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Government of Madras.

*Financial* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*  
18th February 1862.

Read the following papers :—

No. 93. From Lieutenant Colonel T. McGOUN, Controller of Military Finance; to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 27th January 1862, A.

As directed in the Order of Government, No. 243 of 21st January 1862, I have the honor to submit herewith for approval a Draft G. O., notifying the modification of the existing Pay ranges of this Presidency as authorized by Government, and which I propose should take effect from the 1st March 1862.

2. I shall submit hereafter for approval the removals of Paymasters which I consider necessary consequent on these modifications.

DRAFT G. O. BY GOVERNMENT.

The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct the following modifications in the Pay Circles of the Madras Presidency.

The Pay Office of the Southern Division will be removed from Trichinopoly to Wellington.

The Pay Offices at Bellary and Cannanore will be abolished and the remaining Pay ranges will be reconstructed as follows :—

The eight Paymasters now authorized will be located at

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Madras.      | Secunderabad. |
| Bangalore.   | Kamptee.      |
| Wellington.  | Rangoon.      |
| Vizagapatam. | Poonamallee.  |

and the several Circles of payment will each comprise the stations detailed as follows :

PRESIDENCY CIRCLE.

*Pay Office, Madras.*

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Arcot.             | Nellore.             |
| Arnee.             | Ongole.              |
| Chingleput.        | Palaveram.           |
| Chittoor.          | Saint Thomas' Mount. |
| Cuddalore.         | Vellore.             |
| Fort Saint George. | Straits of Malacca.  |
| Guntoor.           |                      |

MYSORE CIRCLE.

*Pay Office, Bangalore.*

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Bangalore.    | Hoonsoor.   |
| Bellary.      | Mangalore.  |
| Cuddapah.     | Mysore.     |
| French Rocks. | Mercara.    |
| Ghooty.       | Oosoor.     |
| Hurryhur.     | Royacottah. |

and out-stations on the western coast to the North of Cannanore before included in the range of payment of the Paymaster Malabar and Canara.

NORTHERN CIRCLE.

*Pay Office, Vizagapatam.*

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Rajahmundry. | Cocanada.    |
| Vizagapatam. | Masulipatam. |
| Vizianagram. | Samulcottah. |
| Chicacole.   | Waltair.     |

SOUTH WESTERN CIRCLE.

*Pay Office, Wellington.*

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Cannanore.    | Palamcottah.  |
| Calicut.      | Quilon.       |
| Coimbatore.   | Tinnevely.    |
| Combaconum.   | Tranquebar.   |
| Malliapooram. | Trichinopoly. |
| Ootacamund.   | Trichoor.     |
|               | Wellington.   |

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18th February 1862.*

HYDERABAD SUBSIDIARY FORCE.

Pay Office, Secunderabad.

Secunderabad.  
Kurnool.

Jaulnah.

NAGPORE SUBSIDIARY FORCE.

Pay Office, Kamptee.

Jubbulpore.  
Kamptee.

Seetabuldee.

PEGU CIRCLE.

Pay Office, Rangoon.

Moulmein.  
Rangoon.

Thyetmyo.  
Tonghoo.

POONAMALLEE.

Pay Office, Poonamallee.

Poonamallee.

Tripasore.

The above arrangements will have effect from the 1st March 1862, and the Controller of Military Finance will issue such instructions, as may be necessary to carry into effect the change authorized.

Referred to the Financial Department, with Military Proceedings, No. 243 of the 21st instant.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
30th January 1862.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,  
*Secretary to Government.*

Forwarded with the previous letter, to the Accountant General for any remarks that he may have to make on the proposed modification of the existing Pay Circles and which he is requested to submit at an early date.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
11th February 1862.

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

No. 94 A. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th February 1862, No. 317.

Book and Adjustment Department.

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 11th instant, forwarding for my remarks a draft copy of G. O., notifying a modification of the existing Pay ranges of this Presidency from 1st of March next, I have the honor to state that there is nothing that I am aware of which calls for my observations.

It occurs to me however, that the interval between the appearance of the intended G. O., and the date of its coming into operation is so very short as to be likely to be attended with inconvenience.

