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No. 27. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 25th June 1863, No. 108.

I forward herewith copies of correspondence with the Colonial Office, relative to an arrangement proposed by the Acting Governor of Labuan, for the transmission of the coin necessary to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department there, and I have to request that, unless there are any objections to the proposed measure, of which I am not aware, you will issue the necessary instructions for carrying it into effect.

2. You will take care that any advances or expenses on this account which are recoverable from the British Exchequer are duly reported to me in order that the necessary measures may be taken for that purpose.

From T. F. ELLIOT, Esq.; to HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., C. B., &c., &c., &c., dated Downing Street, 9th May 1863.

I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir C. Wood, a copy of a Despatch from the Acting Governor of Labuan, respecting the instructions which should be issued to the Officer in charge of the Commissariat Department at Singapore, as to the transmission of monies necessary to meet the expenses of his department in Labuan, and I am to add that His Grace would be glad to learn whether the Secretary of State for India concurs in the arrangement proposed by the Acting Governor.

His Grace has also referred the Governor's Despatch for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

From HUGH LOW, Esq., Administrator of the Government; to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K. G., &c. &c. &c., dated Labuan, 3rd March 1863, No. 15.

I have the honor to report to your Grace, that the Officer in charge of the Commissariat Department at Singapore having through the Governor of the Straits Settlements, requested definite instructions as to the transmission of the sums necessary to meet the expenses of his Department here, I have suggested that the method in use by the Resident Councillor of Singapore of remitting similar sums for the pay of the Troops should be adopted, taking the precaution of insuring the Treasure. This method simply consists in shipping the necessary amount as occasion may require to the Officer Commanding the Troops here who pays it into the Treasury as a deposit drawing against it under the warrant of the Governor for the pay monthly.

The Commissariat Officer has hitherto pursued a similar practice, but having recently been called upon for an amount of $1,935-*cts.*75, by which the account was overdrawn, it appears that he considers definite instructions to be necessary in order to free himself of the responsibility of incurring the necessary expenditure for freight, insurance and similar charges.

Trusting that this arrangement may meet with your Grace's sanction.

From HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., C. B.; to T. F. ELLIOT, Esq., Colonial Office, dated India Office, 23rd May 1863.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, and to acquaint you in reply that Sir Charles Wood is not aware of any objection to the arrangement proposed by the Acting Governor of Labuan for the transmission of the coin necessary to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department there.

From T. F. ELLIOT, Esq.; to HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., C.B., &c. &c. &c., dated Downing Street, 30th May 1863.

I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, stating that Sir C. Wood is not aware of any objection to the arrangement proposed by the Acting Governor of Labuan for the transmission of the coin necessary to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department in that Colony, and I am to request that in accordance with this view the requisite instructions may be given to the Commissariat Department at Singapore.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 7th September 1863.

I am also to annex for the information of the Secretary of State for India a copy of a letter on the subject which has been received from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

22nd May 1863.

From G. A. HAMILTON, Esq.; to Sir F. ROGERS, Bart., &c. &c. &c., dated Treasury Chambers, 22nd May 1863.

With reference to your letter of 9th instant, enclosing copy of a Despatch from the Acting Governor of Labuan, respecting the issue of definite instructions to the Officer in charge of the Commissariat at Singapore as to the transmission of the sums necessary to meet the expense of his Department in Labuan, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to request that you will state to the Duke of Newcastle that it will rest with the Secretary of State for India to give the necessary instructions on this subject to the Commissariat Department at Singapore, which Department is under the control of the Indian Government; I am at the same time to state that my Lords will not object to the continuance of the practice of depositing in the Colonial Treasury the monies remitted to Labuan for the Commissariat services of the Indian Government, but they request that the Governor of Labuan may be instructed not to allow any overdraft on the Colonial Treasury in respect to such deposits.

From T. G. BARING, Esq.; to T. F. ELLIOT, Esq., Colonial Office, dated India Office, 19th June 1863.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, and to acquaint you in reply that copies of the correspondence relative to the arrangement proposed by the Acting Governor of Labuan for the transmission of the coin necessary to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department there, will be forwarded to the Government of India, with a request that unless there are any objections to the proposed measure of which Sir C. Wood is not aware, instructions may be issued for carrying it into effect.

(True Copies.)

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

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Despatch and of its enclosures be sent to the Government of Madras for information and for the issue of the necessary orders.

Ordered also that a transcript of the same Despatch and of its enclosures be forwarded to the Officiating Accountant General to the Government of India for information and guidance.

FORT WILLIAM, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
The 3rd August 1863.

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

No. 28.

ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1863, No. 581.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings and of the correspondence which accompanied it be furnished to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, who will make the necessary arrangements for the transmission of coin required to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department at Labuan.

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

Exd. T. McMootry.

Downing Street,
9th May 1863.

To

Herman Merivale Esquire, &c. &c.

