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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th June 1860.

No. 30. Read the following letter from R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 31st May 1860, No. 42.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 14th instant, No. 213, referring to me, for any remarks I may have to offer on the statements therein contained, copy of a letter to Government from Messrs. Fischer and Co. of Salem, dated the 9th instant, complaining that an application for a bill on the Salem Treasury for Rupees 13,000, made to this office on their behalf by Messrs. Binny and Co. had been refused in consequence of there being no funds available for bills in that Treasury, although about five lacs of Rupees (as represented by Messrs. Fischer and Co.) were lying idle at the time in the Salem Treasury, and between three and four lacs were shortly expected to be received in it.

2. In reply I beg to state for the information of Government that the whole of the funds now in the Salem Treasury, as well as the amount which it is expected will be collected up to the end of the year will be required for public purposes, and that there is no probability of funds being available to meet the requirements of Merchants for some time to come.

3. The Government are aware that the receipts in all Treasuries are small during the second half of the Calender year. It is necessary on that account to reserve funds which, with these limited receipts, will be sufficient to cover the ordinary disbursements during that period. Besides the local demands, provision has to be made in the Salem Treasury for Railway bills to the extent of about a lac and three thousand Rupees per month, and it is also necessary to provide for the requirements of the Commissioner of Mysore which can more conveniently and at less expense be met by remittances from Salem than from any other Treasury.

4. The Collector of Salem was requested on the 21st instant to send three lacs to the Treasury at Bangalore, and it is expected that a further remittance will be required in September, which will also be sent from Salem.

5. With reference to the remark of Messrs. Fischer and Co. that Bills are unavailable in Coimbatore, although there is a large balance in that Treasury, I have the honor to observe that it is expected that the Coimbatore Treasury will barely be able to meet its ordinary charges and the Railway bills which are expected to be drawn upon it up to the close of the second half year. Bills on Coimbatore for small sums are usually granted to persons having their families on the Hills, but I have been compelled to refuse compliance with the applications of Merchants, because bills could only be granted generally with the certainty of the Government, being put to the expense of remitting funds from other Treasuries to meet them.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1860, No. 282.

Resolved, that Messrs. Fischer and Co., be informed that the Governor in Council having referred on the subject of their letter of the 9th ultimo to the Accountant General, is satisfied from his explanation that bills could not be granted to them either on the Salem or Coimbatore Treasury.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Order ~~Hereon~~ 12 June 1860 - No. 282.

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To Messrs Hickes & Co.
Salem } Supd. 14th
" Asst. General }