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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th February 1867.

No. 25. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 25th January 1867, No. 311.

Communicating letter from Government of India with the correspondence which took place on the transfer of the Bengal Military Fund to Government. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 25th January 1867, Nos. 564 & 565.)

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1867, No. 64.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 28th December 1866, No. 698 ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your letter, No. 4239, dated 5th December 1866, I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a copy of the correspondence* which took place on the transfer of the Bengal Military Fund to Government.

* *Pro. for Sept.* 1866, *Nos.* 197 *to* 214.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS, SEPTEMBER 1866.

Transfer of the management of the Military and Orphan Funds to Government.

No. 197. Service Message by Electric Telegraph from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, Simla, 7th September 1866, No 1089 ; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta.

Parliament has sanctioned the transfer of the assets, management and liabilities of the Bengal Military Orphan Society and the Bengal Military Widows' Fund to the Government. All existing benefits are secured from the revenues of India, and any claim not provided for in the existing rules must be forwarded for the decision of the Home Government, as far as may be practicable. The services of the persons at present employed in the Fund Offices are to be made available under the Government management.

The Secretary of State has arranged for the transfer to Government from 10th September. Ask the Directors or Managers of the Funds to make over formally by letter to the Government the assets, liabilities and management of the Funds from the 10th September, inclusive. Telegraph at once receipt of formal transfer.

No. 198 From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 8th September 1866, Nos. 118 and 119 ; to the General Management of the Military Orphan Society, and the Directors of the Bengal Military Fund.

Parliament having sanctioned the transfer of the assets, management and liabilities of the Bengal Military $\frac{\text{Orphan Society}}{\text{Fund}}$, to the Government of India, from the 10th of this month, I am directed to request, with reference to your letter No. $\frac{485, \text{ dated } 30\text{th}}{511, \text{ dated } 20\text{th}}$ March 1865, that you will, *as soon as possible*, make over formally by letter to the Government of India, the assets management and liabilities of the $\frac{\text{Society}}{\text{Fund}}$ from the 10th September 1866, inclusive, to enable me to telegraph to the Secretary to Government, Financial Department at Simla, by whom an immediate intimation of the actual transfer has been urgently called for.

2. The management of the $\frac{\text{Society}}{\text{Fund}}$ in India will remain in all respects as at present until further orders ; and all existing benefits are secured to the subscribers from the revenues of India.

No. 120. Copy of the above forwarded to the Financial Department, for information, with reference to its message, No. 1089, dated 7th instant.

No. 121. Copy of the above forwarded to the Controller of Military Accounts, for information.

Copy of the foregoing, and of the message from the Financial Department, forwarded to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, for information.

No. 199. Service Message by Electric Telegraph from the Financial Secretary, Simla, 8th September 1866, No. 1250; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

In continuation of yesterday's telegram, with reference to Act 29 Vic. Chap. 18, the Directors or Managers of the Funds should endorse over to the Secretary of State for India in Council all the Government Securities, and cancel all the Treasury Notes belonging to the Funds of Society and should deliver formal possession to the Government Solicitor of all real and personal property, and all the books, papers and title deeds relating thereto. Deeds of Conveyance can be drawn up afterwards for reality. In addition, they should address the Government of India in the Military Department, stating that the assets, liabilities and management are made over in terms of the Act above quoted, with effect from 10th September. The Government acknowledges receipts, and that it takes and assumes the assets, liabilities and management on behalf of the Secretary of State for India in Council in terms of the said Act. Complete this by the 10th September.

A copy of the Act is herewith forwarded.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 200. From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 10th September 1866, Nos. 148 and 149; to the General Management Military Orphan Society, and the Directors Bengal Military Fund.

In continuation of my letter, No. $\frac{118}{119}$, dated the 8th instant, I am now directed to transmit, for your information and guidance, copy of a message received on Saturday night or early yesterday morning from the Secretary to Government, Financial Department, the substance of which was communicated yesterday demi-officially to the Secretary of the $\frac{\text{Society}}{\text{Fund}}$, in order to save time, and to request that you will take the necessary steps in communication with the Solicitor to Government to carry out the instructions of Government and that you will address this office in the manner directed, so as to admit of the acknowledgment of your letter and the completion of the transaction if possible this day.

No. 201. From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 10th September 1866, No. 150; to the Solicitor to Government.

Referring to my demi-official communication to you, dated yesterday (Sunday), I have now the honor to transmit, for your information, copy of all the correspondence on the question of the transfer of the assets, property, management, &c., of the Military and Orphan Funds in this Presidency to the Secretary of State for India in Council, and to state that the Managers and Directors of the Funds in question have been desired to take the necessary steps, in communication with you, for carrying out the instructions of Government without delay; so that the acknowledgment of the actual transfer of the assets, &c., and the assumption by Government of the management of the Funds, may be communicated to them from this office, if possible, to-day.

Message from Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 7th instant. Letters Nos. 118 and 119, dated 8th instant.
Message from Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 8th instant.

