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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
24th June 1862.*

No. 80. Read the following letter from the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department; to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, the 28th May 1862, No. 3,745.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 176, dated the 26th February last, and its annexures, submitting for consideration an objection taken by the Controller of Military Finance at Madras, to the arrangement connected with the custody of the effects and credits of deserters and deceased officers and soldiers and the preparation of the accounts, from the date of the transfer of the business of the General Treasury to the local Bank.

2. In reply, I am desired to forward for your information and guidance a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, as it seems probable that there has been some misapprehension as to the nature of the change effected in Bengal, where the final check and adjustment of such accounts is exercised by the Military Accountant, and to observe that the establishment of a uniform mode of procedure in all Offices of Audit and Account is of the first importance, as affecting the efficiency of the supervision exercised by the Military Finance Department. It is, therefore, considered desirable that the adoption of the system sanctioned by Government for the custody and check of Military deposits in Bengal, should be enforced at Madras and Bombay.

From Military Finance Department, to Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, No. 7,775a, dated 1st April 1862.
Reply to the above, No. 269, dated 8th April 1862.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Bombay, for information.

From the Military Finance Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, No. 7,775a, dated 1st April 1862.

From the Military Accountant, No. 4,518a, dated 13th March 1862.
From the Sub-Treasurer, to the Presidency Pay Master, No. 1,120.
From the Controller of Military Finance, No. 5,032, dated 20th March 1862.

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the consideration and final Orders of Government, certain correspondence, marginally noted, on the subject of the custody of deposits on account of estates of European and Native deceased soldiers.

2. In consequence of the transfer of the business of the General Treasury to the Bank of Bengal, it becomes necessary that some definite and efficient arrangements should be made for conducting the duties connected with the deposits on account of the estates of deceased soldiers, which duties have hitherto been conducted by the Sub-Treasurer.

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3. You will perceive from the accompanying letter from the Military Accountant, that that Officer suggests that these duties should be transferred to the Presidency Pay Master, so that the account of Military estates would be shewn in that Officer's monthly account current with the Military Accountant. By this means the Office of the Military Accountant, being one of final adjustment, might very appropriately be made to exercise the same check over the monies that are credited and charged in the Pay Master's accounts that was exercised by the Accountant General when the duties connected with the deposit of estates of deceased soldiers were in the hands of the Sub-Treasurer.

4. The mode of procedure proposed to be followed, is for the Presidency Pay Master on receiving deposits on account of estates of deceased soldiers to at once make over the deposits to the Secretary to the Bank of Bengal, to be credited under the head of "Military Remittances," in favor of the Auditor General; but when monies require to be withdrawn from the Bank for payment to the legal representatives of estates, it is considered sufficient to include them in the Presidency Pay Master's monthly estimate of cash requirements, and to exhibit the same in the monthly disbursements.

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5. If Government approve of these arrangements, it will be necessary to allow the Presidency Pay Master an additional establishment for this purpose, and I would recommend that the sanction of Government be accorded to the entertainment of such additional establishment to the extent of Rupees 176 per mensem, that having been the cost of the establishment employed by the Sub-Treasurer when the duties in question were conducted by him.

6. It is expedient that final orders on this subject should be issued without delay, as definite arrangements must be made for conducting the duties connected with the estates of deceased soldiers, so that the accounts may not be allowed to get into confusion.

7. I may add that pending the Orders of Government, I have requested the Controller to provide for carrying on the current duties, which he has done.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief of the Military Finance Department, No. 269, dated 8th April 1862.

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council approves of the arrangements proposed in your letter, No. 7,775a, dated the 1st instant, for the custody, &c., of the assets of deserters, deceased officers, and soldiers by the Presidency Pay Master, in accordance with the Order (No. 3) of Government, in the Financial Department, under date 3rd January 1862, and to request that you will cause the usual tabular statement of the establishment required, the cost of which should not exceed Rupees (176) one hundred and seventy-six per mensem, equal to the cost of the establishment employed on the same duties by the Sub-Treasurer, to be submitted as soon as possible for the Orders of Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1862, No. 467.

Ordered to be communicated to the Controller of Military Finance and the Accountant General for information and guidance, in reference to their letters, dated respectively the 21st and 25th February 1862, No. 327, and the Proceedings of Government of the 28th idem, No. 175.

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

From the Military Finance Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, No. 7775a, d. 1st April 1862.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith, for the consideration and

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From the Sub-Treasurer, to the Presidency Pay Master, No. 1120.
From the Controller of Military Finance, No. 5932, dated 20th March 1862.

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E. Drummond

Copy to the Secy to the Govt of India

No. 3745

FROM THE HON'BLE E. DRUMMOND,

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT;

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Fort William, Council Chamber, the 26th May 1862.

Financial Department.

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Military Department, No. 7775a, dated 1st April 1862.
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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

E. Drummond

Secretary to the Government of India.

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The Secy to the Govt
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new law should be
the subject of a
report in the
next session of the
Council of the
Government of India.

Order of the Secy

in relation to the
British India and the
Council of the Govt
of India, in reference
to the letter of 25th May 1862.
and the Secy of the
Govt of India, 25th May 1862.

to the Secretary of
the Council of the
Govt of India, 25th May 1862.