

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 78	Press Mis.
Dated 18. 2.	1860

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
for the month of February 1860.*

No. 35. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 24th January 1860, No. 668.

Read Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, No. 133, dated 19th December 1859.

Financial.

I have received and considered in Council your letter in this Department, dated the 31st August 1859, No. 154, transmitting the proceedings relative to the charge preferred against Mr. G. L. Prendergast of the Madras Civil Service, of having availed himself of information derived through his official position as Accountant General at Madras, and purchased Tanjore Bonds at a heavy discount, with the knowledge that they had been ordered to be paid off.

2. The attention of the Government of Madras having been drawn to the subject by a Petition signed Pursoorama Moodelly, that Government with your sanction instituted an enquiry into Mr. Prendergast's conduct by 2 Commissioners, Messrs. Phillips and Pelly, under Act 37 of 1853, Section 23, who reported as follows:—

“ We now beg to submit the record of those proceedings, and to state that, for the reasons shewn in our separate minutes, we find Mr. Prendergast guilty of the act imputed to him in regard of the purchase of Tanjore Bonds, and, using the words of the accusation, that we consider Mr. Prendergast's conduct to have been in contravention of public policy, a breach of official confidence and of his duty as Accountant General of the Madras Presidency and unbecoming his position as such Accountant General and his character as a servant of the Government.

“ It is our painful duty to add, in reference to the appeal made to us in his defence, that we see no sufficient reason to believe Mr. Prendergast's purchases of Tanjore Stock were made on the strength of independent private information, and that we are unable to discover in the arguments contained in the defence of that gentleman, any moral exculpation of his conduct.’

After consideration of the report and proceedings, you have dismissed Mr. Prendergast from the office of Accountant General at Madras, and you recommend that his name be removed from the list of the Civil Service.

3. Under these circumstances, Her Majesty's Government have no doubt of the propriety of your decision to dismiss Mr. Prendergast from the office of Accountant General.

4. With regard to your recommendation that Mr. Prendergast's name should also be removed from the list of Civil Servants, Her Majesty's Government regret that, after a long and irreproachable service, his conduct should have rendered such a course necessary; but, with a due regard to the character of public servants in India, and to the general interests of the Service, they can come to no other conclusion than that it is their painful duty to accede to your recommendation, and to direct that Mr. Prendergast's name be removed from the list of the Madras Civil Servants.

ORDER.—Ordered, with reference to the letter noted in the margin, that a copy of the foregoing Despatch be forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1860, No. 78.

Ordered to be communicated to the Civil Auditor, and also to the Trustees of the Civil Fund in reference to the Order of Government, dated 4th of November last, No. 610. The Trustees will nominate the next applicant entitled to the available annuity.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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