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14th November 1863.

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Before entertaining any proposal such as that submitted in your letter, No. 778, dated the 4th November 1862, for the better administration of the Government Savings' Bank at Madras, the Honorable the President in Council would wish the local Government to take into consideration and report on the expediency of transferring the Savings' Bank to the Bank of Madras, by an arrangement similar to that recently adopted in Calcutta.

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Financial Resolution, No. 3321, dated 23rd July 1863.

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Referring to your note of 15th instant, and to the interview with which you subsequently favored me, I have now the honor to acquaint you that the Bank is prepared to take over the Government Savings' Bank so soon as it may suit your convenience to order the transfer.

You will remember that I stipulated

1st. That the Bank, being responsible, should be allowed to manage the Savings' Bank exclusively with our own Officers and employés.

2nd. That the present monthly allowance of Rupees 827, and the cost of books and other bare disbursements for paper, &c., be allowed on audited Bills.

3rd. That I should act as Secretary and Treasurer gratuitously, and that the monthly establishment be divided among my subordinates and a Native Staff.

4th. That at the outset and experimentally the Savings' Bank be open, and attendance be given daily from 9 to 10 A. M. That in cases of emergency I should receive and make payments at any hour during the day.

Should you be pleased formally to sanction those arrangements, I would take leave to suggest that early intimation might be made in the Gazette to the effect that the transfer would be made from and after a day to be named.

P. S.—I may had that it is understood that Government retain power to exercise the right of audit and general supervision over the affairs of the Bank.

The papers sent are herewith returned.

(Signed) GEORGE DICKSON.

From GEORGE DICKSON, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Bengal ; to the Honorable Sir CHARLES E. TREVELYAN, Bart., K.C.B., Financial Member of the Supreme Council of India, dated Calcutta, 20th July 1863.

With reference to my letter, No. 2205, of 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to inform you, that the Bank is prepared to make the following modifications in the terms therein proposed for taking over the Government Savings' Bank.

1st. That the monthly allowance for establishment be Rupees seven hundred and fifty, (750) instead of Rupees 827 ; the cost of books and other bare disbursements for paper, &c., being borne by Government.

2nd. That the Savings' Bank be open daily for the transaction of business, and that the hours shall be the same as the business hours of the Bank of Bengal.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 14th November 1863.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 23rd July 1863, No. 3321.

Read again the Financial Resolutions, under date the 22nd August 1861, and 3rd January 1862, on the subject of the transfer of the business of the late General Treasury to the Bank of Bengal.

Read a letter from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bengal, No. 2205, dated the 2nd June 1863, and a further letter, dated 20th July 1863, expressing the readiness of the Directors of the Bank to undertake the management of the Government Savings' Bank on the conditions named by him.

RESOLUTION.—On the 22nd August 1861, this Government remarked, with reference to the suggestions of the Committee appointed to report on the transfer of the duties of the late General Treasury, that if the transfer of the Government Savings' Bank to the Bank of Bengal were made at all, it would only be fair to the Bank that they should be allowed to work it on their own system and under the exclusive control of their own Officers; but, looking to the constitution of the Government Savings' Bank, as set forth by the Committee, to the circumstance that the Bank of Bengal could not accommodate the Government Savings' Bank establishment on its premises, and to the possibility of objections arising in connection with the delegation to the Secretary of the Bank of Bengal of the Judicial powers exercised by the Secretary to the Government Savings' Bank under Act XXVI of 1855, this Government resolved to leave, for a time, the Government Savings' Bank under the charge of the Accountant General to the Government of India; the Bank of Bengal merely acting as its Bankers.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bengal now expresses the readiness of the Bank to undertake the management of the Government Savings' Bank on the following conditions:—

I. That the Bank being responsible, should be allowed to manage the Savings' Bank exclusively with their own Officers and employés.

II. That a sum equal to the present charge for the Office of the Government Savings' Bank, less charges on account of Audit and the cost of Books, and other bare disbursements for paper, &c., be allowed on audited Bills.

III. That the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bengal should act as Secretary of the Government Savings' Bank gratuitously, and that the monthly allowance for establishment be divided among the subordinates of the Bank of Bengal, and a Native Staff.

IV. That the Savings' Bank be open, and attendance be given daily for the same number of hours as in the Bank of Bengal.

V. That the Government will retain power to exercise the right of audit and general supervision over the affairs of the Bank.

The Honorable the President in Council is accordingly pleased to sanction the transfer of the Government Savings' Bank at Calcutta to the Bank of Bengal, from the 1st September, on the conditions suggested by the Bank, and to direct that the allowance to the Bank, exclusive of bare disbursements for paper, &c., shall be limited to Rupees 750 a month, the remainder of the present charge for the establishment of the Government Savings' Bank being reserved by Government as a provision for the expense of auditing the Accounts of the Savings' Bank.

