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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 4th March 1863, No. 715.

Financial Department.

The Marine estimates of the Madras Presidency for 1863-64 having been examined, I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to observe that they have been well and carefully prepared; but that the following points appear to need reconsideration before they can be finally passed.

2. Under the head of out-Ports, there is an increase of Rupees 9,164 over the estimate of the previous year of which Rupees 6,020 is on account of contingencies. I am to state that as a rule grants for contingencies should be limited to the estimate of the previous year, and in the absence of clear and satisfactory explanation the excess of Rupees 6,020 is objectionable.

3. Under "Miscellaneous," Rupees 40,000 are charged for "the value of Coal to be received from England, payable in India;" explanation is requested whether this is in addition to the Rupees 41,000 expected to be paid in the current year; there is a further charge of Rupees (20,000) twenty thousand, for Coal to be purchased in respect of which the Controller of Marine Affairs, Bengal, remarks that as there is a large stock of Coal in Madras, amounting to 11,000 tons, it is more than probable that no Coal will require to be purchased.

4. Under the same head of Miscellaneous the following items occur :—

	1861-62. Rs.	1862-63. Rs.	1863-64. Rs.
Expenses for putting to gether Paumben Steam Tug.	3,423	25,000	25,000
Sundry expenses connected with ditto and provision to Crew. ...		10,000	10,000

The sum of these figures (Rupees 73,423, appears to be an excessive amount to pay for the expenses of putting together a Steam Tug for sundry expenses connected therewith, and for provision for a Crew of a vessel apparently not ready for service. Explanation is requested regarding the total cost of the Tug, the mode in which the vessel is to be employed, and whether some return will not be obtained from employing her as a Tug.

5. "Sundry charges" are set down at Rupees 15,000, besides other items* at Rupees 5,300, against an actual expenditure for the corresponding items in 1861-62, of only Rupees 12,020. The excess over the latter year, or Rupees 8,000, cannot be admitted without explanation of the grounds of increase, and a detail of the charges which are comprehended in the term sundries.

* Maintenance of distressed Seamen...	3,000
Landing and Shipping Coal and purchase of gunny bags.	2,000
Rattan and bamboo mats for Marine Department...	300
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6. It is suggested for the consideration of the Government of Madras, whether the charges for the Master Attendant's and Superintendent of Marine's Departments are not susceptible of material reduction, the result of which to some extent may affect the Budget of 1863-64.

7. In the orders of the Secretary of State for India, regarding the abolition of the Indian Navy, an opinion is expressed that it is desirable to consolidate the Marine business at Bombay in one office, and it appears to the Honorable the President in Council that alike arrangement might be effected at Madras by a transfer to the Master Attendant of the duties now performed by the Superintendent of Marine. The salaries in those two Departments are as follow :—

	Rs.
Master Attendant.....	1,250
Superintendent of Marine.....	1,000
1st Assistant Master Attendant.....	500
1st Assistant Superintendent of Marine.....	500
2nd Assistant Master Attendant.	400
	3,650

Abolishing two appointments and the second and the last salaries, there would remain :

	Rs.
1 Master Attendant	1,250
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2nd " " "	500

It is understood that the Master Attendant is also Shipping Master, in which capacity he receives Rupees 250 per month. On the amalgamation of his office with that of Superintendent of Marine, he would, necessarily have to relinquish that of Shipping Master which office may be combined with that of 1st Assistant Master Attendant on a consolidated pay of Rupees 750 ;—the fees of the Shipping Registry office being still credited to Government.

8. It is left for His Excellency the Governor in Council to consider what salary, whether Rupees 1,600 or Rupees 1,500 should be allowed to the Master Attendant in the new organization ; these sums are named on the understanding that he now receives and will have to relinquish the pay of Shipping Master.

9. The present Office establishment of the Master Attendant, strengthened by one Clerk on Rupees 150 per mensem, will probably suffice for the combined duties of the two Departments, by which the cost, less Rupees 150 monthly, of the office establishment of the Superintendent of Marine will be saved.

10. I am also to invite attention to the receipts and charges of the Port Fund. The former are estimated at Rupees 92,520 for 1863-64; or at Rupees 11,520 in excess of the charges ; this excess is obtained by debiting an apparently undue proportion of the charges of the Master Attendant's Department, and part of the expense for Light Houses to Imperial Revenues. His Honor in Council observes that the entire charges of Light Houses should apparently be debited to the Port Fund, and if a fair share of the expense of the Master Attendant's Department, and of out-Ports be similarly debited, there may be need for improving the income of the Port Fund. In this view I am to suggest for the consideration of the Government of Madras, whether some of the Ports where a Port due of two Annas or one Anna a ton is levied, under Act VII of 1855, may not by their advance in prosperity be able now to pay a higher rate.

11. I am to request the earliest possible reply to this communication, which may yet be received in time to admit of the necessary alterations in the Budget.

ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1863, No. 184.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine, who will furnish without delay explanation on the points indicated in paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the foregoing letter, and also such remarks as he may have to offer on paragraph 10 respecting the receipts and charges of the Port Fund.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Supesintendent of Marine.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Lon. R. Drummond
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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To the Supt of Marine. Dep 2 16/3

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