No. 94.

ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1862, No. 155.

Communicated to the Military Department.

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

Exd. F. Cartledge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 1000.

To

*The Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.*

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 264, dated 15th January 1862, I am directed to append for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, the Proceedings of this Government marginally cited, and to report that His Excellency in Council has sanctioned the abolition prospectively of the Paymasterships of Bellary, Cannanore, Trichinopoly and Poonamallee, which will reduce their number from ten to six.

2. The Military Finance Department suggest the abolition of the Paymastership of the Pegu Division, but as this would involve delay in the adjustment of Accounts, as explained in paragraph 11 of the accompanying Report of the Controller of Military Finance, dated 10th ultimo A, the measure is therefore objectionable. I am further to remark on this point that, although the system of advances which now obtains in the Straits and which would have to be introduced in Pegu, if the Pay Office there be abolished, may not be found inconvenient, in adjusting the Accounts of the small force serving in the Straits, it may reasonably be doubted whether the same system would work equally well with the Accounts of a larger force and located as regards Postal communication in the more remote Stations of Pegu.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
18th March 1862.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Secretary to Government.*

*From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 27th January 1862, A; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

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2. I shall submit hereafter for approval, the removals of Paymasters which I consider necessary, consequent on these modifications.

*Draft G. O. by Government.*

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The Pay Office of the Southern Division will be removed from Trichinopoly to Wellington.

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| Bangalore. | Vizagapatam. | Kamptee.      | Poonamallee. |

and the several Circles of payment will each comprise the Stations detailed as follows:—

PRESIDENCY CIRCLE.

Pay Office, Madras.

|             |                    |            |                      |
|-------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Arcot.      | Cuddalore.         | Nellore.   | Saint Thomas' Mount. |
| Arnee.      | Fort Saint George. | Ongole.    | Vellore.             |
| Chingleput. | Guntoor.           | Palaveram. | Straits of Malacca.  |
| Chittoor.   |                    |            |                      |

## MYSORE CIRCLE.

## Pay Office, Bangalore.

|            |               |            |             |
|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Bangalore. | French Rocks. | Hoonsoor.  | Mercara.    |
| Bellary.   | Ghooty.       | Mangalore. | Oosoor      |
| Cuddapah.  | Hurryhur.     | Mysore.    | Royacottah. |

and Out-Stations on the Western Coast to the north of Cannanore, before included in the Range of payment of the Paymaster Malabar and Canara.

## NORTHERN CIRCLE.

## Pay Office, Vizagapatam.

|              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Rajahmundry. | Vizianagram. | Coconada.    | Samulcottah. |
| Vizagapatam. | Chicacole.   | Masulipatam. | Waltair.     |

## SOUTH WESTERN CIRCLE.

## Pay Office, Wellington.

|             |               |             |               |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Cannanore.  | Malliapoorum. | Quilon.     | Trichinopoly. |
| Calicut.    | Ootacamund.   | Tinnevely.  | Trichoor.     |
| Coimbatore. | Palamcottah.  | Tranquebar. | Wellington.   |
| Combaconum. |               |             |               |

## HYDERABAD SUBSIDIARY FORCE.

## Pay Office, Secunderabad.

Secunderabad.—Kurnool.—Jaulnah.

## NAGPORE SUBSIDIARY FORCE.

## Pay Office, Kamptee.

|             |          |         |              |
|-------------|----------|---------|--------------|
| Jubbulpore. | Kamptee. | Saugor. | Seetabuldee. |
|-------------|----------|---------|--------------|

## PEGU CIRCLE.

## Pay Office, Rangoon.

|           |          |           |          |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Moulmein. | Rangoon. | Thyetmyo. | Tonghoo. |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|

## POONAMALLEE.

## Pay Office, Poonamallee.

Poonamallee.—Tripasore.

The above arrangements will have effect from the 1st March 1862, and the Controller of Military Finance will issue such instructions as may be necessary to carry into effect the change authorised.

(Signed) T. McGOUN, Lieut.-Colonel,

Controller of Mily. Finance.

Referred to the Financial Department with Military Proceedings No. 243, of the 21st instant.

30th January 1862.

