am denied the privilege of obtaining money from the Ootacamund Treasury by Bills of Exchange from Madras, my own applications as well as those of my Agents at Madras to this effect, having been negatived.

6th. I am thus totally deprived of the means of carrying on the business for which I established myself in this place, and as it cannot be the wish of Government to discourage or interfere in any way with private enterprise, but rather to promote it, I trust with confidence to His Excellency in Council, granting my case their favorable consideration and affording a relief.

7th. I would earnestly request, either that the Government would direct a return to the former state of things, by discontinuing to receive money at the Ootacamund Treasury for remittance to Madras, excepting perhaps from their own servants, or to allow my Agents at Madras to obtain Bills of Exchange from the Accountant General in my favor, payable at Ootacamund.

Soliciting the favor of an early reply.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1860, No. 281.

Resolved, that Mr. Hall be informed that his requests cannot be complied with.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order thereon - 12 June 1860. No. 281 -

Resolved, that Mr.

Hall be informed that his re-

quests cannot be complied with,

and that a similar application

submitted through Messrs. Pary &

Co. was rejected for reasons

stated by the Accountant General,

which the Govt. considered to be

valid.

J. P.

To Mr. James Hall
Banker at Catasauqua,

Sept 14th