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No. 1. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Fort William, 31st December 1866, No. 2490.

Accounts.

In reply to your letter, No. 420, dated 12th November 1866, I am directed to state that Mr. Hewson, the Controller of the Money Order Office in the Madras Presidency, proceeded to Madras by the Steamer of the 23rd November 1866.

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3. This latter object, and the preservation of order and regularity in the accounts, will be attained through the Local Accountants General, who are Officers of the Financial Department, and with whom the Local Controllers of Money Order Offices must be in direct communication.

4. On this account, the Controller of Money Order Offices at each Presidency town is appointed by the Government of India, while at the seat of the Local Governments and of minor Administrations in the interior, the Local Accountant General, where there is one, or an Assistant Commissioner of Paper Currency (also an Officer of the Financial Department) is Controller Ex-officio.

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Ordered that a copy of this letter be sent—

To the several Local Governments and Administrations.

,, Comptroller General of Accounts.

,, several Accountants General, and to the Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1867, No. 46.

To be recorded.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No. 2490.

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