Forwarded, with the previous letter, to the Accountant General, for any remarks that he may have to make on the proposed modification of the existing Pay Circles—and which he is requested to submit at an early date.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
11th February 1862.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Extract from a letter from the Military Finance Department, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 5333 A, dated the 8th January 1862.

Paragraph I. We have long felt and urged a reduction of the number of Paymasters in the Madras Presidency, and we now enclose for consideration of the Government of India, correspondence as per margin,\* with the Military

\*From Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, dated 24th October 1861, A, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

We have to suggest, that the Governments of

Madras and Bombay be called on to state, whether it may not be feasible to reduce the number of Military Paymasters and Pay Examiners in these Presidencies.

2. We consider that the duties of the Madras and Bombay Presidencies could be carried out with five and three Paymasters, and that one Pay Examiner is sufficient for the audit of the Pay Accounts in each Presidency.

3. We have since received a letter,† copy of which we enclose from the Controller, Madras, in which that Officer proposes to abolish two Paymaster-ships, those of Bellary and Cannanore. This is a step in the right direction; but still only a step. We are of

opinion that another Paymastership in the Madras Presidency, and the Deputy Paymastership at Rangoon, might with advantage be abolished, and we would strongly urge that this be impressed upon the Madras Government. There are now six Paymasters for the whole of Bengal, whilst even with this reduction‡ there will remain seven in Madras.

From the Controller of Military Finance, Madras, 9th December 1861, No. 1519; to the Chief of the Military Finance Department, Calcutta.

I have the pleasure to annex the Order of Government on my letter of the 24th October 1861, recommending certain arrangements for filling up the vacancies about to take place in the Military Finance Department.

2. It will be observed that the Government has misapprehended the intent of my communication, which was merely to bring under timely consideration, a matter of much importance for the interests of Government, so that when the time for action arrived, there should be no delay. However, it is not material.

3. I have now under consideration and am obtaining information to enable me to bring under the notice of the Military Finance Department and the Government, the question of abolishing two Paymasterships, viz., Bellary and Cannanore.

4. There will be no difficulty in throwing the Bellary into the Bangalore Range; but I am not so sure about the best locality for the Southern and Cannanore Ranges. The Neilgherry Hills are in the former. The disbursements there are very numerous and will be greatly increased when the Railway is completed. They are centrally situated as regards Trichinopoly and Cannanore, and within easy reach of the Presidency, and now that Wellington is to cease to be a Station for a Regiment, there will be excellent accommodation available for an Office there, which is also central, as regards the Stations of Ootacamund, Coonoor, and Kotagherry, but I have not matured any thing yet, the information I possess being incomplete. We must have a Paymaster at Kamptee and another at Secunderabad and as nearly all the Native Pensioners are in the Northern Division, it would be impossible to dispense with one there, although it might be reduced to a Deputy Paymastership as has been done in the case of the Rangoon Office.

5. The whole subject however, will be fully reported on hereafter. I have merely glanced at the arrangements which might be made to meet the proposed abolition of two of the Offices.

No. 264.

True copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, with a request that they will state, whether it may not be feasible to reduce the number of Military Paymasters and Pay Examiners in that Presidency that the attention of that Government being especially drawn to the opinion expressed in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Military Finance Department.

FORT WILLIAM,  
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,  
15th January 1862.

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Referred for the consideration and report of the Controller of Military Finance, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 243 of the 21st January 1862.

1st February 1862.

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 10th February 1862, A; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to return herewith the document noted in the margin, forwarded to me for report, with your docket of the 1st February 1862.

2. The Military Finance Department in the document in question suggests for consideration, that the number of Paymasters in this Presidency, be reduced to five.

3. Government was recently pleased to sanction the abolition of the office of Paymaster at Cannanore and at Bellary, and the draft of the General Order for giving effect thereto, is now with His Excellency in Council. If further reductions are to be carried out, it becomes necessary to re-consider the whole question.

1. Presidency.
2. Bangalore.
3. Ceded Districts.
4. Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.
5. Nagpore do.
6. Northern Division.
7. Southern do.
8. Pegu do.
9. Cannanore.
10. Poonamallee.

