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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th July 1860.*

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 15th June 1860, No. 5,117.

Read again Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 10th March 1860, No. 2,032.

Read letter from R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General, Fort Saint George, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Financial Secretary to Government of India, Calcutta, dated 14th January 1860, No. 1,750.

General Department.

The charges on account of the Second Chinese War incurred by the Madras Presidency were debited to "General Government of India," minor head "Second Expedition to China," the adjustment being made between the books of the Accountant General, India, and Her Majesty's Home Government, through the Board of Control, and more recently the Secretary of State for India.

2. The *modus operandi* here was to submit Quarterly Statements of expenditure to the Accountant General, India.

3. The last paragraph of a letter from the Officiating Secretary in the Military Department, India, No. 937 dated 22nd December 1859, to the Secretary in the Military Department, Madras, communicated with Order of this Government No. 77 dated 6th January 1860, states that "the expense of the Expedition will be paid from the Imperial Treasury;" and requests "that the Government of Madras will direct distinct Accounts to be kept, and forward quarterly to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India Statements of expenditure," and the order of this Government directs that "the Accountant General will, in communication with Departments, prepare the Accounts and forward the Quarterly Statement prescribed in the concluding paragraph."

4. The letter of the Officiating Secretary, Military Department, India, and the order of this Government, therefore, direct a departure from the previous practice, which was prescribed by the Financial Department, India, No. 2,250 dated 29th April 1858, through the Accountant General, India, in his letter No. 64 dated 5th May 1858.

5. As the Officiating Military Secretary, India, appears to have issued instructions opposed to the present practice as enjoined by the Financial Department, I have the honor to solicit your early instructions, and request I may be informed if the Quarterly Statement hitherto forwarded to the Accountant General to the Government of India is to be discontinued, and a Quarterly Statement of expenditure on account of the China Expedition submitted to this Government only.

6. A copy of the Government Order referred to and of the letter on which it was passed, is annexed.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, 22nd December 1859, No. 937.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the China Expedition, I am desired to acquaint you for the information of the Government of Madras, that Her Majesty's Government has despatched to Hong Kong large supplies of Commissariat, Military and Medical Stores for the use of European Troops about to proceed to China.

As Europe cured salt meat is not procurable in Calcutta except in very small quantities, and there seems no prospect of the market improving, Her Majesty's Government has been impressed with the necessity of forwarding to Hong Kong ample Commissariat supplies of all articles of European rations as are not readily procurable on the spot.

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All European Troops should take with them their full complement of service ammunition and other necessities, as well as of medicines, &c.

Her Majesty's Government has desired that all Native Troops should be completely equipped before leaving India, and should be accompanied with such supplies of all requisites as will make them independent of the stores sent out from England for the use of Her Majesty's Line Regiments.

Arrangements should therefore be made to send with or in advance of all Native Troops, ample supplies of all articles peculiar to their rations or equipment, which are not readily procurable in China.

As Indian pattern European Soldiers' Camp Equipage is considered almost useless in China, tents will not be sent with European Regiments; but a sufficient number of these for about 3,000 men for the purpose of forming standing Camps for the men to move into, will be dispatched in advance from Calcutta to Hong Kong.

Sepoys' Pauls will be furnished to the Troops as marching equipment, and these also will be sent in advance if opportunities occur before the departure of the Troops.

It has been decided that the subordinate Medical Establishment, European and Native, including Apothecaries, Stewards, Dressers, Bheesties, Coolies and Washermen, shall accompany their Regiments.

As large supplies of warm clothing have been shipped from England for the European Troops, the supply from this country will be limited to what is issued to the Troops on embarkation; but warm clothing will be needed for Native Troops, and an ample supply should be provided.

As the expense of the Expedition will be paid from the Imperial Treasury, I am desired to request that the Government of Madras will direct distinct accounts to be kept, and forward quarterly to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, statements of expenditure.

ORDER No. 77, 6th January 1860.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Departments,* for information and guidance.

The Accountant General will, in communication with Departments, prepare the accounts and forward the Quarterly Statement prescribed in the concluding paragraph.

No. 473, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, 27TH JANUARY 1860.