2. On the completion of the transfer, I am therefore to request from you as early an intimation of the same as possible.

3. You will observe that the actual management of the Funds will continue, for the present, as heretofore, under the orders of Government.

No. 151.

Copy of the above, and of letters Nos. 148-49 of this date, forwarded to the Financial Department, in continuation of docket No. 120, and with reference to message of the 8th instant.

Copy of the Financial Department message, dated 8th instant, of letters Nos. 148-49, and of the foregoing, forwarded to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, for information.

No. 202. From the Controller General of Accounts, Calcutta, 10th September 1866, No. 2387; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

With reference to our conversation this morning, I have the honor to forward copy of a telegram, dated the 8th instant, from the Financial Secretary, and to request that instructions may be issued to the Directors of the Military Fund, and of the Military Orphan Society, to endorse the Government securities held by the Fund and Society, respectively, to the Secretary of State for India, and to forward the securities so endorsed to this office. The Treasury notes held by the Military Fund and by the Orphan Society should be forwarded to this office for cancellation. The orders of Government required that the endorsement of the securities and the cancellation of the Treasury notes should be completed to-day.

Service message by Electric Telegraph from the Financial Secretary, Simla, 8th September 1866, No. 1251; to the Controller General of Accounts, Calcutta.

Communicate at once with the Government, Military Department, Calcutta, about the endorsement to Secretary of State of Government securities, and cancellation of Treasury notes of the Military Orphan Society and the Military Funds. Complete this by 10th September.

No. 203. From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 10th September 1866, No. 172; to the Controller General of Accounts.

With reference to your letter, No. 2387 of this date, I am directed to transmit copies of the correspondence as per margin, on the question of the transfer of the assets, property, management, &c., of the Military and Orphan Funds to the Secretary of State for India in Council, and to intimate that the Managers and Directors of the Funds have been in personal communication with the Solicitor to Government, who has expressed his hope that the transactions may be completed to-day.

Message from Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 7th instant. Letters, Nos. 118-19, dated 8th instant, issued on the above.
Message from Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 8th instant. Letters, Nos. 148 to 150, dated 10th instant, issued on the above.

No. 173. Copy of the above, and of Controller General's letter, forwarded to the Solicitor to Government, in continuation of No. 150 of this date.

No. 174. Copy of the above, and of Controller General's letter, forwarded to the Financial Department, in continuation of docket, No. 151 of this date.

Forwarded to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, for information.

No. 204. From the General Management Military Orphan Society, 8th September 1866, No. 1422; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 118 of this date, calling upon the Board to make over formally by letter to the Government of India, the assets, management and liabilities of the Military Orphan Society as from the 10th September 1866, inclusive, and in reply we hereby transfer the same, consisting of Treasury and Promissory Notes, uninvested accumulations in the hands of the Controller General, unadjusted claims for interest and compensation, the printing press of the Orphan Society, lands and house property, the aggregate value of which will be communicated as soon as it can be ascertained.

We note that the Management of the Society in India will remain in all respects as at present, and that all the existing benefits of the Fund are secured to subscribers from the revenues of India.

No. 205. From the President and Directors of the Bengal Military Fund, Calcutta, 8th September 1866, No. 1289 ; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 119 of this date, calling on us to make over to the Government of India the assets, management and liabilities of this Fund from the 10th September 1866, and in reply to state that we hereby transfer to the Government of India the assets, management and liabilities in question from the 10th September 1866, pursuant to Act 29, Victoria Chapter 18 of the last Sessions of Parliament.

We note that the management of the Fund in India is to continue as at present till further orders, and that all existing benefits are secured to the subscribers and incumbents from the revenues of India.

No. 206. From the Solicitor to Government, Fort William, 11th September 1866, No. 255 ; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

With reference to your No. 150 of the 10th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Government securities belonging to the Military Fund, and to the Military Orphan Society, were handed over to me yesterday, duly endorsed to the Secretary of State, together with a cheque for Rupees 8,192-3-6—the cash balance at credit of the Military Fund.

2. I also yesterday received possession of the real property belonging to the Military Orphan Society at Kidderpore ; and in accordance with the telegram from the Financial Department to your office of the 7th instant, and of your letters, Nos. 118 and 119 of the 8th instant, left Mr. Gray, the Secretary, in charge, having taken from him an agreement to hold all property coming into his possession, which had belonged to the Society for and on account of the Secretary of State.

3. The Military Orphan Press I did not take formal possession of, as I understand it has been, for some time past, in possession of Government.

No. 207. From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 11th September 1866, Nos. 176 and 177 ; to the General Management of the Military Orphan Society, and the Directors of the Bengal Military Fund.

In acknowledging your letter, No. $\frac{1422}{1289}$ of the 8th, received $\frac{\text{yesterday evening}}{\text{yesterday}}$, in which you formally make over to Government the assets of the Military $\frac{\text{Orphan Society}}{\text{Fund}}$ in accordance with the instructions contained in the letter from this office, No. $\frac{118}{119}$ of the 8th instant, I am directed to observe that those instructions appear to have been superseded by the more precise directions contained in the telegram from the Financial Department, * copy of which was communicated on Sunday last to the Secretary Military $\frac{\text{Orphan Society}}{\text{Fund}}$, and yesterday to you.