4. There are now eight Paymasters and two Deputies in this Presidency, who are in charge of the Ranges noted in the margin; assent has already been given to the abolition of those at Bellary and Cannanore; it is proposed that two more should be reduced, and the question arises how this can best be carried out, with due regard to the public interests.

5. I think it will be conceded that it would be inexpedient to abolish those at Nagpore, or Hyderabad,—the Presidency Office cannot be dispensed with; nor can that at Bangalore; the choice therefore lies in the Northern, Southern and Pegu Ranges, and after giving the subject full consideration, I have arrived at the conclusion that the best arrangement for giving full effect to the proposal to reduce two more, will be to unite the Southern with the Presidency Division Range and the Pegu with the Northern Division Range.

6. Under this arrangement, the new Ranges would be as follows:—

- (1st.) Nagpore as at present with the addition of the Stations now being occupied by our Troops in the Saugor Territories.
- (2nd.) Hyderabad as at present with the addition of Kurnool.
- (3rd.) Bangalore as at present, with the addition of the Cannanore and Bellary Ranges.
- (4th.) The Presidency Division with the addition of the Southern Range, including Quilon.
- (5th.) The Northern Division with the addition of the Pegu Range.

7. Poonamallee to be abolished and the duties now performed by the Deputy Paymaster there to be added to the Presidency Range.

8. According to this re-arrangement, the number of Ranges would thus be reduced to five, viz:—

1. Nagpore Range.
2. Hyderabad do.
3. Bangalore do.
4. Northern do.
5. Presidency do.

with the Stations in each as noted in the accompanying Memorandum.

9. With reference to the Bangalore Range, it will be seen by a reference to the Map that Bangalore is centrally situated as regards the new Stations to be brought within the Range, all that will be required therefore for carrying out the change will be an adequate addition to the present Establishment, which can easily be obtained by transferring to it some of the best Clerks from the Offices to be abolished at Cannanore and Bellary.

10. I have suggested that the Southern be added to the Presidency Range from the circumstance that the Railway has brought the Stations of Trichinopoly and the Neilgherry Hills, (where the payments are chiefly made) within easy and rapid communication with the Presidency and no difficulty will therefore be experienced in amalgamating these Ranges.

11. The abolition of the Pegu Office will cause a change to be made in the mode of paying the Troops there, a change similar to what now exists on the payment of the Troops in the Straits: the system is simple; Commanding Officers take up advances of Pay on the 1st of the month; the Abstracts and Bills are forwarded by the Station Staff Officer to the Presidency Paymaster, in whose Accounts they are entered; they are afterwards transferred to the Pay Examiner, and when audited, the Military Accountant adjusts the advances with the Paymaster; beyond the

delay, which is in a great measure unavoidable from locality, this system of payment in the Straits works as smoothly, and as regularly as if the disbursements were made on Abstracts or Bills; a similar course could be pursued in paying the Troops in Burmah: the Native Regiments there, are now few, while the European Regiments have their own Paymasters; all that is required to give effect to the change is that Officers should have full and clear details, before the new system is carried out: the Troops would be paid on advances obtained from the Local Treasuries; the Station Staff Officers would forward the Abstracts and Bills by the Burmah Mail Steamer direct to the Paymaster at Vizagapatam, and the same course would be pursued for the adjustment of the advances which now obtains in the payment of the Troops in the Straits: there would be some delay, as in the case of the Troops there, in the final adjustment of the advances, and the Accounts could not be kept current as they now are in the Ranges in India, but this is a secondary consideration, and not of sufficient weight to interfere into the proposed arrangements generally.

12. The financial effects of these changes would be considerable, but they cannot be correctly stated, until it is ascertained what additional aid would be required for the Offices to be retained: the Paymasters at Nagpore and the Northern Division are "second class"—the Staff salary being Rupees 400 per mensem: but as the work of the reduced number will be increased, it would seem to me to be advisable that they should be all paid alike, and I would therefore recommend that the Staff salary for all be fixed at Rupees 600 per mensem, which with the Staff Corps Pay would be ample remuneration.

