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Financial
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No. 31.

To

The Secretary to the
Gov^t of India,
Financial Department

Sir,

In their Financial Resolutions dated 31st July and 18th August last Nos 3,486 and 3,837 the Supreme Gov^t called that, for reasons stated, the system of interdepartmental cash payments should cease.

2. I am directed to enquire whether it is intended that the Electric Telegraph should continue to be an exception to this sound and convenient principle.

principle - payment
is now required in
cash for every Ser=
=vice message trans=
=mitted - all officers
having occasion
to send such mes=
=sages are obliged
to provide funds
for the purpose
in their Budget
estimates, the Au=
=dit offices have
to check the pay=
=ments, and, al=
=together, the same
processes involving
correspondence,
delay

delay, &c &c, have
to be gone through
as if Govern=
=ment were pay=
=ing for services
rendered by other
than its own Ser=
=vants - In fact
however the Go=
=vernment is only
paying its own
servants for doing
its own work, and
issuing money out
of one pocket to
be replaced in
another - The
sum which thus
passed

passed in 1861/62
between the Tele-
-graph and other Go-
-vernment officers,
for Government
work, appears from
the administration
report of that year
to have been nearly
Rupees 1,20,000 - The
same report shows
that the numbers
of Private and Ser-
-vice messages in
that year were re-
-spectively 2,08,000
and 36,000 - so that the Govern-
-ment work

in Extent, is of quite
secondary importance,
and can really add
but little to the expendi-
-ture which must at
otherwise be incurred -
though even if it were so
~~the case~~ that would be
no ~~sufficient reason~~ for the anomaly
of Government paying in
cash for the work done,
by its own Establishments.

3.° The demand for
cash, I am to state, is no
check on the unnecessary
or improper transmission,
of messages
as the numbers sent in
to the Audit Office in support
of payments merely show
the number of words
contained in the Message
and the distance the latter
was sent -

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4. The Post Office Depart-
ment Executes a far larger
amount of business for
Government than the
Telegraph without a
feeling the necessity
of Cash payments - and
there seems to be
nothing so peculiar in
Telegraphic work as to
need such payments. I am
therefore directed to recom-
mend that the rule prohi-
biting interdepartmental
Cash payments may be
Extended
expressly to the Electric
Telegraph Department in
which alone it now
appears to prevail. —

Fort St. George
13 January 1864

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For Supplement

Inter department
Cash payments —

This should
go in Treasurer
Debt