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No. 27. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department; dated Simla, 18th October 1866, No. 2602.

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Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 8th August 1866, No. 131.

I have to call your attention to the manner in which certain remittances are made from India to this country on account of the Imperial Government.

2. The Steam Postage collected in India, is remitted by Bills of Exchange drawn by the several Governments on the Secretary of State for India in Council, in favor of Her Majesty's Postmaster General; but the bills drawn by your Government are transmitted in the Financial Department, those from Bombay in the Marine Department, while those from Madras are sent to the Postmaster General direct. Bills are also sometimes drawn by the Government of India on the "Secretary of State for India," in favor of the "Secretary of State for India," which is obviously anomalous. The most recent instance of this kind is a bill dated the 28th March 1866, on account of the estate of Major Hemmings. In regard to "Light Dues," payable to Her Majesty's Paymaster General on behalf of the Board of Trade, the Government of Bombay have recently sent a Bill of Exchange on the Secretary of State for India in favor of the Paymaster General, whereas in regard to the same remittances your Government only advises the amount payable.

3. It is desirable that remittances of this nature should be made in the same way by the several Governments, and I, therefore, request that the practice of drawing Bills of Exchange may be discontinued, and that in lieu thereof, the amounts to be paid be advised by your Government, and by the Governments of Madras and Bombay respectively, in Secretary's letters, on the receipt of which payment will be made in this country. The necessary entries can be included in the account current with London.

4. You will apprise the Governments of Madras and Bombay accordingly.

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Ordered that the foregoing instructions be communicated to—

The Home Department for information;

The Military Department for guidance, respecting the proceeds of estates of deceased Officers;

The Governments of Madras and Bombay for guidance in remitting collections of English Steam Postage, proceeds of estates of deceased Military Officers, realizations of Light Dues, and the like to London;

The Government of Bengal for information;

The Government of the Straits Settlements for guidance up to 1st January next;

The Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, with the request that he will cause to be transmitted to this Department accounts of collections of "Light Dues" payable to Her Majesty's Paymaster General on behalf of the Board of Trade, accompanied by counterfoils of the receipts issued for the items credited in the accounts, and by a certificate from the Local Accountant General that the necessary credit for the amount payable has been or will be afforded in the account current with London;

The Comptroller General of Accounts, and the Accountants General, Madras and Bombay, for guidance.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.
(Signed) J. E. COOKE,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
7th November 1866.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1866, No. 412.
Communicated to the Public and Military Departments.
(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
,, Military do.
,, Accountant General.

Ed. T. Cartledge

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Assistant Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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