Forwarded to the Accountant General to the Government of India, for report.

Report of the Accountant General to the Government of India, No. 2,928, dated 3rd February 1860, on docket No. 473 dated 27th January 1860, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.

With reference to the letter of the Accountant General, Madras, No. 1,750 dated 14th ultimo, forwarded for report with the Financial Secretary's docket No. 473 dated the 27th idem, the Accountant General to the Government of India begs to remark that the orders of this Government in the Military Department dated 22nd December last, directing the preparation of Quarterly Statements of expenditure on account of the China Expedition for transmission by each Government to the Home authorities, appear to have been superseded by the orders of the Right

* To the Adjutant General, Quarter Master General, Deputy Adjutant General, H. M.'s Forces, Deputy Quarter Master General, H. M.'s Forces, Inspector General of Ordnance, Commandant of Engineers, Director General Medical Department, Superintendent of Marine, Military Auditor General, Accountant General, Commissary General, Auditor of Commissariat Accounts, Town Major, Clothing Department, Superintendent of Family Payments and Pensions.

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Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 1281 dated 9th December 1859, communicated with the Financial Secretary's endorsement dated 24th January 1860, just received, which prescribes *Monthly* instead of *Quarterly* Returns to be furnished through the same channel with audited vouchers.

2. The receipts and payments of the subordinate Governments will, as in the case of the Second Expedition, be credited or debited in their Accounts to the Government of India, under a minor head which may be styled "Third Expedition to China," and duplicates of the Statements sent home ought to be furnished to this Office according to the practice in regard to Accounts with the authorities at Labuan, for incorporation with the general Account of the Government of India with Her Majesty's Imperial Government.

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RESOLUTION.

The Hon'ble the President in Council observes that the Accountant General at Madras should be guided by the orders of the Secretary of State dated 9th December last, communicated to him with this Office No. 684 dated 24th January last, which prescribes that each Government shall send direct to the Secretary of State a *Monthly* Account with vouchers of the charges incurred by it on account of the Expedition to China; but that he shall also send to the Accountant General, Calcutta, a copy of his *Monthly* Account for incorporation in the General Account prepared annually at Calcutta.

Copy forwarded to the Accountant General, Madras, in reply to his letter No. 1,750 dated the 14th January last.

Copy also forwarded to the Accountant General, Bombay, with reference to the communication No. 685 dated the 24th January last, and with a request that he also will send to the Accountant General, Calcutta, a copy of his *Monthly* Account for incorporation in the General Account prepared annually at Calcutta.

Copy also forwarded to the Accountant General to the Government of India, and the Military Department, respectively, for information.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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RESOLUTION.—The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes that, on the 10th of March last, the Accountants General at Madras and Bombay were requested to be guided by the orders of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, prescribing that each Government should send direct to Her Majesty's Government a *Monthly* Statement, with vouchers, of the charges incurred by it on account of the Expedition to China.

2. The Accountants General at the abovementioned Presidencies were further requested to forward to the Accountant General at Calcutta a copy of their *Monthly* Account, for incorporation in the General Account prepared annually at Calcutta.

3. The Governor General in Council desires that the Governments of Madras and Bombay may be informed that it is a matter of essential importance, in relation to the financial arrangements of the year between the Government of India and the Home authorities, that these instructions should be attended to with the least possible delay, and that they may accordingly be requested to urge the speedy preparation of the Accounts up to the 30th of April last, and

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the transmission by the earliest Mail possible of the Account up to that date, as well as of subsequent Accounts, month by month, with the least possible delay, to the Secretary of State for India, and a copy at the same time in every case to the Accountant General to the Government of India, for incorporation in his General Annual Account.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, respectively, with a copy of the Resolution dated 10th March last above referred to, for information and guidance.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1860, No. 330.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General and that he be requested to urge the speedy preparation of the Accounts referred to and their transmission with the least possible delay to the Secretary of State for India, and also to the Accountant General to the Government of India.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General and that he be requested to urge the speedy preparation of the Accounts referred to and their transmission with the least possible delay to the Secy of State for India, and also to the Accountant General to the Govt of India.

J.P.

To the Acct^t General. Dated 4th July 1860. 8 Copies 110

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