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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
18th August 1860.

No. 49. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Military Department, dated 9th August 1860, No. 2,870.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from the Military Auditor General requesting that the assumption of the enlarged powers of Controller vested in him by a certain Resolution of the Government of India be formally notified, and that the heads of the other Departments affected by the Resolution be required to conform to the change.

(Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 30th July 1860, Nos. 173—175.)

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1860, No. 410.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Military Auditor General, Fort Saint George, 30th July 1860, *B*; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor to forward herewith, a copy of a letter to my address from the Military Finance Commission, under date 19th July 1860, No. 1885.

2. It will be observed from this communication, that the Commission, acting under the provisions of the Resolution of Government, Military Department, No. 710, of the 6th July 1860, has called into operation the enlarged powers vested in me, by requiring me to afford them certain information in my new capacity of "Controller."

3. To enable me to obtain this information, I must bring into operation, to a certain extent, the Controlling powers vested in me over the other Departments.

4. While I have no reason to suppose that the information would not be most readily granted on my expressing a wish to obtain it, still I consider a change which so materially affects the relative position of both parties, should be initiated by the Local Government; and I would therefore submit for the consideration and orders of Government, that the assumption of the powers vested in me by the Resolution, should be formally and officially notified by Government, and that the Heads of the other Departments affected by the Resolution, should be required to conform to the change.

From the Military Finance Commission, Calcutta, 19th July 1860, *No.* 1885; *to the Military Auditor General, and Controller of Military Finance, Madras.*

The Military Finance Commission would desire to call your earliest attention to para. 15 of the Resolution of the Government of India, Military Department, No. 710, dated 6th July 1860, regarding the appointments of Controller and Examiner of Military Finance and Account of all Branches—also to para. 12 of the same Resolution, regarding the Compilers of Accounts to be appointed at the several Presidencies.

2. At the close of the para. 15 above adverted to, the primary point, the whole arrangement is thus laid down, "the general powers now exercised by the Military Auditor General will be merged in the enlarged powers of the Controller," in virtue hereof, the Commission understand that you will assume, or will have already assumed the functions of Controller of the Military Finance in the Madras Presidency.

3. You will thence observe, that the several Examining and Disbursing Officers of all classes adverted to in the above Resolution, also the Compiler and their several Establishments, will all perform their respective duties in subordination to yourself.

4. From the tenor of para. 15, the Commission presume that most of the new Offices and functions specified in the Resolution, will be discharged as far as possible, by the Officers already employed in the various Departments of Military Audit and Account, but it will be necessary that the names of the various Officers, with their new functions and duties should be communicated to the Commission; they would therefore request you to be good enough to transmit to them, by the earliest practicable date, a Schedule of the new Offices as they will stand under the Resolution, and together with the name of the Officers who will be appointed to each office, the salary now drawn by the Officer should be entered in the schedule as his personal allowances, which will of course remain unaffected by the new arrangements; but the Commission presume that future incumbents, who will be appointed under the provisions of para. 16 of the Resolution, will be open to such settlement as may be ordered by Government at the time.

5. Regarding the establishment to be allotted to each Office, the Commission have various scales under their consideration, and they hope shortly to transmit for your consideration, a complete schedule; but in the meantime, the Commission request you will be good enough to distribute and arrange the existing establishments amongst the several Offices, in such manner as may best conduce for the present and immediate carrying out of the Resolution.

6. As regards Military Paymasters, the Commission have a scheme under their consideration, regarding which they expect shortly to address you.

7. Regarding the forms and general method of the accounts, the Commission are themselves preparing these, and hope soon to have them ready for circulation; in the meantime, the existing forms and methods should be followed, and this also should be enjoined on the Officers subordinate to you.

8. Lastly, the Commission desire to beg your particular attention to para. 19 of the Resolution, which prescribes that pending the detailed arrangements, the duties will continue to be conducted as hitherto by the Officers in charge, their full responsibility for efficiency remaining undiminished, while at the same time, they attend to the requisitions of the Military Finance Commission—the Commission will be obliged by your impressing this upon all Officers subordinate to you.

ORDER, No. 2870, *9th August* 1860.

The Governor in Council authorises Lieutenant Colonel McGoun to afford the Military Finance Commission, whatever information may be required preliminary to the adoption of the new arrangements for the control of Military expenditure; and all Departments with which the Military Auditor General may communicate, will attend to his requisitions.

2. In regard to the proposition in the concluding para. of Lieutenant Colonel McGoun's letter, His Honor in Council observes that, in ruling in para. 15 of G. O. G. G. 6th July 1860, No. 710, that the general powers now exercised by the Military Auditor General in each Presidency shall be merged in the enlarged powers to be entrusted to Controllers, it is provided that the duties of examination and check now performed by the Military Auditor General and other Officers, are to be transferred to the Examiners of Accounts. These measures it is presumed should be simultaneously carried out. In the absence however of instructions from the Government of India beyond the G. O. alluded to, which has been republished here, His Honor in Council is of opinion, that it would be premature with reference to para. 17 of that G. O., for this Government to issue any orders on the subject. The foregoing correspondence will be communicated to the Government of India.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Military Dept. | Here enter 9th August 1860, No. 2871.

(True Extract.)

J Munro Sec
Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Military Auditor General.
" Accountant General.
" Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Dy. Adjt. Genl. Her Majesty's British Forces.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
" Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
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