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Government of Madras.

Financial. DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
1st August 1862.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from G. A BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 23rd July 1862, No. 59.

A little time ago, I received a letter from the Acting Accountant General, directing that one per cent. premium was to be charged on all ordinary privilege remittance receipts. I wrote to that Officer pointing out that under the former rules Covenanted, as well as Uncovenanted, Public Officers whose salaries exceeded Rupees 100 per mensem were supplied without charge of any sort with Bills of Exchange at 5 days' sight on Madras or any Provincial Treasury for such portions of their salaries as they wished to remit; that these bills were superseded by privilege remittance transfer receipts, which until his letter under notice were granted at par; that it would be felt as a hardship if 1 per cent. premium was now charged; and that I trusted a more liberal interpretation of Sections 52 and 53 of the Audit rules might be adopted and the Transfer receipts granted at par as hitherto. I regret to find the Acting Accountant General conceives that he cannot accede to this proposition.

2. The Acting Accountant General says "if individuals object to the payment of 1 per cent. premium, remittances can be made by means of the new Currency Notes." I do not know what the case may be at other Treasuries, but I know that for several days I could not get Notes to remit Rupees 200 on my own account this month, and that to supply the requirements of other remitting Officers of Government would be in the present state of things utterly out of the question. Even if I could meet the demand in that way, which I could not, it would be exceedingly objectionable to make any distinction and reserve Notes for public servants in preference to the public generally and moreover it strikes me that a periodical large transmission of Notes about a given time through the Post Office is objectionable for obvious reasons.

3. In the present state of affairs the demand of this 1 per cent. is tantamount to the imposition of a tax of one per cent. on 1-4th to 1-3rd or more of the incomes of up-country Officers. Much discontent has been expressed in my District on the subject.

4. I do not suppose Government wish to make money on these remittances of their up-country servants. The very small increase of work occasioned in the Offices by the granting of privilege transfer receipts is not to be compared with the convenience to individuals.

5. I would therefore respectfully urge that if more liberal provision cannot be made, at least, one privilege transfer receipt per mensem be allowed at par to each Officer applying on the receipt of the previous month's allowances.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1862, No. 566.

Resolved, that the Collector of Malabar be informed that the question submitted in his letter has been already referred to the Government of India.

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

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Calcutta 23^d July 1862.

From

G. A. Ballard Esq.
Collector of Malabar

To,

A. J. Arbuthnot Esq.
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Cassam
Collector

Recd of 8 Aug

Trin 1862.

Deputy

From the Collector of

Trin.

To,

The Hon. Secy

to Government

Trin.

Date 23rd Jan 1862.
Recd 28th Jan 1862.

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Referring to the Recd. from
you directed 1st last mentioning
to be charged on all bridges
construed by the Government
for better gain, that at least
1st bridge should be built for
the same, may be allowed when
to each officer applying for it
on the basis of the previous built
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Order thereon 1st August 1862 No 566

Resolved, that the
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W. H.

To the Collector
of Kalakau } Aug 2nd 1862