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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
9th September 1862.*

No. 13. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 9th August 1862, No. 3 g.

Read again the undermentioned papers :—

Financial Order, No. 3,057, dated 28th April last, together with the abstract therein referred to of correspondence, on the subject of a proposal for the introduction of Quarterly in lieu of Monthly Contingent Bills.

Letter from the Government of the Punjab, No. 462, dated the 17th June last, reporting that in anticipation of the approval of this Government, it has directed that the former plan of preparing Contingent Bills monthly, be reverted to from the beginning of the 2nd Quarter of 1862-63.

Letter to ditto, in reply, No. 450, dated 8th ultimo, intimating that final orders on the subject will be communicated hereafter.

Read also a report from the Officiating Auditor General of India on the subject, No. 397, dated 19th ultimo.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council observes that the plan of submitting for audit *Quarterly* instead of *Monthly* Contingent Bills in most of the Departments of the Public Service was introduced into the Punjab, as an experimental measure, on the 1st January 1860, and that the result of two years' trial is that most of the Officers in the Punjab are now agreed in condemning it, as being productive of little benefit and much inconvenience.

His Excellency in Council observes also from the Officiating Auditor General's report that the opinion of almost all the Officers of the Department of Audit and Account is against the *Quarterly* system.

Primâ facie it seems to His Excellency in Council an anomaly to apply to contingent expenditure a quarterly system with all the inconvenience of Treasury advances on account, large inefficient balances, and deferred adjustments, when monthly payments and accounts are maintained for other branches of expenditure, and as the scheme has had a fair trial, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the advantages resulting from it are not sufficient to justify its substitution for the monthly system. He is pleased, therefore, to resolve that the plan of submitting *Monthly* Contingent Bills shall be continued.

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Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Home and Foreign Departments, for information and for the issue of the necessary orders.

Also, that a copy be sent to the Governments of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, the North-Western-Provinces, and the Punjab, and to all the Civil Pay Masters and Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, for information and guidance.

Ordered, further, that a copy be published in the *Calcutta Gazette*.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1862, No. 654.

Ordered to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, d. 9th August 1862.

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(A true Extract)

Ernest Drummond

Secretary to the Government of India.

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