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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 20th September 1865.

Read the following papers :—

No. 49. Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

Inquiring whether the transfer to Paymasters of British Regiments of certain duties hitherto performed by Circle Paymasters will require an increase to the establishments of the Civil Treasuries. } (Dated 31st August 1865, No. 3217).

Referred to the Accountant General for report, in reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th September 1865.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
for Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 50. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 14th September 1865, No. 95.

Book and Adjustment Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, under date the 7th instant, directing me to report, with reference to an Order in the Military Department, No. 3217, dated 31st ultimo, whether the transfer to Paymasters of British Regiments of certain duties hitherto performed by Circle Paymasters will require an increase to the establishments of the Civil Treasuries.

2. In reply, I beg to state that, as the proposed arrangements will not apparently increase the work of the Civil Treasury Officers, no additional establishment will be necessary. The only effect of the change, so far as those Officers are concerned, will be that, instead of paying the cheques of Circle Paymasters on the Treasuries, as heretofore, they will now have to honor the drafts of the Regimental Paymasters.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1865, No. 441.

Ordered that a copy of the letter from the Accountant General be furnished to the Military Department, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department, dated 31st ultimo, No. 3217.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.

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No. 95

Fort Saint George,
Depy. Audr. and Acct. Genl.'s Office,
14th September 1865.

FROM

THE ~~DEPUTY AUDITOR AND~~ ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
MADRAS.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government

SIR,

Fort Saint George

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2. In reply, I beg to state, that, as the proposed arrangements will not apparently increase the work of the Civil Treasury Officers, no additional Establishment will be necessary.— The only effect of the change, so far as those officers are concerned, will be, that, instead of paying the cheques of

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Circle Paymasters on the Treasuries, as heretofore, they will now have to honor the drafts of the Regimental Paymasters.

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

F. Cunningham
Accountant General.

Comp.d

Dft No 425
Dated 13 Oct. 65

Finance Dept.
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George.
Dated 1st Nov. 65
Rec.d 3rd Do.
Answered 6th Do.

Madras Military Consultation
of 6th November 1865
Relative to the proposition
to increase the Establishments
of the Paymasters of
European Corps at the
Presidency & Paymasters of
British Regts & Officers Commanding
Batteries of Artillery
Circle Paymasters.

Wms and Ordered

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 15th June 1865, No. 322; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I am directed to transmit herewith, copy of memorandum, No. 572 of 1st instant, from the Financial Department, regarding the proposition to increase the Office Establishments of the Paymasters at Madras, Bangalore, Vizagapatam and Rangoon, and to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to favor Government with the information required, and with His Excellency's opinion on the question.

No. 572.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

With advertence to Extract from the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, No. 329, dated the 10th May 1865, forwarding for orders a proposition for increasing the Office Establishments of the Paymasters at Madras, Bangalore, Vizagapatam and Rangoon, the undersigned is directed to remark that in the absence of a review of the Office Establishments of the abovementioned Paymasters, as also of the remaining Paymasters, with reference to their work, as illustrated by the number of Regiments and Batteries and the amount of disbursements in each Circle, it is impossible to judge whether some of the Establishments in question are not needlessly expensive. As well as can be gathered from the distribution of Corps shewn in the Madras Army List, such would seem to be the case with the Pay Office at the Presidency. It is accordingly requested that a comparative Statement may be furnished, shewing the cost and work of each Pay Office.

It appears that one-third of the Madras Cavalry and Infantry Regiments consists of European Corps, and since the revision of the Pay Circles now reported, it has been ordered conformably with the recommendations of the English Account Commissioners, that as European Corps have Regimental Paymasters, they should in the Bengal Presidency cease to be in Account with Circle Paymasters, and should come into direct Account with the Military Accountant.

