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No. 55. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th January 1864, No. 326.

Resource Department.

I have the honor, with reference to the Order of Government No. 6, dated 4th instant, Financial Department, to state that the system of not publishing the whole amount of Cash available at each Treasury is not an innovation of Mr. Lodwick's, but has been in existence for some time; and it appears to me for various reasons that the practice should be continued. It may frequently happen, especially whilst the Secretary of State is drawing so largely on Bombay, that either the whole or part of such available balances may suddenly be required for remittance either to other Treasuries or Presidencies: and to advertise the *whole* amount of the spare Cash of a Treasury as available for Bills might often place this office in an inconvenient position.

2. I have communicated with Mr. Lodwick as directed, and beg herewith to forward copy of his reply, from which it will be seen that on this subject we are in accord.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Your Memorandum, No. 3089, dated 11th instant.

2. The undersigned has no particular remarks to offer beyond repeating that the practice is one of long standing. The words of the G. O. referred to by Government were not read as indicating the absolute necessity of publishing the *full amount* at any given time in a Treasury but rather as meaning that such sums as the *Accountant General considered* available should be published. This course seems the best in every way for, independently of the arguments put forward already by the undersigned, it seems necessary that the Accountant General should have a latitude allowed him in respect to the sums published, for he may have it in mind to make use of a portion of a Treasury balance as a remittance elsewhere, and so forth, and it would under such circumstances be inconvenient for him to have to publish the full sum lying in the said Treasury.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
CIVIL PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,
12th January 1864.

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Civil Paymaster.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. MACKEY,
Acting 1st Assistant Accountant General.

To the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Fort Saint George.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1864, No. 117.

It appears from the explanation submitted in the foregoing letter that the practice is to advertise the whole of the sum in any particular Treasury which the Accountant General considers can be spared, retaining a reserve when necessary for unforeseen demands. This is clearly the proper course.

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

Rxd. J. Tulloch.

Resource Departt.

Fort Saint George
No. 326 Accountt. Genlt. Office
11 January 1864

From
The Acting Accountant General
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

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To The Dy. Auditor and Accountant General
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Fort Saint George
Civil Pay Masters Office
January 13th. 1864

Official Memorandum

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(Signed) R. W. Lodwick
Civil Paymaster

True Copy

Agt. & Asstt. Accts. Genl.

Copy of his reply from which it will be seen that on this subject we are in accord—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. Armstrong
Ag. Accountant General

Copy of the memorandum

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Received 14th January 1864 No

Order thereon 17 February 1864 No 117.

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To
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Rec'd 14th Jany 1864

From the Officiating Accountant General
No 32 dated 10th Jany 1864

Submitting a statement of Cash available at each Treasury, and an intimation of his intention, unless otherwise directed, to retain for contingencies the practice which he has hitherto followed.

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Read, with reference to G.O. dated 6th inst, that the Govt do not consider it necessary to call for returns of the cash balances at each Treasury, and that the Accountant General may retain such amounts as he may think necessary for contingencies.

Financial 1864. Department.

No. 117

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 17 February 1864

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