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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 16th March 1864.

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1864, No. 1297.

Read also letter from the Acting Accountant General, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd February 1864, No. 3798.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1078, dated 18th instant, I have the honor to observe that the suggestion made by the Collector of the Kistna District might, in my opinion, be carried out with advantage in the Districts of Kistna, South Arcot, and Bellary, in fact in any District where there is a surplus balance, which cannot be drawn to the Presidency by means of Bills.

2. At the same time it appears to me that as the restriction alluded to by the Collector was imposed by the Government of India, and as the Act gives no authority to the local Government to deal with matters affecting the Paper Currency, the subject will have to be submitted for the orders of the Governor General.

Communicated to the Collector of the Kistna District.

2. The Board would suggest that the Accountant General take steps to bring the matter under the consideration of the Finance Department of the Supreme Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th February 1864, No. 1078.

Read letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 6th February 1864, No. 11.

The Government Currency Notes circulate here with so little freedom that I am induced to offer the following proposition for facilitating their exchange.

2. These Notes can only be cashed now in the Treasuries in Masulipatam by *bonâ fide* travellers, and only to the amount in each instance of 100 Rupees. In the bazar a discount of about one per cent. is charged for changing them.

3. There are usually large surplus funds in the District Treasury lying idle, and I would venture to submit that a limited sum might without risk be declared available for cashing Currency Notes when presented.

4. I would respectfully suggest that the Accountant General might fix before the close of every month, with reference to the funds available in the Treasury, a certain sum within which Notes might be cashed freely at the District Treasury, in each week during the ensuing month, the amount to be notified in the *Fort Saint George* and *District Gazettes*.

5. I think it would be better to assign so much to each week in the month, than to fix a sum for the entire month; as in the latter case, the whole sum available for the month might be taken up at once by some one individual, and the wants of the public would remain unprovided for until the following month.

6. I think this would tend greatly to encourage the circulation of notes, and it would certainly be a great accommodation to the public; there may be objections to this plan, of which I am not aware. I make the suggestion for what it may be worth, and trust the Board will take such notice of it as they may deem that it deserves.

The Board resolve to request the Accountant General's opinion on Mr. Thornhill's suggestions.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. L. Lushington, Esq., Acting Accountant General.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
16th March 1864.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th March 1864.

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

No 46.

ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1864, No. 176.

It is observed that on the 14th December last Mr. Lodwick, late Acting Accountant General, submitted for publication in the *Gazette* draft of a Notification for promoting the circulation of Currency Notes. The Governor in Council approved of the proposal to issue such a Notification, but suggested a slight amendment and the omission of the proviso which it contained. Mr. Lodwick made a further reference on the subject under date the 23rd December, but the Government adhered to their Order of the 22nd idem, No. 828.

2. As this Notification will afford sufficient facilities for the cashing of Currency Notes, the Governor in Council wishes to be informed why it has not been issued, and directs that the present Acting Accountant General will give effect to the Order of the 22nd December last without delay.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
" " Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 1,078.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th February 1864.

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(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. L. Lushington, Esq., Acting Accountant General.

Copy to G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th February 1864.

No. 1,078.

Requesting the opinion of the Accountant General on Mr Thornhill's suggestion in respect to the circulation of Currency Notes.

No. 1,297.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st March 1864.

Read the following letter from the Acting Accountant General, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd February 1864, No. 3,798 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,078, dated 18th instant, I have the honor to observe, that the suggestion made by the Collector of the Kistna District might, in my opinion, be carried out with advantage in the Districts of Kistna, South Arcot, and Bellary, in fact in any District where there is a surplus balance, which cannot be drawn to the Presidency by means of Bills.

2. At the same time it appears to me, that as the restriction alluded to by the Collector, was imposed by the Government of India, and as the Act gives no authority to the local Government to deal with matters affecting the paper currency, the subject will have to be submitted for the Orders of the Governor General.

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1. Communicated to the Collector of the Kistna District.

2. The Board would suggest that the Accountant General take steps to bring the matter under the consideration of the Finance Department of the Supreme Government.

(A true Copy and Extract,)

Secretary.

To G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Copy to J. L. Lushington, Esq., Acting Accountant General.

„ to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings dated 18th February 1864, No. 1,078.

Exd. J. Wright.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 4th March 1864 No 1297

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It is observed that the 14th Section of the Land Customs Consolidated Act submitted for publication in the Gazette draft of a Notification for remitting the circulation of Government notes of the Presidency of Fort St George

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Communicating letter from the Accountant General giving it as his opinion that the suggestion of the Collector of the Kistna District with respect to the circulation of Currency Notes might with advantage be tried.

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Sy. Ar. & Acctt. General
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