13. If the proposed arrangements are carried out, the following Junior Officers of the Department would be displaced according to existing Regulations, viz:—

Major Tod.  
Captain Magrath.  
Captain Pringle.  
Captain Clarke, Acting.

14. The Seniors in the List are,

Colonel Macdonald—Presidency.  
Major Russell—Trichinopoly.  
Major Greenlaw—Pegu.  
Major Taylor—Bangalore.  
Major Fraser—Hyderabad.

15. To complete the arrangement therefore, as far as the Officers are concerned, all that would require to be done would be to post Major Russell to Kamptee, and Major Greenlaw to the Northern Division.

16. It is always a source of regret when measures like the present, which are required for the good of the State, should affect individual interests; but it is unavoidable in some cases: it is not for me to suggest remedial measures, but it is due to the Officers who will be affected by the reductions if carried out, to record that they have always performed their duties in a manner to merit the favorable consideration of Government.

17. Having thus briefly pointed out what appears to me to be the best mode of giving effect to the proposal of the Military Finance Department to reduce the number of Paymasters in this Presidency to five, I would at the same time, with all deference and respect, submit for consideration, that all measures of this kind which have for their object the relief of the present financial difficulties of the country, should, if practicable, be general, and not special, prospective and not immediate;—otherwise, they fail to produce on the minds of those who are affected by them, the conviction of their expediency or necessity, and engender feelings of individual hardship, and general mistrust; these are considerations apart from the mere financial questions involved, but it is submitted, they should not be lost sight of in weighing the subject in all its other bearings.

Memorandum shewing the different Military Stations in the proposed re-arrangement of the Paymasters Ranges with the probable amount to be disbursed in each Range annually.

| Range.                                  | Stations.                | Probable annual disbursement. |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nagpore Range.<br>Major Russell.        | Kamptee.....             | 18,23,000 0 0                 |
|                                         | Seetabuldee.....         |                               |
|                                         | Hoosingabad.....         |                               |
|                                         | Nursingpore.....         |                               |
|                                         | Baitool.....             |                               |
|                                         | Chindwarrah.....         |                               |
|                                         | Jubbulpore.....          |                               |
| Hyderabad Range.<br>Major Fraser.       | Saugor.....              | 35,46,600 0 0                 |
|                                         | Secunderabad.....        |                               |
|                                         | Jaulnah.....             |                               |
| Northern Range.<br>Major Greenlaw.      | Kurnool.....             | 40,61,800 0 0                 |
|                                         | Masulipatam.....         |                               |
|                                         | Ellore.....              |                               |
|                                         | Dowlaishweram.....       |                               |
|                                         | Samulcottah.....         |                               |
|                                         | Waltair.....             |                               |
|                                         | Russelcondah.....        |                               |
|                                         | Vizagapatam.....         |                               |
|                                         | Chicacole.....           |                               |
|                                         | Burhampore.....          |                               |
|                                         | Cuttack.....             |                               |
|                                         | Rangoon.....             |                               |
|                                         | Thyetmyo.....            |                               |
| Mysore Range.<br>Major Taylor.          | Tonghoo.....             | 58,09,800 0 0                 |
|                                         | Moulmein.....            |                               |
|                                         | Bangalore.....           |                               |
|                                         | Mysore.....              |                               |
|                                         | Mercara.....             |                               |
|                                         | French Rocks.....        |                               |
|                                         | Hoonsoor.....            |                               |
|                                         | Hurryhur.....            |                               |
|                                         | Cannanore.....           |                               |
|                                         | Calicut.....             |                               |
| Presidency Range.<br>Colonel Macdonald. | Mulliaipooram.....       | 88,65,000 0 0                 |
|                                         | Mangalore.....           |                               |
|                                         | Bellary.....             |                               |
|                                         | Ramandroog.....          |                               |
|                                         | Cuddapah.....            |                               |
|                                         | Madras.....              |                               |
|                                         | Saint Thomas' Mount..... |                               |
|                                         | Palaveram.....           |                               |
|                                         | Vellore.....             |                               |
|                                         | Arcot.....               |                               |
|                                         | Poonamallee.....         |                               |
|                                         | Cuddalore.....           |                               |
|                                         | Tripasore.....           |                               |
|                                         | Trichinopoly.....        |                               |
|                                         | Quilon.....              |                               |
|                                         | Palamcottah.....         |                               |
|                                         | Neilgherry Hills.....    |                               |
|                                         | Penang.....              |                               |
|                                         | Singapore.....           |                               |
|                                         | Malacca.....             |                               |

(Signed) T. McGOUN, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Controller of Military Finance.