The undersigned is directed to express a hope that a similar arrangement may be introduced into the Madras Presidency, conformably with the report of the Accountant General, Military Department in paragraph 70 of his memorandum, No. 1457B of 20th January 1865, that "he wishes it to be distinctly understood that he sees little difficulty in the proposition to make Paymasters of British Regiments and Officers Commanding Batteries of Artillery direct Accountants provided they draw advances, as at present, through Civil Paymasters."

By this transfer from Circle Paymasters of the work of examining and paying the abstracts of British Regiments, some reduction in their Office Establishments may be feasible—and it may deserve consideration, whether as the Nagpore and Hyderabad Circles, which have now apparently thirteen Cavalry and Infantry Corps of which six are European, will be relieved of these six Regiments, the two Pay Circles cannot be amalgamated, and one Paymaster with his Office Establishment saved thereby.

The Hyderabad Contingent which consists of six Infantry and four Cavalry Regiments besides Batteries, is indeed paid by the Paymaster of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force with the help of an Office Establishment separate from that allowed by the Madras Government, but apparently it is not absolutely necessary that the Subsidiary Force Paymaster should pay the Contingent, he did not do so up to the treaty of December 1853. Till then the Military Secretary to the Resident audited the Accounts of the Hyderabad (then Nizam's) Contingent. That duty has been taken from him, but his appointment still continues.

The Hyderabad Contingent is distributed at Stations in the Berars (where funds are advanced to them from the Civil Treasuries of the Berars) and in other parts of the Nizam's Dominions, where funds are remitted to them by the Resident. In no case are the Regiments dependant on the Paymaster of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, for funds—at the same time, while the Regiments of the Contingent are thus in Account with a Madras Circle Paymaster, their Accounts are past audited in Bengal.

It would apparently be a simpler and more direct course, if the Hyderabad Contingent were placed in Account with the Hyderabad Deputy Auditor, who already has to debit the Force with the issues from the Berar Treasuries and from the Resident's Treasury, and who then would be able to afford them credits direct for the amount of their paid abstracts, while he could submit those abstracts for past audit and adjustment in Bengal, in the same way precisely as the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force Paymaster.

The latter Officer, indeed examines the Pay Abstracts of the Contingent before paying them, but if this be considered indispensable, notwithstanding the past audit in Calcutta, the Military Secretary to the Resident, who formerly audited the Accounts of the Nizam's Contingent, could probably perform that duty.

FINANCIAL DEPT., SIMLA,
1st June 1865.

(Signed) J. STRACHEY,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Military Department.

With Report from the Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 7th August 1865, *D.*

ORDER, No. 3217, 31st August 1865.

Ordered that the foregoing letter, from the Controller of Military Accounts, be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. Resolved, with reference to paragraph 10 of his letter, that the Controller be requested to call at once upon Paymasters to report what reduction of their respective Establishments would be feasible, in the event of the withdrawal of the Accounts connected with European Regiments.

3. The Financial Department, to whom the foregoing correspondence will be communicated, will be requested to state whether the arrangement adverted to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the memorandum from the Financial Department of the Government of India, No. 572, dated 1st June 1865, appended to Colonel Burne's letter, could be introduced into this Presidency, without an increase of the Establishments of Civil Treasuries.

4. It will, meanwhile, be suggested to the Government of India, to cause the Paymaster Hyderabad Subsidiary Force to be relieved of the Accounts of the Hyderabad Contingent.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 31st Aug. 1865, No. 3218.

(True Extract.)

J. Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts.
,, Financial Department. *With 5 spare Copies*
,, Examiner Pay Department.
,, Military Accountant.
,, Adjutant General, for information.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Proceedings of Government Military Department

No. 3215

Letter from the Financial Dept. Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, No. 572 dated 1st June 1865 requesting a reduction in the number of Secretary Paymasters in the Presidency

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Fort St. George
7th September 65

for Chief Secretary to Government

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To Accountants General Dept. 7 Sept. Rec'd 11 Sept.

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Read the following papers:

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From Acct General (" " 14th Septr " 907

Order 20th September 1865 N° 441.

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To Military Deptt Accts 22/9 Postal Letter &c

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