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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
25th March 1862.*

No. 74. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department,
dated 18th March 1862, No. 999.

*Observing after a careful consideration of cer-
tain papers on the subject of the modification
of the existing Pay Ranges of this Presidency
that the Paymastership of Pegu ought to be
retained, and directing the Controller of Mili-
tary Finance to submit for publication a
revised draft G. O., modifying the Pay Circles
as now sanctioned.*

(Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated
18th March 1862, Nos. 369—375.)

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1862, No. 234.
Communicated to the Accountant General.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

From the Controller of Military Finance, dated 19th December 1861, A. } Recorded in Proceedings of }
From the Adjutant General of the Army, dated 14th January 1862, No. 46. } Govt. dated 21st January 1862, No. 243. } Read again the papers noted in the margin.

Read the following papers:—

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

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 authorised 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.

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 Controller and the Government of Madras, on the subject of the arrangements for the Offices of the Military Finance Department.

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.

With Report of the Controller of Military Finance, 10th February 1862, A.

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.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 18th February 1862, No. 155.
From the Acting Accountant General, Fort Saint George, 17th February 1862, No. 317; to the
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

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.

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.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Financial Dept. | Here enter 18th March 1862, No. 1000.

(True Extract.)

M. M. M. M.
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Finance.

„ Adjutant General.
„ Military Accountant.
„ Financial Department. *With 3 copies Copies*
„ Military Finance Department.

Exd. A. A. DeMonte.

