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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th May 1862.*

No. 24. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 31st March 1862, No. 2,429.

Read again the undermentioned papers relative to the authority and conditions under which the appointment of Officers in the Military Finance Department should be made, and to a scheme for the appointment of six young Military Officers to do duty in the Pay Department, with a view to their learning the forms of business connected with Pay and Accounts, &c. :—

Letter from Military Finance Department, No. 5,582A, dated the 17th January 1862.

Letter to Ditto Ditto Ditto, No. 1,372, dated 21st February 1862.

Extract, Military Department, No. 866, dated 27th February 1862.

Financial Resolution, No. 1,717, dated 11th March 1862.

Read the letters, marginally noted, from the Military Finance Department, regarding the proper division of duties between the Military and Financial Departments, in respect to the notifying of appointments, &c., in the Military Finance Department, and the proper channel for references to be made to Government by that Department.

No. 6,937, dated the 6th instant.
„ 6,987, dated „ 7th „

OBSERVATIONS.—It seems to His Excellency the Governor General in Council that the letter from this Department, No. 1,372, dated the 21st February, disposed of the main questions now raised by the Military Finance Department. Its *first* paragraph approves the rules proposed by the Military Finance Department for the appointment of Officers to the Department, while its *third* paragraph orders that, so far as the *appointment of Officers* is concerned, the channel of communication with Government should be the Financial Department.

The recent reference from England regarding stores, to which allusion is also made by the Military Finance Department, was, His Excellency in Council observes, forwarded to the Military Department in accordance with the principle enunciated in the 4th paragraph of the Orders of the 21st February last. On reconsideration, however, it appears to His Excellency in Council that the bearing of those orders upon questions relating to Indents and Stores admitted of the preferable course being followed, of forwarding the reference alluded to to the Military Finance Department, with instructions for that Department to communicate and consult with the Military Department.

Henceforth, then, it will be understood that all appointments, transfers, and promotions in the Military Finance Department shall be Gazetted from the Financial Department, but that the Military Department shall always be previously consulted as to the *appointments*, that Department having the first claim on the services of Officers, and that all references from the Home Authorities touching Indents and Stores, which of necessity involve financial considerations, shall, as a rule, in future be forwarded direct to the Military Finance Department.

Under these orders, the appointment of the six Officers to do duty in the Pay Department will be Gazetted in this Department, and the Draft of the General Order, submitted by the Military Finance Department, should be transferred from the Military Department with all necessary particulars as to the Officers selected, &c., &c.

It only remains to notice the representation made by the Military Finance Department, in their letter, No. 6,987A, dated the 7th instant, from which it would appear that the Bombay Government have recently made the appointments noted in the margin, without offering them any opportunity of expressing their opinions on appointments, “on the nature of which the effective working of the Department in the “Bombay Presidency mainly depends.”

Lieutenant Colonel Barr, Staff Corps, to officiate as Controller of Military Finance.
Lieutenant Colonel Vincent, Staff Corps, to officiate as Accountant, Military and Naval Departments, *vice* Barr.
Major Coley, 10th Native Infantry, to officiate as Military and Marine Pay Master at the Presidency, *vice* Vincent.

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution, and a copy of both the letters from the Military Finance Department, be forwarded to the Military Department, in continuation of the communication of the 21st February last, with the remark that if the Military Department find the working of the present arrangements unsatisfactory (as far as the Military Finance Department

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is concerned), it is open to that Department to raise the question at any time, whether any change should be made in the arrangements which have been sanctioned, or in the relations of the Military Finance Department to the Military and Financial Departments, keeping in view the general principles and objects for which the Military Finance Department has been constituted.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, with the exception of the last paragraph, which relates only to the Military Department of the Government of India, for information and guidance, and to the Military Finance Department, for information.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. BERNARD,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1862, No. 340.

Communicated to the Military Department with reference to the Order of Government, dated 27th March last, No. 240.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 2429.

*EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial
Department, d. 31st March 1862.*

READ again the under-mentioned papers relative to the authority and conditions under which the appointment of Officers in the Military Finance Department should be made, and to a scheme for the appointment of six young Military Officers to do duty in the Pay Department, with a view to their learning the forms of business connected with Pay and Accounts, &c.:—
Letter from Military Finance Department, No. 5582a, dated the 17th January 1862.

Letter to Ditto Ditto Ditto, No. 1872, dated the 21st February 1862.

Extract, Military Department, No. 866, dated 27th February 1862.

Financial Resolution, No 1717, dated 11th March 1862.

Read the letters, marginally noted, from the Military Finance Department, regarding the proper division of duties between the Military and Financial Departments, in respect to the notifying of appointments, &c., in the Military Finance Department, and the proper channel for references to be made to Government by that Department.

No. 6997, dated the 6th instant,
" 6987, dated " 7th "

OBSERVATIONS.—It seems to His Excellency the Governor General in Council that the letter from this Department, No. 1372, dated the 21st February, disposed of the main questions now raised by the Military Finance Department. Its first paragraph approves the rules proposed by the Military Finance Department for the appointment of Officers to the Department, while its third paragraph orders that, so far as the appointment of Officers is concerned, the channel of communication with Government should be the Financial Department.

The recent reference from England regarding stores, to which allusion is also made by the Military Finance Department, was, His Excellency in Council observes, forwarded to the Military Department in accordance with the principle enunciated in the 4th paragraph of the orders of the 21st February last. On re-consideration, however, it appears to His Excellency in Council that the bearing of those orders upon questions relating to Indents and Stores admitted of the preferable course being followed, of forwarding the reference alluded to to the Military Finance Department, with instructions for that Department to communicate and consult with the Military Department.

Henceforth, then, it will be understood that all appointments, transfers, and promotions in the Military Finance Department shall be gazetted from the Financial Department, but that the Military Department shall always be previously consulted as to the appointments, that Department having the first claim on the services of officers, and that all references from the Home Authorities

touching Indents and Stores, which of necessity involve financial consideration shall, as a rule, in future be forwarded direct to the Military Finance Department.

Under these orders, the appointment of the six Officers to do duty Pay Department will be gazetted in this Department, and the draft General Order, submitted by the Military Finance Department, should be referred from the Military Department with all necessary particulars as Officers selected, &c., &c.

It only remains to notice the representation made by the Military Finance Department, in their letter, No. dated the 7th instant, from which would appear that the Bombay Government have recently made the appointments noted in the margin, offering them any opportunity of expressing their opinions on appointment "on the nature of which the effective working of the Department "Bombay Presidency mainly depends."

ORDERED, that a copy of the above Resolution, and a copy of letters from the Military Finance Department, be forwarded to the Department, in continuation of the communication of the 21st February with the remark that if the Military Department find the working of the present arrangements unsatisfactory (as far as the Military Finance Department is concerned), it is open to that Department to raise the question at any time whether any change should be made in the arrangements which have been mentioned, or in the relations of the Military Finance Department to the Military and Financial Departments, keeping in view the general principles and for which the Military Finance Department has been constituted.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, with the exception of the last paragraph which relates only to the Military Department of the Government of India, for information and guidance, and to the Military Finance Department, for their consideration.

(A true Extract)

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Under-Secretary to the Government of India

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