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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 17*th July* 1863.

Read again Proceedings in the Military Department, recorded in Proceedings in this Department, dated 30th ultimo, No. 423.

No. 42. Read also the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 8th July 1863, No. 105.

In compliance with Government Order, No. 423, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to furnish the following report.

2. I am required to state my views first on Mr. Norfor's proposal to transfer the audit of Regimental Savings' Bank accounts to the Military Accountant and, 2ndly on the inadequacy of the Bank establishment.

3. I was at first disposed to agree with Mr. Norfor, as I was under the impression that the Military Accountant had details furnished to him by Paymasters which the Bank does not possess; but on obtaining from the Military Accountant's office the accounts by which the Registers sent from the Savings' Bank are examined (vide paragraph 2 of Military Accountant's report, No. 139, dated 13th May 1863), I found that the Military Accountant is not supplied with more information each month than is furnished to the Savings' Bank, and therefore I do not see that any object is to be gained by the transfer of the Military Ledgers to his office for audit.

4. I therefore recommend that the audit should be carried on in the Savings' Bank as heretofore.

5. The Military Accountant in his report to Government has on the whole very fairly represented the course pursued in the Bank; but I remark that he is in error in stating that the Military Ledgers are kept in the Bank. This is not the case, for these Ledgers are merely sent there for audit at the end of the year and returned after examination.

6. The Savings' Bank establishment would seem decidedly underhanded from the Statement of the Secretary and the backwardness of the work. The examination of these Regimental Ledgers is without doubt a tedious process, and I find on inquiry that there are now in the Savings' Bank 4 Ledgers partially audited, 9 for 1861-62 untouched, 7 for 1862-63 in the same state, and many more expected. If then the establishment be unable to perform the duties which have all along belonged to it, it is evident that it will be unequal to the performance of the fresh work imposed upon it by the late Resolution of Government relative to the deposits of Pensioners, No. 412, dated 24th June 1863.

7. The employment of a periodical temporary establishment is therefore called for, and I recommend that one be sanctioned to the extent of 1,000 Rupees annually.

8. Mr. Sandeman, I observe, in his letter to Government, No. 777, dated 19th January 1860, stated that a sum of 3,700 Rupees would be requisite; but he appears to have gone by the amount sanctioned in his own Presidency where the number of Ledgers is 85. Here the Ledgers are in number about 24, so that the sum I have named would seem to be ample.

9. I cannot help in conclusion observing that Mr. Sandeman's plan, for carrying out the additional labor imposed by the establishment of Military Savings' Bank, is on the face of it fallacious. He simply asked for the pay of the Actuary to be increased, thereby, as I submit, leading to one of two inferences, viz., either that the Actuary received a great deal too much for his services previously, having plenty of leisure to devote to the new duties, or else that he could not do what it was proposed he should perform. It will I think be tolerably clear to Government from what I have stated in paragraph 6 that the latter is the true state of the case.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1863, No. 464.

Under the opinion expressed by the Acting Accountant General, the Government direct that the examination and audit of the Regimental Ledgers be carried on in the Savings' Bank as heretofore; and agreeably to his recommendation, they sanction the employment of a periodical temporary establishment for the performance of these and the other duties mentioned in paragraph 6 at a charge not exceeding (1,000) one thousand Rupees annually, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMootry.

No. 105

Fort Saint George
Accountt. Genlo. Office
8 July 1863

From
The Acting Accountant General

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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4. Therefore recommend that the audit should be carried on in the Savings Bank as heretofore

5. The Military Accountant in his report to Government has on the whole very fairly represented the course pursued in the Bank but I remark that he is in error in stating that the Military Ledgers are kept in the Bank. This is not the case for these Ledgers are merely sent there for Audit at the end of the year and returned after examination.

6. The Savings Bank establishment would seem decidedly underhanded from the statement of the Secretary and the backwardness of the work. The examination of these Regimental ledgers is without doubt a tedious process and I find on enquiry that there are now in the Savings Bank 4 ledgers partially audited 9 for 61/62 untouched 7 for 62/63 in the same state and many more expected. If these the establishment be unable to perform the duties which have all along belonged to it it is evident that it will be unequal to the performance of the fresh work imposed upon

it by the late Resolution of Government relative to the deposits of Pensioners No 412 dated 24th June 1863

7. The employment of a periodical temporary establishment is therefore called for and I recommend that one be sanctioned to the extent of 1000 Rupees annually.

8 Mr Sandemans Observations in his letter to Government No 771 dated 19th January 1860 stated that a sum of 3700 Rs would be requisite but he appears to have gone by the amount sanctioned in his own Presidency where the number of ledgers is 85. Here the ledgers are in number about 24 so that the sum I have named would seem to be ample.

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Your most obedient Servant

W. Chadwick

Ag Accountt. General

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again Pro: in the Military Deptt, recorded on Pro: in this Deptt dated 30th Ultimo - No 423 -

Read letter from the Ag: Accountant General -

(Dated 8th July 1863 No 705)

Order — 17th July 1863 No 464.

Under the opinion expressed by the Agt Genl, the Govt: direct that the examination & audit of the Regimental Sedgers be carried on in the Savings Bank as heretofore; & agreeably to his recommendation they sanction the employment of a periodical temporary Establishment for the performance of these & the other duties mentioned in para 6

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Pro: 30 June 63 - 69-70
" 24th June 63 - 57-60

From Financial Pro: 17th July
To Accountant General
No 705
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No 464

Report on the proposition of Lieut Perrin the Asst P. Regimental Savings Bank Accounts to the Military Secretary

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