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No. 39. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 1st May 1866, No. 270.

Read again those portions of the Financial Proceedings of May 1865, Nos. 96 to 113, which contain the proposition of the English Commissioners of Inquiry into Indian Accounts, regarding a change in the official year, and the opinions of the Local Governments on that proposition.

Read again Despatch, No. 49, dated 2nd March 1866, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION.—After carefully weighing the advantages and disadvantages of the adoption of the Calendar year, or of the Fusli year, the Governor General in Council has come to the conclusion that it would be best to antedate the present financial year by a month only, thereby making it terminate simultaneously with the official year in England, *viz.*, 31st March.

The financial year 1867-68 will accordingly commence on 1st April 1867.

Payments in April 1867, for which provision has been made in the Budget for 1866-67, must be provided for afresh in the Budget for 1867-68, and the Budget grants for the year 1866-67 reduced by the estimated amount of those payments.

For salaries and establishments, it will suffice to limit the retrenchment to one-twelfth of the Budget provision, but for fluctuating charges, a larger retrenchment will be necessary, the monthly rate of the payments for such charges being greater in all Departments, and more especially in the Public Works Department, in the months from October to April than in those from May to September.

The Governor General in Council accordingly requests that the several Local Governments and Administrations will revise the grants for fluctuating charges in the Civil Estimates, in order to the surrender of the full Budget provision for estimated payments in April, and that necessary instructions for a like object be issued by the Public Works and Military Departments of the Government of India.

The Regular Estimate and the Actuals for 1866-67 will be confined to the revenues and charges for eleven months, and the annual adjustments will be made in the accounts of the eleventh month, *i. e.*, of March 1867.

As the accounts of audited receipts and payments for April 1866 and April 1867 will, under the new system, be available separately for those months, the Governor General in Council is of opinion that the comparison of the Regular Estimate of 1866-67 with the Actuals of 1865-66, and of the Actuals and Budget Estimates of 1866-67, will not be deranged by the alteration in the official year now ordered.

ORDERED that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the several Departments, Governments, and Administrations, to the Comptroller General of Accounts, to the several Accountants General, and to the Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

Also, that it be published in the *Gazette of India.*

(True Extract).

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

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1866, No. 198.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and ordered to be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette.*

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Ed. Wheatcroft

Secretary to the Government of India.