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bengal, the Accountant General to the Government of India, the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Bengal, and to the Secretary of the Government Savings' Bank, for information and guidance, and that the Accountant General will arrange the details of the transfer with the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bengal.

Ordered, also, that the above Resolution be published in the *Calcutta Gazette*, for general information.

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

(True Copies.)
(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
2nd Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 14th November 1863.

Forwarded, with its enclosures, for the report of the Directors of the Government Savings' Bank, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 4th November 1862, No. 777.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th October 1863.

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

No. 30. From J. MACKEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government Savings' Bank; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th November 1863, No. 697.

I have the honor to state by order of the Directors, in reply to your endorsement on letter No. 4998 of 5th October 1863, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, that at present the information before them regarding the details of the arrangement made with the Bank of Bengal, to take over the Savings' Bank in Calcutta, is of too scanty a nature, to enable them to offer an opinion on the advisability of making a similar transfer in this Presidency, and to request that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to move the Government of India to obtain information on the following points:—Has the Bank of Bengal taken over the whole Civil work of the Bank including correspondence with Collectors and Paymasters, or does the Bank merely receive and pay money, make entries in the pass books of Presidency depositors, and render accounts for the same and nothing else.

2. I am also directed to state that without negociations are opened with the Bank of Madras, and a definite proposal made by its Directors as to the amount of remuneration required, and what portion of the work they would take over is submitted, no proper report can be made by this Department.

3. The Directors foresee no difficulty in making the transfer so far as the mere paying and receiving money goes, but think it highly improbable that the Madras Bank would undertake the multifarious detail connected with the Savings' Bank, nor do they think it probable that in any arrangement that may be hereafter made, the work would be carried on more economically than it is at present.

4. The enclosures received with your endorsement are herewith returned.

No. 31. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 14th November 1863, No. 729.

With reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo, No. 4998, requesting the opinion of this Government as to the expediency of transferring the Savings' Bank to the Bank of Madras by an arrangement similar to that recently adopted in Calcutta, I am directed to transmit a copy of a letter from the Directors of the Savings' Bank,

Dated 5th November 1863, No. 697.

and to request that you will, with the permission of the Honorable the President in Council, furnish the information required on the points noticed in the first paragraph, for communication to the Directors.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 4998

To,

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Fort Saint George

Financial Deptt. Sir,

Before entertaining any proposal such as that submitted in your letter No. 778 dated the 4th November 1862, for the better administration of the Government Savings Bank at Madras, the Honble the President in Council wishes the local Government to take into consideration and report on the expediency of transferring the Savings Bank to the Bank of Madras by an arrangement similar to that recently adopted in Calcutta. →

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* Letter from Secy: & Treasurer Bank of Bengal No. 2205 dated the 22d June 1863.-
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Financial Resolution No. 3321 dt. 23d July 1863

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Fort William
the 5th October 1863

Ed. Wm. Thoroughgood
Secy: to the Govt of India

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№ 2205

Bank of Bengal
Calcutta 22d June 1863 -

To,

The Honble Sir Charles E. Trevelyan Bart KCB
Financial Member of the
Supreme Council of India. -

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From

Secy Govt of India

Fort William

No 4595

Dated 25th Nov 63.

Rec'd 27th Nov 63.

No 920

Copies of the correspondence noted in the margin regarding the transfer of the Savings Bank to the Bank of Bengal.

To the Secretary to the Govt of India Fin Dept

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Forbes
Secy to Govt

Calcutta, 25th Nov 1863.

To the Secretary to the Govt of India Fin Dept

Sir,

I am directed, with reference to the enclosure, for the report of the Registrar of the Government Savings Bank, to forward copies of the correspondence noted in the margin regarding the proposed transfer of the Savings Bank to the Bank of Bengal.

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J. George Dickson

Secretary & Treasurer

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Bank of Bengal

Calcutta 29th July 1863.-

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business

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Fort Saint George,
Government Savings Bank.
5th November 1863

No. 697.

From.

J. Mackey Esqre.
Secretary to the
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Secretary.

No. 3321.

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(A true Extract)

H. E. H. Sweetenham

Secretary to the Government of India.

[Exd, H. D. Bysack.]

(True Copies)

W. H. H. Hallowes

2d Asstt Secy: to the Govt of India

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Financial Department

No. 729.

To the Secretary to the Govt of India,
Financial Department.

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To

The Secretary to the
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the Saving Bank to the
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