Sir

I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir C. Wood a copy of a Despatch from the Acting Governor of Labuan, respecting the instructions which should be issued to the Officer in charge of the Commissariat Department at Singapore, as to the transmission of monies necessary to meet the expenses of his department in Labuan, and I am to add that His Grace would be glad to learn whether the Secretary of State for India concurs in the arrangement proposed by the Acting Governor.—

His Grace has also referred the Governor's Despatch for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.—

I am &c.

(Signed) T. F. Elliot

Mr. Low to the Duke of Newcastle

Govt. Offices Labuan
3d March 1863.

No. 13

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle K.G.

My Lord Duke.

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The Commissariat Officer has hitherto pursued a similar practice, but having recently & been called upon for an amount of £ 1935.75 cts & by which the account was overdrawn, it appears & that he considers definite instructions to be necessary in order to free himself of the responsibility of incurring the necessary expenditure for freight, in=surance and similar charges.—

Trusting that this arrangement may meet with your Grace's sanction.—

I have &c.
(Signed) Hough Low
Administrator of the
Government.—

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India Office
23d May 1863.

To

T. F. Elliot, Esquire
Colonial Office,

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of & State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant and to acquaint you in reply that Sir Charles Wood is not aware of any objection to the arrangement proposed by the acting Governor of Labuan for the trans=mission of the coin necessary to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department there.

I am &c.
(Signed) Herman Merivale

Downing Street
30th May 1863.

To

Herman Merivale Esquire, C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d Instant stating that Sir C. Wood is not aware of any objection to the arrangement proposed & by

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by the acting Governor of Labuan for the transmission of the coin necessary to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department in that Colony and I am to request that in accordance with this view the requisite instructions may be given to the Commissariat Department at Singapore.—

I am also to annex for the information of the Secretary of State for India a copy of a letter on the subject which has been received from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.— 22nd May 1863

I am &c.

(Signed) T. F. Elliot

Mr Hamilton to Sir F. Rogers,

Treasury Chambers

22nd May 1863.

To

Sir T. Rogers Bt

&c. &c. &c.

Sir

With reference to your letter of 9th instant enclosing copy of a despatch from the Acting Govr of Labuan, respecting the issue of definite instructions to the Officer in charge of the Commissariat at Singapore as to the transmission of the sums necessary to meet the expense of his Department in Labuan, I am commanded by the Lords Commrs of Her Majestys Treasury to request that you will state to the Duke of Newcastle that it will rest with the Secretary of State for India to give the necessary instructions on this subject to the Commissariat Department at Singapore which Department is under the control of the Indian Government. I am at the same time to state that my Lords will not object to the continuance of the practice of depositing in the Colonial Treasury the monies remitted to Labuan for the Commissariat services of the Indian Government but they request that the Governor of Labuan may be instructed not to allow any overdraft on the Colonial Treasury in respect to such deposits.—

I am &c.

(Signed) G. A. Hamilton

India Office

19th June 1863.

To

T. F. Elliot Esquire

Colonial Office,

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo, and to acquaint you in reply that copies of the correspondence relative to the arrangement proposed by the Acting Governor of Labuan for the transmission of the Coin necessary to meet the expences of the Commissariat Department

Department there; will lee forwarded to the Government of India, with a request that unless there are any objections to the proposed measure of which Sir C. Wood is not aware instructions may lee issued for carrying it into effect.—

I am &c.

(Signed) T. G. Baring

(True Copies)

Ed. H. Lee Knight

Secy. to the Government of India,

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India Office,

London 25th June 1863.

No. 108

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To

His Excellency the Right Honorable the
Governor General of India in Council,

My Lord,

I forward herewith copies of correspondence with the Colonial Office, relative to an arrangement proposed by the acting Governor of Labuan, for the transmission of the Coin necessary to meet the expenses of the Commissariat Department there and I have to request that, unless there are any objections to the proposed measure, of which I am not aware, you will issue the necessary instructions for carrying it into effect.—

2 You will take care that any advances or expenses on this account which are recoverable from the British Exchequer are duly reported to me in order that the necessary measures may lee taken for that purpose.—

I have the honor to lee &c.

(Signed) C. Wood,

No. 3572.

Order

Ordered that a copy of the above Despatch and of its enclosures lee sent to the Government of Madras for information and for the issue of the necessary orders.

Ordered

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Ordered also that a transcript of the same Despatch and of its enclosures be forwarded to the Offg. Accountant General to the Government of India for information and guidance.—

Fort William
Financial Department
The 3d August 1863

Ed. A. Sherburne
Secretary to the Government of India.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Govt: of India
Dated 3d August 1863 No 3572

Order— No 581 dated 7th Sept. 1863.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings of the correspondence which accompanied it be furnished to the Deputy Auditor & Accountant General, who will make the necessary arrangements for the transmission of coin required to meet the expenses of the Commissariat department at Labuan.

To Dy. Ar. & Actt Genl
Master Attendant in charge of the Office of
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" Military Department

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