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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
28th August 1866.

No. 59. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 14th August 1866, No. 2851.

Communicating Despatch from the Secretary of State, regarding the manner in which bills, payable in England to men of the Local Army, should be transmitted. } (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 14th August 1866, Nos. 328 and 329.)

No. 60. Order thereon, 28th August 1866, No. 324.

To be recorded.

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

Ed. T. Cardridge

No. 92.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 9th January 1858.

Read despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 11th November 1857, *No.* 161.

Our Governor in Council at Fort Saint George.

1. We forward to the Packet, copy of correspondence with the War Department relative to an alteration to be made in the arrangements for placing in the Savings Banks in India, the Balances due to the Men of Her Majesty's Regiments on their arrival in that Country.

2. You will observe that in future, the Commanding Officer of each Queen's Regiment serving in India, is to furnish to the Paymaster at the Presidency where the Regiment may be stationed, a List of the Savings Bank Balances due to the Men of the Regiment, with the Interest adjusted to the last day of the previous month, together with a Bill drawn by the Commanding Officer on Her Majesty's Secretary of State for War for the amount, on the receipt of which we desire that you will issue instructions for placing the amount of the Balances to the credit of the several Men in the Government Savings Bank and you will transmit the Bill to us for realization.

We are &c.,

(Signed) ROSS D. MANGLES, and 9 others.

From the Under Secretary of State, War Office, 27th August 1857, *No.* $\frac{80}{India}$, *to the Secretary East India House.*

It being desirable when a Regiment arrives in India, that the Commanding Officer should be enabled to invest at once in the Government Savings Bank of the Presidency in which the Regiment is stationed, the Savings Bank balances due to the Soldiers under his Command, and it appearing to be necessary to enable him to do this, that the Treasury in India should be prepared to advance to the Government Savings Bank of the Presidency, the amount required on receiving a Bill for the same from the Commanding Officer. I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to request that you will acquaint me whether the Court of Directors agree to this arrangement; it being of course understood that the amount of the Bill would be replaced to the Credit of the East India Company in this Country.

I am to add that it would be for the Presidency Paymaster or other Officer of the Indian Treasury on receiving such Bill from the Commanding Officer, to whom an issue would be made thereon to deposit the amount in the Presidency Savings Bank, and transmit to the Commanding Officer a Certificate that this has been done who would then furnish the authorities of the Government Savings Bank with a Statement, certified to by himself, the Officer second in Command, and the Adjutant showing the exact amount due to each Depositor.

From the Secretary East India House, 26th September 1857; *to the Under Secretary of State, War Office.*

I have laid before the Court of Directors of the East India Company, Mr. Godley's Letters dated the 27th ultimo $\frac{80}{India}$ and 16th instant, representing that it is desirable that when a Queen's Regiment arrives in India the Commanding Officer should be enabled at once to place in the Government Savings Bank of the Presidency in which the Regiment is stationed, the Savings Bank balances due to the Soldiers under his Command, and requesting with a view to that object that the amount required may be advanced in India from the Public Treasury to the Government Savings Bank on the Commanding Officer of the Regiment giving a Bill for the amount, it being understood that the same will be replaced to the credit of the East India Company in this Country.

The Court conclude that it is not intended by the proposed arrangement to make any alteration in the existing practice as to period from which Interest on the Savings Bank Balances of Soldiers of Her Majesty's Regiments serving in India is borne by the East India Company, and that the Savings Bank Accounts will as heretofore, be balanced to the date of the transfer of each Regiment and the amount be immediately paid over to the Company's Account at the Bank of England.

If this view be concurred in by the Secretary of State for War, the Court will transmit the necessary instructions to the several Governments in India, for carrying the proposed arrangement into effect.

From the Under Secretary of State, War Office, 19th October 1857, No. 5/Edia, to the Secretary East India House, Leadenhall Street.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, and, with reference to its second paragraph, to acquaint you that under the arrangement proposed in the letter from this Office on the 27th August last no payment to the Company's account at the Bank of England on account of the Savings Bank Balances due to Soldiers proceeding to India would be made until the Bill drawn by their Commanding Officer, on arrival in that Country, for the total amount due should be produced at the War Office.

Under this arrangement the operations of the Savings Bank of a Regiment on its transfer to India would go on without interruption, and for the future, the charge for Interest would be borne by the Imperial Government to the last day of the month prior to the date of the Bill drawn by the Commanding Officer.

If the Court of Directors concur in the propriety of these arrangements, I am to request that the necessary instructions on the subject may be immediately transmitted to India, and that you will acquaint me whether the list of balances due to Depositors on arrival in that Country, should be furnished by the Commanding Officer to the authorities of the Government Savings Bank, through the Presidency Paymaster, by whom it is proposed that the actual payment of the money should be made.

From the Secretary East India House, 7th November 1857; to the Under Secretary of State, War Office.

I have laid before the Court of Directors of the East India Company your letter dated the 19th ultimo No. 5/Edia stating with reference to my letter of the 26th September last, that it is not intended under the arrangement proposed for the Court's concurrence, that any payment should be made to the Company on account of Savings Bank balances due to Soldiers of Her Majesty's Regiments proceeding to India until the Bill to be drawn by their Commanding Officer on arrival in that Country for the amount should be presented at the War Department, and that consequently the charge for Interest on the balance will be borne by Her Majesty's Government to the last day of the month preceding the date of the Bill.

In reply I am commanded to acquaint you that the Court have assented to the proposed arrangements, and that instructions will accordingly be issued to the several Governments in India that on the Commanding Officer of each Regiment furnishing to the Presidency Paymaster a list of the Savings Bank Balances, with Interest adjusted to the last day of the previous month, together with a Bill drawn by him on Her Majesty's Secretary of State for War, for the amount a corresponding sum may be placed to the credit of the several men in the Government Savings Bank, and the Bill be transmitted to the Court for realization.

Communicated to the Accountant General with a request that he will issue the necessary instructions on the subject.

(True Extract and Copies.)

Signed/ C. A. Browne Colonel
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following :—

Financial despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 9th July 1856, No. 58; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

1. I have to draw your attention to a note inserted in the abstract, received from your Government, of remittances from men of the Local Indian Army, for the month of March 1856, in which it is stated that "ten bills of different Corps are "forwarded to the India Office for realization."

2. It is not creditable to your Officers of Account to have advised the transmission of bills to be realised from the War Department, in a return of remittances payable to men of the Local Army at this office; and, in regard to the "bills" which have been forwarded on account of the Savings' Bank balances of Soldiers transferred to the Indian establishment, I must observe that, in some instances, they are mere accounts, and not bills drawn on the Secretary of State for War, as required in the Military despatch to your Government, dated 11th November 1857, No. 161.

3. I have to request that such bills may in future be properly drawn, and transmitted to this country in a Secretary's letter, with a view to the recovery of the amount, with interest, from the War Department.

4. Information should also be invariably furnished with the bills, in regard to the period from which interest has been paid by the Indian Government.

ORDER, No. 2851, 14th August 1856.

Communicated to the Controller of Military Accounts and Military Account ant, with a view to effect being given to the wishes of Her Majesty's Government also to the Financial Department, for information.

2. The despatch referred to in paragraph 2 of the foregoing communication, is recorded in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 9th January 1858, No. 92.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts, with Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 92 of 1858.
" Military Accountant.
" Financial Department, with Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 92 of 1858.

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Post Govt Treaty Dept
No 2501

Dft for Govt dtd 1st Sept

Enclosure

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Secy of State requesting
the manner in which Bills
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men of the Land Army
should be transmitted
Dt August 1865 No 224

Sept. 15.