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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 420.

FROM

J. D. SIM, ESQ.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to the appointment of Mr. J. G. Hewson to be Controller of the Money Order Office in this Presidency, I am directed to request that he may be ordered to proceed at once to Madras, to arrange the necessary details for introducing the system, which it is intended to do from the 1st January next.

2. I am to draw attention to the statement of the Accountant General and Board of Revenue that some addition to the Revenue Establishment may prove to be necessary hereafter, and to inquire what degree of supervision or control this Government is to exercise in respect to the working of the Money Order System and the conduct of its own employés.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th November 1866.

Secretary to Government.

From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 30th October 1866, No. 258.

Book Department.

Adverting to the Order of Government in the Financial Department, dated 23rd August last, No. 316, I have the honor to state that, in compliance with the instructions therein contained, I have conferred with the Members of the Board of Revenue respecting the Money Order System which it is proposed to introduce into this Presidency, and that the Board concur with me in opinion that the rules and forms of accounts laid down in Mr. Sandeman's pamphlet, for observance by Officers of that Department in Bengal, will sufficiently answer the purposes of this Presidency also. Some slight alteration might possibly with advantage be made in some of the forms, with a view to their simplification, but they are of no real moment; while, on the other hand, looking to the probable extension of the system to the whole of India, the advantage of recording the transactions of the entire Department on an uniform plan is one of obvious importance.

2. There is, however, one point in Mr. Sandeman's scheme in respect to which we apprehend some difficulty may hereafter be experienced, namely, the nomination of a Clerk from the Collector's Account Department to perform the duties of Money Order Agent. The Government is aware that the account branch of the Collectors' Establishments has recently been revised and reduced to the lowest point consistent with efficiency, and the withdrawal of one of the Assistants for employment on other duties, even though it be but for one or two hours in the course of each day, will assuredly be felt. In some Districts, when the system has obtained the confidence of the people, the Money Order Agent will no doubt have to give a much larger portion of his time to the duties of that Department, and the appointment of a distinct Officer, to be paid by a commission on his receipts, will, in those Districts, in due course of time, be absolutely necessary. In the mean time, however, and as a tentative measure, we think that the Bengal scheme may be tried without any modification, and we would suggest its introduction into this Presidency from the 1st January next.

3. Should the Government concur in the above view, it is very desirable that Mr. Hewson, who has been appointed Money Order Controller, should be at once directed to proceed to Madras, in order that the rules and forms of account may be prepared and issued to Collectors without loss of time.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Financial Department.

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The Secretary to the Government
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Calcutta

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