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17th May 1861.

No. 26. Read the following letter from R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant General, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th May 1861, No. 1.

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated the 18th* ultimo, forwarding a letter from the Financial Secretary to the Government of India dated 28th March last, No. 3,727, on the subject of the dates fixed by the Budget and Audit Committee for the preparation and submission of the several Budget Estimates and Estimates of Cash requirements, I have the honor to state that in my opinion, the time allowed, viz., fifteen days for the preparation in this Office of the General Budget Estimates from the Departmental Estimates is not sufficient.

* Received 22nd.

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2. Premising that all these Estimates are received in this Office in due time; viz., by the 1st January, still there will be left only eleven working days which will not be a sufficient time in which to examine them, to return such

of them as may require revision, to receive them back in time for incorporation in the General Budget, and to print the details.

3. I pointed out, in para. 3 of my Report to Government on the General Budget Estimates for 1861/62, that several Departmental Estimates were not received in time, and that many had to be returned for correction. I also pointed

Dated 4th March 1861, No. 423.

out in the two following paras. that the full details given in the Departmental Estimates were printed in this Office and added to the Comparative Abstract marked XYZ, which however was not required to be done, but which was undertaken, in consequence of this Office having had to examine and collate the Estimates of the Collectors and Judges, and hence the details of these and other Estimates were at once printed and given in a complete form. The business of examining and collating the Estimates of the Collectors and Judges has, under the Orders of Government dated 26th March last, devolved on the Sudder Court and Board of Revenue respectively, but though this will in some measure, relieve this Office in coming years of the extra labor which devolved on it this year, still I consider that it will scarcely be possible to get through the work in eleven days, especially if the details above alluded to, are to be printed, as was done this year.

4. I would therefore suggest that Departmental Estimates be submitted to this Office on the 15th December instead of the 1st January. Estimating as they will for the ensuing year four or five months in anticipation, disbursing Officers will, perhaps, find less difficulty in submitting the returns fifteen days earlier than the date already named, while the time thus gained would be of real advantage to this Office in analyzing, and consolidating Departmental returns in the General Budget.

5. In respect to the Statement of cash requirements, I would solicit permission to submit it by the first Mail Steamer in February, which according to contract, will be about the 9th of the month. Were it possible to close it for despatch on the 1st, it could only be forwarded by ordinary post or tappal, and would hardly reach Calcutta before the first Suez Steamer of the month.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1861, No. 243.

In this letter the Accountant General points out that the time—viz., fifteen days—allowed by the Budget and Audit Committee in paragraph 57 of their report, No. 6, dated 27th October 1860, is not sufficient for the preparation in his Office of the General Budget Estimates from the Departmental Estimates.

2. He suggests therefore that the Departmental Estimates be submitted to his Office on the 15th December instead of the 1st January. The Sudder Court and Board of Revenue will

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accordingly so arrange as to have the Budget Statement for their respective Departments forwarded to the Accountant General by the date named by that Officer instead of that—viz., 1st January—fixed in the Proceedings of Government 26th March last, No. 160. The Accountant General will himself be pleased to issue corresponding instructions to the other heads of Departments who have to send their Estimates to him.

3. The Government see no objection to the submission, as proposed by the Accountant General, of the Statement of the cash requirements by the first Mail Steamer in February. Mr. Harrison will of course see that such Statement is sent in time to admit of its despatch to Calcutta by that Steamer.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 28. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 17th May 1861, No. 244.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 28th March last, No. 3,727, soliciting the opinion of this Government with reference to the dates proposed by the Budget and Audit Committee for the transmission of the several Budget Estimates and Estimates of Cash requirements.

2. I have to forward, in reply, a copy of a report from the Accountant General in which he points out, and this Government think, very conclusively that the time—viz., fifteen days—allowed is not sufficient for the preparation in his Office of the General Budget Estimates from the Departmental Estimates.

3. This Government have therefore, in accordance with Mr. Harrison's suggestion, instructed the Sudder Court and Board of Revenue so to arrange as to have the Budget Statement for their respective Departments forwarded to him by the date named by him viz., 15th December, instead of 1st January, and have authorized the Accountant General to issue corresponding instructions to the other Heads of Departments who have to furnish him with Estimates.

4. This Government is aware of no objection to the submission, as proposed by the Accountant General in the concluding paragraph of his present letter, of the Statement of the cash requirements by the first Mail Steamer in February. Mr. Harrison has, however, been requested to see that such Statement is sent in time to admit of its despatch to Calcutta by that Steamer.

5. The time which according to the Report of the Budget and Audit Committee has been allowed to this Government for examining the Budget Estimates and sending them in to the Financial Department of the Government of India—viz., from the 15th January to the 1st February or sixteen days—is but brief, but this Government will endeavour to conform to it as closely as possible.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

*Budget &
Finance Department*

*Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
6th May 1861*

From R. T. Harrison Esq^r

Accountant General

*To J. Pycroft Esq^r
Chief Secretary to Government*

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Order thereon 17 May 1861, N^o 243

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The Secretary to the
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