

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial

DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
7th July 1860.*

No. 17. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 5th June 1860, No. 5,171.

Read letter from H. L. ANDERSON, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to C. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 5th May 1860, No. 319.

Financial Department.

*Mr. Chief Secretary Young's letter No. 216, dated the 28th March 1860, having reference to a Resolution passed by the Government of India, regarding the competency of local Governments to sanction Establishments.

With reference to the letter marginally* noted, I am directed to bring to notice the following instance in which inconvenience has already resulted from the orders which the Government of India were requested to reconsider.

2. In order to ascertain whether it would be desirable to establish a Printing Press in the Secretariat on a large scale, Government authorized the Secretary in this Department to entertain a small establishment and set up a Press as an experiment.

3. The Secretary was instructed that no expense beyond the sanctioned amount of the Secretariat establishment should be incurred, and that all charges should be defrayed from actual savings in the salaries of fixed establishment.

4. The experiment was sanctioned for one year, at the termination of which period it was proposed to address the Government of India with a view to put the Press establishment on a permanent footing, if the result of the year's trial should prove satisfactory.

5. The Civil Auditor has hitherto passed, on the authority of this Government, monthly Contingent bills for the expenses of the Press, with such variations as have been made from time to time. But it was a part of the experimental arrangements authorized by Government, that the amount in any one month should not exceed the savings in the salaries of the fixed establishment—a rule that has been rigidly adhered to.

6. Thus due provision was made to prevent any increase of expense, and it was proposed to defer troubling the Government of India until it could be ascertained precisely what establishment would be required.

Bill for the month of April 1860.

1 Head Compositor...	Rupees	35 0 0
1 Compositor ...	"	20 0 0
1 Pressman ...	"	12 0 0
1 Inkman...	"	7 0 0
Allowance for Mussal ...	"	1 0 0
<i>Per month Rupees</i>		<u>75 0 0</u>

7. But, under the recent orders of the Government of India, the Civil Auditor has now declined to pass the bill for the pay of the establishment marginally noted, though he admits without check the charge for materials and other contingencies required to work the Press.

8. This establishment being liable to increase as the use of printing is extended in the Secretariat, an increase may be necessary every month, and a similar objection will of course be taken by the Civil Auditor.

9. I am directed to submit the opinion of His Lordship in Council that a most unnecessary waste of time is involved in such references, there being no increase whatever in the cost to the State, while from the experimental nature of the charges, satisfactory reasons can hardly be cited in support of each individual item.

10. I am therefore directed to request that you will obtain the instructions of the Government of India on the point, whether such temporary arrangement which involve no additional charge are to be held to require the sanction of the Government of India before the Civil Auditor can be permitted to pass the bills of the local Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
7th July 1860.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 5TH JUNE 1860.

RESOLUTION.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to allow the local Governments to authorize changes in establishments in special cases of experiment of the nature above alluded to, provided no additional cost is incurred and a time is limited to the experiment, when a report should be made to this Government.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Bombay, in reply to their letter.

* Home and Foreign Departments. Ordered also that copy of the above
† Governments of Bengal, North Western Provinces, be forwarded to the Departments, * Go-
Punjab, Madras, and the Eastern Settlements. vernments† and the Auditors‡ noted in
‡ Civil Auditors, Fort William, North Western the margin, for information and guidance.
Provinces, Punjab, Madras, and Bombay.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 18.

ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1860, No. 341.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Forwarding for infor-
mation copy of a Resolution of
the Govt of India on a letter from
the Chief Secy to Govt Bombay
bringing to notice the inconve-
nience resulting from the in-
ability of local Govts to main-
tain establishments -

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With an Order.
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