Referred for the observations of the Commander-in-Chief, with letter from the Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, No. 264, dated 15th January 1862.

12th February 1862.

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From the Acting Accountant General, Fort Saint George, 17th February 1862, No. 317; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

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Order.—Communicated to the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 20th February 1862, No. 176; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to letter from the Controller of Military Finance, dated 10th February 1862 A, referred under date the 12th idem, for the observations of the Commander-in-Chief, with letter from the Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, No. 264, of the 15th January 1862, I have the honor, by order to state for the information of Government, that His Excellency Sir Hope Grant approves of the proposed reduction of the Pay Circles of this Presidency.

ORDER, No. 999, 18th March 1862.

His Excellency the Governor in Council having carefully considered the subject of the foregoing papers is of opinion, that the Paymastership of Pegu ought to be retained. The abolition of the Office would considerably retard the adjustment of the Accounts—and on this ground is objectionable.

2. Government further consider that the other proposed changes, which are approved, should only be effected as vacancies occur among the Paymasters.

3. Ordered that the Controller of Military Finance be requested to submit, for publication, a revised draft G. O. modifying the Pay Circles as now sanctioned.

(True Copies.)

Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 19th December 1861, A; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

A considerable reduction in the number of Paymasters having recently been effected in the Bengal Presidency, it has been urged upon me by the Military Finance Department that by a modification of the existing Pay Circles in this Presidency also, the Paymasterships of Trichinopoly, Cannanore and Bellary might be abolished, and their duties transferred to other Paymasters.

2. Having given the subject careful consideration, I have now the honor to submit, for the approval and sanction of Government, the following Plan for re-constructing the present Pay Circles, so as to effect a reduction of two Paymasters without impairing (as I believe) the efficiency of the public service.

\*Presidency. Bangalore.  
Trichinopoly. Ceded Districts.  
Pegu. Nagpore.  
Hyderabad Subsidiary Force. Vizagapatam.

†Malabar Canara, Poonamallee.

3. There are at present (including Pegu) eight\* Paymasters and two† Deputy Paymasters on the Madras Establishment, a large number if we consider that for Bengal and the whole of the lesser Provinces, six Paymasters are now held to be sufficient.

4. The present Pay Circles are.

Presidency Circle.  
Pay Office, Madras.  
Arcot. Nellore.  
Arnee. Ongole.  
Chingleput. Palaveram.  
Chittoor. Saint Thomas' Mount  
Fort Saint George. Vellore and the Straits  
Guntoor. Settlement.

Mysore Circle.  
Pay Office, Bangalore.  
Bangalore. Mysore.  
French Rocks. Mercara.  
Hurryhur. Oossoor.  
Hoonsoor. Royacottah.

Southern Division.  
Pay Office Trichinopoly.  
Cuddalore. Ootacamund.  
Coimbatore. Tinnevely.  
Combaconum. Tranquebar.  
Palamcottah. Wellington.

Malabar and Canara.  
Pay Office Cannanore.  
Cannanore. Mangalore.  
Calicut. Quilon.  
Malliappooram. Trichoor.

The proposed Circles are.

Presidency Circle.  
Pay Office, Madras.  
Stations included in this Circle to be the same as at present, with the addition of Cuddalore.

Mysore Circle.  
Pay Office, Bangalore.  
Bellary, Cuddapah and Gooty, also Mangalore and out-stations on the Western Coast, at present in the range of payment of the Paymaster Malabar and Canara to be added to the Mysore Circle.

It is proposed to have merely one Paymaster to take the duties of both these Circles, with his Pay Office at Wellington, which is centrally situated in respect to both the Southern Division and Western Coast. The Quarter Master General states in reply to a reference made to him on the subject that "there will be no difficulty in allotting public accommodation there for the Paymaster, and his Office Establishment." The combined Office might be called the

South Western Circle.  
Mangalore is added to the Mysore Circle, the communication by sea between that Station and the Southward being entirely interrupted during the prevalence of the S. W. Monsoon, whereas with Bangalore it is always open and comparatively speedy.

