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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
8th May 1861.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 15. From A. J. BYARD, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 12th April 1861.

A case having been brought to the notice of the Chamber of Commerce in which much inconvenience was experienced by a Mercantile Firm in consequence of the loss of an Accountant General's Bill on a Provincial Treasury, and the delay in the issue of a second of exchange, I am desired respectfully to solicit the sanction of the Governor in Council to the Accountant General in future issuing firsts and seconds of exchange simultaneously at the time drafts are granted.

The practice at present subsisting prevents the Accountant General granting a second of exchange until satisfied that the first has not been paid, to do which may necessitate a reference to the Collector of a distant station, and as Bills on the Provincial Treasuries are generally taken by Merchants for the purchase of produce, and other Mercantile transactions for which funds are promptly required, the loss of a first of exchange, when a second is not immediately forthcoming may be of very serious moment, whereas if first and second were granted at once, they could be forwarded by succeeding posts, and the receipt of funds for any contemplated operation be ensured.

It is submitted that the suggested change while it would be a great convenience to the Mercantile community is not open as far as the Chamber can perceive to any legitimate objection as it would only be conforming to the practice of Merchants, and Bankers, and the additional labor arising from the issue of Bills in duplicate would be trifling. It may also be observed that the Bills as at present issued purport to be drawn in sets.

Referred to the Accountant General.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

13th April 1861.

No. 16. From R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th April 1861, No. 483.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government referring to me a letter to your address dated the 12th instant from the President of the Chamber of Commerce soliciting the sanction of the Governor in Council to the issue in future of first and seconds of Exchange simultaneously at the time Bills are granted.

2. In reply I beg to state that the practice of issuing the firsts of Bills of Exchange only, is in accordance with that prevailing in Bengal and under the Government of India, the simultaneous issue of seconds being allowed only in case of Bills drawn on Treasuries beyond sea, as those of Arracan, Burmah, and the Tenasserim Provinces. The number of Bills which are lost or mis-

The Sub Treasurer states that 2,500 Bills were issued in the three months January to March, and seven seconds only.

carry (judging from the number of applications for seconds) form so very small a proportion to the number issued, that it appears to me to be unnecessary to alter the existing system and

thereby increase considerably the labor of the Sub Treasurer's Office in order to provide against occasional possible inconvenience.

3. The Rule under which a second of a Bill of Exchange cannot be issued until it is certified by the Drawer that the first has not been paid, is taken from the Bengal practice, but it is one which may in my opinion be dispensed with as useless and unnecessary. A Collector may certify that a Bill has not been paid, but between the dispatch of his certificate and its receipt by the Sub-Treasurer the Bill may be presented and paid, and the Sub-Treasurer may issue a second although the first has already been cashed. A second of a Bill is never granted without a separate advice being forwarded to the Drawee, and if existing checks are attended to, the first and second of the same Bill cannot be paid except through carelessness of the disbursing Officer. I would therefore recommend that the Sub-Treasurer may be authorized to grant second of a Bill at once, and without requiring any non-payment certificate, on the application of the Remitter and his certifying that the first is lost or miscarried.

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No. 17.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1861, No. 231.

From the margin of paragraph 2 of the Accountant General's letter it appears that while 2,500 Bills were issued during the three first months of the current year, only seven seconds were required to be furnished. A disproportion so great would not justify a change in the existing system to the extent suggested by the Chamber of Commerce in their Chairman's letter of the 12th ultimo.

2. The Government, however, as recommended, authorize the Sub-Treasurer to grant a second of a Bill at once and without requiring any non-payment certificate, on the application of the Remitter and his certifying that the first has been lost or miscarried.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Chamber of Commerce²
Madras 12th April 1861.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir

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It is submitted that the suggested change while it would be a great convenience to the Mercantile Community is not open as far as the Chamber can perceive to any legitimate objection, as it would only be conforming to the practice of Merchants, and Bankers, and the additional labor arising from the issue of Bills in duplicate would be trifling. It may also be observed that the Bills as at present issued purport to be drawn in sets.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,
A Wyard
Chairman

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containing
in duplicate
a bill all according
specimen in duplicate
Held in material
in deposit in the Bank
about -

They are given
in this form to provide for
a bill of exchange
if necessary

Fort-Saint-George
Accountants Office
No. 483
26 April 1861.

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The Accountant General
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
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From
The Chairman
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27th 12th 1860
23 April 1861.

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Chief Secretary

To the Chief Secretary 26/3/61

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The Sub Treasurer states that 2500 bills were issued in the three months January to March 1874.

3. The Rule under which a second of a bill of exchange cannot be issued until it is certified by the Drawer that the first has not been paid, is taken from the Bengal practice, but it is one which may in my opinion be dispensed with as useless and unnecessary. A Collector may certify that a bill has not been paid, but between the dispatch of his Certificate and its receipt by the Sub Treasurer the bill may be presented and paid, and the Sub Treasurer may issue a second although the first has already been cashed. A second of a bill is never granted without a separate advice being forwarded to the Drawer, and if existing checks are attended to, the first and

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Sir

Your obedient servant

M. M. M.
Account General

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The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 26th April 1861.

Received 27th April 1861.

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" " Accountant General - (" " 26th " " No 483.)

J.P.

The Sub Treasurer

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Dated 8 May 1861

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