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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 17th October 1866.

No. 52. Read the following letter from the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort Saint George, 2nd October 1866, No. 224.

Post Audit Department.

In consequence of my complaint of the gross negligence of Officers in the matter of submitting Certificates of transfer of charges, Government was pleased to issue the Notification of June 1st, published at page 980 of the current year's *Gazette*. In spite thereof, however, I regret to state that the ground of complaint remains : I have frequently to call for the required certificates, and if the Officer concerned give any explanation of his neglect of orders, he is quite content to say it was only an oversight. Such neglect in a Treasury Officer, however, is specially blameworthy, and I have to report, for such action as may be approved, that Ragoonada Row, Treasury Officer of Trichinopoly, went away on leave in June without reporting the fact, returned after two months and drew his pay, yet without sending the required Certificate, and, in answer to a call for it, says simply that it was not usual to send one, though, less than a fortnight before his departure, Government had notified the absolute need of one. I much regret to be obliged to trouble Government on a matter which may, perhaps, be deemed of small importance ; but such neglect, I submit, is a direct challenge to the re-introduction of the pre-audit system, or of some analogous one, with all the inconvenient delays which were necessary defences against pertinacious carelessness.

2. I may mention that one Assistant Collector, in the same District, certified that he had taken charge on 13th April, instead of 30th, simply through carelessness ; also, two other Assistants, being transferred from that District, took charge of their new posts early in August, yet, up to the present time, the Treasury Officer has not sent the Certificate of their departure, though he must have given last Pay Certificates, as they have drawn pay elsewhere.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, *17th October 1866*, No. 386.

Ordered that the following Notification be published in the *Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

The Accountant General having brought to the notice of Government the continued omission on the part of Gazetted Officers to report to his Department the date on which they assume or resign charge of an Office, the Governor in Council resolves to draw the attention of such Officers to the instructions contained in the Notification dated 1st June last, and to enjoin a strict observance of them in future.

(By order of the Governor in Council).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary,

Exd. J. H. Burns.

POST AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

No. 224

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
2nd October 1866.

FROM

THE ~~DEPUTY~~ ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Madras

SIR,

~~With reference to your~~ ~~No.~~ ~~dated~~

In consequence of my complaint of the frequent negligence of officers in the matter of submitting certificates of transfer of charge, Government was pleased to issue the notification of June 1st published at page 980 of the current year's Gazette. In spite hereof however, I regret to state that the ground of complaint remains; I have frequently to call for the required certificates, and if the officer concerned give any explanation of his neglect of order, he is quite content to say it was only an oversight. Such neglect in a Treasury Officer however is specially blameworthy and I have to report, for such action as may be approved, that Ragoonada Row, Treasury Officer of Trichinopoly went away on leave in June without reporting the fact, returned after two months and drew his pay, yet without sending the required certificate and in answer to a call for it signifying that it was not usual to send one. Though less than a fortnight before his departure Government had notified the absolute need of one. I much regret to be obliged to trouble Government on a matter which may perhaps be deemed of small importance but such neglect I submit is a direct challenge to the reintroduction of the preaudit system, or of some analogous one with all the inconvenient delays

delays which were necessary defences against pertinacious carelessness.-

I may mention that one Assistant Collector in the same district certified that he had taken charge on 13th April instead of 30th simply through carelessness. Also two other assistants being transferred from that district took charge of their new posts early in August, yet up to the present time the Treasury Officer has not sent the certificate of their departure though he must have given last pay certificates as they have drawn pay elsewhere.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.-

E. Lushington
Accountant General.-

Recd 7th

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General Here enter 2d October 1866 No 224

Order 17th Oct 1866 No 386.

Ordered that the following Notification be published in the Gazette.

Notification

The Accountant Genl having ~~drawn~~ brought to the notice of Government the omission on the part of Gazetted Officers to report to this Dept the date on which they assume or resign charge of an Office, the Governor in Council resolves to draw the attention of ~~the~~ such Officers ~~in question~~ to the instructions contained in the Notification dated 1st June last and to enjoin a strict observance of them in future.

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ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, MADRAS,

No. 224.

From

The Chief Secy to Govt

Dated.
Recd.
Answd.

2d October 1866.
(No. of answer)

Subject.

Bringing to notice the want of attention still manifested by Officers to the orders requiring reports of assumption of charge to be sent to the audit Dept & also by Paymasters to the Calls of Enclosing Copies

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT

Dated. 7th October 1866.

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