Northern Division.  
Pay Office Vizagapatam.

Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.  
Pay Office, Secunderabad.

Nagpore Subsidiary Force.  
Pay Office Kamptee.

Pegu Division.  
Pay Office Rangoon.

No change proposed in these Circles, with the exception of transferring Kurnool to the Hyderabad Circle.

5. I do not recommend at present that the Depôt at Poonamallee should be transferred to the Paymaster Presidency, as the numerous details consequent on the arrival and departure of Officers and men belonging to the different Regiments in the Presidency are much more efficiently and promptly managed under the present arrangement of having an Officer on a very moderate salary to perform the duties of both Commandant and Paymaster. The Paymaster Presidency states further that he could not undertake the duties of Poonamallee in addition to his own without an Assistant.

50 Rs. as Commandant.

200 Rs. as Dy. Paymaster.

6. The revision of Circles above proposed would have the effect of reducing altogether the Paymastership of Bellary and Deputy Paymastership of Malabar and Canara; and of transferring the Paymaster Trichinopoly to Wellington. The saving that would result therefrom cannot be exactly estimated until such time as the Paymasters at Bangalore and Trichinopoly shall be able to ascertain what increase to their respective Establishments would be necessary to meet the requirements of the extra duties proposed to be given them. But the saving would of course involve the salaries of a 2nd Class and Deputy Paymaster and of a considerable portion of their Establishments, besides reducing the number of public servants entitled to Superannuation Pension.

7. The recently introduced system of payment by Cheque gives great facility for carrying out a reduction of the present number of Paymasters.

8. Annexed is a Memorandum of the probable saving which would be effected by the proposed reductions. It is not great, for the Pay Officers in this Presidency are worked very economically, so much so, that it is questionable whether the saving will counterbalance the probable inconvenience which will be experienced if the proposed measure is carried out; but as six ranges are considered sufficient for Bengal, the retention of so many in excess of that number in this Presidency could not well be defended on principles of economy or grounds of expediency or necessity.

9. Should His Excellency in Council approve of the foregoing suggestions, I shall be prepared to submit a draft of a General Order to give effect to the same.

Probable saving that will be effected by the abolition of the Pay Officers at Bellary and Cannanore.

| Bellary.                                         |     |    |    | Cannanore. |                                  |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|------------|----------------------------------|----|----|
|                                                  | RS. | A. | P. |            | RS.                              | A. | P. |
| Paymaster's Salary.....                          |     |    |    |            | 400                              | 0  | 0  |
| Establishment.....                               | 289 | 0  | 0  |            |                                  |    |    |
| Deduct Increase to be given to Bangalore.....    | 100 | 0  | 0  |            | 189                              | 0  | 0  |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            | 589                              | 0  | 0  |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            | $0 \times 12 = 7,068$            |    |    |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            |                                  |    |    |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            | 300                              | 0  | 0  |
| Paymaster's Salary.....                          |     |    |    |            |                                  |    |    |
| Establishment.....                               | 350 | 0  | 0  |            |                                  |    |    |
| Deduct Increase to be given to Trichinopoly..... | 100 | 0  | 0  |            | 250                              | 0  | 0  |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            | 550                              | 0  | 0  |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            | $0 \times 12 = 6,600$            |    |    |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            |                                  |    |    |
|                                                  |     |    |    |            | Total per annum Rupees... 13,668 |    |    |

(Signed) T. McGOUN, Lieut. Colonel,  
Controller of Mily. Finance.

Referred for the observations of the Commander-in-Chief.  
6th January 1862.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 14th January 1862, No. 46; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In reply to the referred letter from the Controller of Military Finance, dated 19th ultimo, A, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to state for the information of Government, that His Excellency approves of the Plan therein submitted for re-constructing the present Pay Circles, so as to effect a reduction in the number of Paymasters.

ORDER, No. 243, 21st January 1862.