* *Dated 8th September* 1866.

2. Those directions appear to require a formal report from you of your having actually endorsed to the Secretary of State for India in Council the Government Securities, and made over to the Solicitor to Government all the property, &c., belonging to the $\frac{\text{Society}}{\text{Fund}}$.

3. Such a report,—which Government appears to desire should be expressed as nearly as possible in the terms used in the message,—will therefore be awaited, before the final communication is made to you from this office, and the final report made to the Financial Department.

No. 178.

Copy of the letters from the Military Orphan Society and Directors Military Fund, referred to above, and of the foregoing, forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Financial Department, for information, with reference to his message of the 8th instant. Every endeavor is believed to have been made by the Managers and Directors of the Institutions in communication with the Government Solicitor, to give effect to the wish expressed for the completion of the transfer of the assets, &c., yesterday ; and copy of the report of the Solicitor to Government, of its having been effected, No. 255 of this date, is annexed.

Forwarded to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, for information.

No. 208. From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 11th September 1866, No. 225 ; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, Simla.

I am directed to acquaint you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been dispatched to you :

Urgent—Clear the line.—"The Solicitor to Government has just reported that he received yesterday, duly endorsed to the Secretary of State, the Government Securities belonging to the Military and Orphan Funds, and the cash balance of the Military Fund—also possession of the real property of the Military Orphan Society at Kidderpore. He has left Mr. Gray the Secretary in charge of the Kidderpore property, in accordance with the instructions in your message of the 7th instant.

"As soon as the Managers and Directors comply with the requirements of your message of the 8th September, the assumption by Government of the assets, management, &c., from the 10th instant, will be formally announced to them, and the fact reported to you by telegraph."

Forwarded to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, for information.

No. 209. From the President and Directors of the Bengal Military Fund, Calcutta, 10th September 1866, No. 1298 ; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 149 of this date, we have the honor to report having given effect to the transfer of the assets of this Fund to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in terms of Act XXIX, Victoria Chapter XVIII of the last Sessions of Parliament, and in accordance with the tenor of our letter, No. 1289 of the 8th instant, to your address.

The receipt of the Solicitor to Government for the said assets, aggregating Rupees 68,97,458-7-6 exclusive of interest, is enclosed herein.

From this day too we make over, as already intimated, the management and liabilities of the Fund to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council, pursuant to Act XXIX, Victoria Chapter XVIII above cited, and we take note that the Secretary of State for India in Council, by virtue of the powers conferred by the said Act, assumes the control and responsibilities of the Fund accordingly, and that all benefits to which subscribers and incumbents are entitled under the Rules are secured to them from the revenues of India, as also that the management of of the Funds in this country is to continue as at present till further orders.

Received from the Directors of the Bengal Military Fund, the following 39 Treasury Notes and 2 Certificates for issue of Treasury Notes, endorsed in favor of the Secretary of State for India in Council, as also one Cheque on the Bank of Bengal, in favor of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the whole aggregating the sum of Rupees 6,897,458-7-6 (Rupees six millions, eight hundred and ninety-seven thousand, four hundred and fifty-eight, Annas seven and Pies six) exclusive of interest and being made over by the said Directors in terms of Act 29 Victoria Chapter 18.

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No. 214. Office Memorandum from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 13th September 1866, No. 288; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.

From Directors Military Fund, No. 1298, dated 10th September 1866, with annexure.
From General Management Mily. Orphan Society, No. 1427, dated 11th September 1866.
Letter No 286, dated 13th September 1866, to the General Management Military Orphan Society.
Letter No. 287, dated 13th September 1866, to the Directors Military Fund.
Message to Financial Secretary to Government, No. 100, 13th September 1866.

In continuation of his docket, No. 178, dated 11th instant, the Secretary in the Military Department has the honor to transmit to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, copies of the papers marginally noted, from which it will be seen that the instructions contained in his message of the 8th instant have been carried out, and a report of the same made by telegraph.

2. With reference to the order to *cancel* the Treasury Notes, the Solicitor to Government informed the undersigned that the Notes in question are, in point of law, cancelled by the endorsement to the Secretary of State, and that the Controller General of Accounts would formally cance them as soon as he received them from Mr. Stack.

3. The shortness of the period in which the matter was required to be completed rendered it necessary for him to make over the receipt for the Securities, &c., to the Secretary of the Military Orphan Society.without keeping a copy; but the actual transfer of assets and management, &c., was duly completed by the 10th September, as desired.

No. 289.

Copy of letters Nos. 286-7 of this date, and of the above forwarded to the Solicitor to Government, for information.

Forwarded to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, for information.

Order, No. 311, 25th January 1867.

Communicated to Departments concerned, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 4238, dated 5th December 1866.

(True Extract.)

H Macdonald Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Adjutant General,
" Government Solicitor, } for information.
" Financial Department,

With 3 Spare Copies.

Encl. A. W. Cooke.