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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,  
23rd May 1861.*

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No. 46. Read the following Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, to the Military Finance Department, dated the 20th April 1861, No. 4,824.

Paragraph 3. As regards the Military Controller at Bombay adverted to in paragraph 14 of your Memo., I am directed to request that you will inform him that in the event of the Local Government sanctioning any grant "not provided for by an existing rule or regulation, or when incurred in opposition to his expressed opinion," he should pursue the same course as is done under similar circumstances of Civil Audit, viz., decline to pass the charge without distinct orders of the Local Government being repeated after he has represented the facts to the Local Government, and on such orders being repeated that he should comply with such orders and immediately report the case through you for the orders of this Government.

4. His Excellency in Council remarks that the Controller is in the position of an Auditor with no power to over-rule any order of the Local Government, but bound to report it through you to this Government if irregular.

5. Local Governments would however do well to consult the Controller in all such cases before issuing the order. In fact they should treat him as a confidential adviser placed there by the Government of India for the object common both to the Supreme and Local Governments, of assisting in keeping down Military expense, and enforcing observance of Rules and Estimates.

No. 4,825.

To the Government of Madras for information.

By order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council:  
(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,  
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

FORT WILLIAM,  
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,  
20th April 1861.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1861, No. 256.

Communicated to the Military and Public Works Departments.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
*Chief Secretary.*

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Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the  
Government of India in the Financial Department,  
to the Military Finance Department dated the  
20<sup>th</sup> April 1861 No. 4824

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No 4825

To the Government of Madras for information

By order of His Excellency the Governor Genl. in Council.

Fort William  
Int. Dept.  
The 20<sup>th</sup> April 1861



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