The Governor in Council approves the modification of the existing Pay Circles in this Presidency, proposed by the Controller of Military Finance in his letter above recorded; and requests him to submit draft of a G. O., giving effect to his suggestions.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Finance.  
" Adjutant General.  
" Military Accountant.  
" Military Finance Department.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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Office of Cont. of Mily. Finance  
Fort St. George 27<sup>th</sup> January 1862.

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From Lieut. Colonel T. McGonn.  
Controller of Military Finance.

To Colonel H. Marshall.  
Secretary to Government.  
Military Department.

Sir,

As directed in the order of Govern-  
ment No. 243 of 21<sup>st</sup> January 1862. I  
have the honor to submit herewith for  
approval a Draft L. O. notifying the modifi-  
cation of the existing Pay ranges of this  
Presidency as authorized by Government  
and which I propose should take effect from  
the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1862.

I shall submit hereafter for approval  
the removals of Paymasters which I consider  
necessary consequent on these modifications.

I have &c.

(Signed) T. McGonn. Lt. Col.  
Controller of Mily. Finance.

Recd 1862. Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

No 243

Proceeding of 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1862

The L. O. is sent in  
drafted copy of the existing  
Presidency of this Pres.  
Pay scales in this Pres.  
-Colonel's pay is not  
by the President's order  
-Finance in his own  
-as a request from  
-to submit a copy  
-of a L. O. to be  
-effect to his original  
-board.

*Draft*  
G. O. by Government

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The Honorable the Governor in Council  
is pleased to direct the following modifications  
in the Pay Circles of the Madras Presidency

The Pay Office of the Southern  
Division will be removed from Trichinopoly  
to Wellington

The Pay Offices at Bellary and  
Cannanore will be abolished and the re-  
maining Pay Ranges will be reconstructed as  
follows:-

The eight Paymasters now  
authorized will be located at

Madras  
Bangalore  
Wellington  
Vizagapatam

Secunderabad  
Kamptee  
Rangoon  
Poonamallee

and the several Circles of Payment will  
each comprise the Stations detailed as  
follows:-

Presidency Circle  
Arcot  
Annee  
Chingleput  
Chittoor  
Cuddalore  
Fort St. George  
Suntor

Pay Office Madras  
Mellore  
Ongole  
Palavaram  
St. Thomas Mount  
Vellore  
Straits of Malacca

Mysore

Fort Saint George,  
Accountant General's Office,  
17 February 1862,

N: 317

Adj. and Adjustment Department

From

The Acting Accountant General

To

The Chief Secretary to Government  
Fort Saint George

Sir, With reference to the order of Government dated 11<sup>th</sup> instant, forwarding for my remarks a draft copy of G. O. notifying a modification of the existing Pay ranges of this Presidency from 1<sup>st</sup> of March next, I have the honor to state that there is nothing that I am aware of which calls for my observations.

It occurs to me however that the interval between the appearance of the intended G. O. and the date of its coming into operation is so very short as to be likely to be attended with inconvenience.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
P. Lebrun  
Acting Accountant General

Comd'g  
M. Trobas

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14. 2nd Aug 1862 No. 30/62

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From

The Comr. of Military Revenue

To the Secretary to Govt  
(Indy. Copy)

1862 27<sup>th</sup> }  
Rec: 28<sup>th</sup> } 24th Aug 1862

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Welcome me.

Submitted for approval  
draft of G. O. notifying mod-  
ifications in the pay  
ranges of the Presidency  
Refer to Revenue Dept. 11/11/62  
1862 from - do - 18/11/62 -  
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1862 27<sup>th</sup> }  
Rec: 28<sup>th</sup> } 24th Aug 1862

Referred to the Financial  
Department with Military  
Proceedings No. 2213 of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant.

(Sd) Marshall Col.  
Secretary to Govt

To the Financial Department  
with No. 2213 of 21/11/62

The Accountant General  
11/11/62  
1862 27<sup>th</sup> }  
Rec: 28<sup>th</sup> } 24th Aug 1862

Submitted with the from an order to the  
Accountant General for any remarks that he  
may have to make on the proposed modification  
of the existing Pay Ranges and which  
he is requested to submit at an early date

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