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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th February 1862.*

Read again letter from the Controller of Military Finance, dated 21st and recorded in Proceedings of the 22nd February 1862, No. 164.

No. 117. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 25th February 1862, No. 327.

Book and Adjustment Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 164, dated 22nd instant, requesting me to report whether there appears to me to be any objection to the present arrangement in regard to the disposal of the effects and credits of deserters and deceased Officers and men, being maintained, and in reply to state that so far as this Office is concerned there would be no objection to a continuance of the present practice, but as the rules submitted with my letter, No. 304, dated 7th idem were drawn up in conformity with those which, under the Orders of the Government of India, have been prescribed for adoption in Bengal, and as the Board of Audit insist on a complete uniformity of practice in matters connected with Account and Finance, I would beg to suggest that the question be referred for the consideration of the Supreme Government.

2. I observe that the Order of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 22nd August 1861, was directed to be sent to the Military Department for communication to the Offices of Audit, Pay and Account under that Department. It is presumed therefore that the Military Finance Commission is cognizant of the arrangement authorized by the Government of India.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1862, No. 175.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Military Department in reference to the report of the Controller of Military Finance on the proposed arrangement with regard to the disposal of the effects and credits of deserters and deceased Officers and men.

2. Under the considerations adverted to in the Accountant General's letter, the Government agree with him that it would be advisable to refer the question for the Orders of the Government of India. A reference will therefore be made at once to that Government, but meanwhile the course hitherto followed will not be disturbed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 119. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 28th February 1862, No. 176.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward for submission to the Government of India, the accompanying copies

Dated respectively, 21st and 25th February 1862.

of letters from the Controller of Military Finance and the Acting Accountant General, on

the subject of the proposed arrangement in regard to the disposal of the effects and credits of deserters and deceased Officers and men, consequent on the transfer of the Treasury business to the Bank of Madras.

No. 3. The Custody in Deposit and Credit of the Assets of Deserters, deceased Officers and Soldiers, (both in Cash and Articles deposited) and the preparation of the Accounts and Periodical Statements connected therewith.

This duty will from 1st March next, be transferred to the Presidency Paymaster, who will transmit daily to the Bank of Madras the Cash received by him in order that it may be credited to its proper head of account, and will deposit with the Bank all articles of value (such as Medals, Jewels, &c.,) for safe custody, taking a receipt for the same, and rendering to the Government for publication in the Gazette, the Periodical Statements prescribed by them. The Paymaster will also withdraw from the Bank, and after obtaining the prescribed No Demand Certificates from the Military Accountant and Deputy Auditor General will, from time to time, remit any sums re-payable to Officers in the interior of the country, under the General Orders relating to such payments, or will pay them over to the Administrators to the Estates, or remit them Home, as the case may require. The action of the Presidency Paymaster will however only commence from the date of transfer, the previous accounts being made over to the Accountant General to whom all references regarding past transactions will be made by the Presidency Paymaster.

2. The arrangement to which the Controller of Military Finance has taken exception is that detailed in paragraph 3 of the Draft Rules submitted with my letter, No. 112, dated the 7th February, and is quoted in the margin for the sake of easy reference. These Rules, it must be remarked, were drawn up in conformity with the Rules sanctioned for adoption in Bengal.

3. The Controller of Military Finance submits that he is unable to perceive the advantages to be realized by the changes in existing arrangements proposed in the Rule above quoted, and considers that they are subversive of the system of Military Account lately introduced and now on the point of being

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brought to a successful issue. He observes that it has been a main object with the Military Finance Department to establish a distinction between the Executive or Disbursing Officer, and the Accounting Officer, and that in furtherance of this object the labor of the Paymaster has been lightened and his responsibility diminished, while the Military Accountant has become the sole Accounting Officer to Government as far as regards Military expenditure. The present arrangement, he adds, is in strict accordance with this principle.

4. The Acting Accountant General, to whom Lieutenant Colonel McGoun's letter was referred, states that so far as his Office is concerned there would be no objection to a continuance of the present practice; but as the Rules which prescribe the change were prepared in accordance with those sanctioned for Calcutta, and as the Board of Audit insist on a complete uniformity of practice in matters connected with Account and Finance, he suggests that the question be referred for the consideration of the Supreme Government.

5. I am accordingly desired to submit the papers to the Government of India, and to solicit their early instructions on the question under reference. Pending the receipt of those instructions, I am to state, the course of procedure hitherto followed will not be disturbed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

*Book and Adjustment
Department*

N^o 327

*Fort Saint George
Account^t Gen^l Office
25 February 1862.*

From

The A^ct Accountant General

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort S^t George

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*Enclosure
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of the arrangement authorized by the Government
of India.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. L. Livingston

A^d. Accountant General

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Report of the Controller of mili-
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Despatch 4th March.

Financial Department

No 176

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Financial Department

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Lt. Col. Geo.
28th February

In regard to the disposal of
the effects & credits of disor-
ders & deceased Officers & Men
consequent on the trans-
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to the Madras Bank.

Feb 1862 (Departments)

No 170.

To
The Secretary to the Govt
of India

D/28th February 62

Replied to 26th May 1862.
No 506.

Solicits early instructions
of the Government of India on the
question regarding the disposal
of the effects and credits of disorders
and deceased officers and men
consequent on the transfer of the
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of Madras.