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14th March 1867.

No. 41. Read the following letter from Colonel J. CARPENDALE, R. E., Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras Mint, 11th February 1867, No. 88.

I have the honor to acknowledge Order of Government in the Financial Department, No. 48, 5th instant, communicating the decision of the Government of India on the establishment proposed to be maintained in this office on the transfer of the Currency Exchange Department from the Madras Bank to the Mint. The proposal for an Assistant Commissioner being appointed was made during my absence on leave to England, and as soon as I noticed it on my return, I had great doubts as to the necessity for such an appointment, but as it was proposed that the Deputy Assay Master should hold the office and a portion of his time only would be available for the duty, and understanding that the Government had not disapproved of the suggestion, I decided on deferring any report on the subject until the arrangement had been tried. As, however, an Assistant Accountant General is about to be made available as my Assistant, it is my duty to report that the work is neither in its nature nor extent such as to require the services of an Officer of this class, indeed it could not be made to afford him anything like occupation. I have lately been inquiring into the extent of the Currency Exchange business at the Madras Bank, and even there it has not been found requisite to keep a European Accountant for the special supervision of the Department, while it is not to be expected that the whole of the Exchange business will come to the Mint. The Bank will continue to accommodate its large constituency, and its own Exchange operations with this Department will be in large sums through the scales of "the Issue Department" without the intervention of the Exchange Office.

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The Accountant was appointed five years ago on the first constitution of the Department, when the circulation of Notes was confined to the Madras Circle, for which a hundred Rupees a month was considered a fair remuneration. In January 1865 the new Circles of Calicut, Trichinopoly, and Vizagapatam were formed, which largely increased the issue of Notes, and the office correspondence and accounts, adding considerably to the Accountant's work, and very largely to his responsibility; for he is by the orders of the Government of India held personally responsible for seeing that each cancelled Note is correctly scored out of the Registers, and in the event of any loss occurring from his scoring out a wrong number, and leaving a cancelled Note outstanding on the Register, he will be liable to make good the loss. A very serious responsibility, considering that the number of cancelled Notes in the Madras Presidency average three thousand eight

hundred *per mensem*, value three lacs ; and one error in regard to a hundred Rupee Note entails a possible penalty of forfeiture of a month's salary ; and now, again, the Madras Circle weekly accounts, similar to those of the other Circles, will give him additional work.

In a lesser degree the Assistant Accountant is deserving of an increase to his salary also. And having regard to their duties and the salaries paid in other offices, I think the rates proposed, of Rupees two hundred and Rupees seventy-five, are moderate enough. I submit fresh tabular statement in accordance with the above remarks, and I trust I have stated the case sufficiently clear to obtain the support of Government in their transmission to the Government of India.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1867, No. 121.

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(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Office of the Commissioner of Issue,
Madras Mint, 11th February 1867.

No. 88.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency to forward herewith, for the information of the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George, a Report, dated 11th February 1867, on the inexpediency of appointing an Assistant Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, urges the necessity of being allowed to retain two Register Writers, and requests reconsideration of the cases of Accountant and Assistant Accountant for increase to their Salaries.

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Financial Department

Statement of increase to the establishment of the Paper Currency Department, Madras.

Nature of charge.	Present Scale.	Proposed Scale.	Proposition. Permanent	Proposition. Temporary.	Grounds of Proposition	Sanctioned by Government of India	Orders of the Government of India	
			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.			Home Department.	Financial Department.
							Remarks	Remarks
Paper Currency Department		**Paper Currency Department**						
1 Commissioner	250.	1 Commissioner						
Issue Department		**Issue Department**						
1 Bullion Keeper and Treasurer	60.	1 Bullion Keeper and Treasurer						
1 Do. Do.	60.	1 Do. Do.						
1 Clerk and Assistant	50.	1 Assistant Do.						
1 Do. Do.	30.							
1 Shroff	20	1 Head Shroff						
1 Do.	17.	1 Gollah						
1 Do.	15.	1 Do.						
1 Moochie	15.							
Account Department		**Account Department.**						
1 Accountant	100.	1 Accountant						
1 Register Writer	40.	1 Assistant Do.						
1 Do.	40.	1 Examiner						
		1 Register Writer						
		1 Do.						
		1 Physick						
		1 Moochie						
		1 Peon						
		1 Do.						
		1 Sweeper						
		Exchange Department						
		1 Cashier						
		1 Note Receiver						
		1 Coin Receiver						
		1 Shroff						
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Carried forward	697.	Carried forward	1752.					

No. 712 5th March 1867. Paper Currency Department. Madras.

Extract from Home Department Financial Section. Note. Government sanction to this to be taken the proposition refers.

Vide letter from the Government of India, Financial Department, No. 2252, dated 6th September 1866, communicated with the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 355, dated 28th September 1866.

The figures in pencil were sanctioned by Government of India in letter into Financial Department No. 27 of 12th January 1867 to the Madras Govt.

*a The grounds for the increase of salary fully detailed in covering letter. The Asstt Accountant was a Register Writer in old Scale.

*b Absolutely requisite for keeping Registers of Notes issued and cancelled in the Issue Department.

Financial Department

Statement of increase to the Establishment of the Paper Currency Department, Madras.

Extract from Home Department Government Resolution noticed in the margin refers.

Nature of charge.	Proposition. Permanent. Increase per month.	Proposition. Temporary. Increase per month.	Grounds of Increase per month.	Grounds of Increase per annum.	Orders of the Government of India Home Financial Department.
Brought forward.	697.	Brought forward.	1252.		
Note Sorting and Cancelling Department.					
1 Examiner			30.		
1 Sorter			20.		
1 Pressman			12.		
1 Ballman			10.		
1 Sloorchie			10.		
Grand Total.	697.		1334.	637.	
Net increase per mensem				637.	
Net increase per annum				7644.	

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Office of the Commissioner of Issue
Madras Mint, 11th February 1867

J. Johnson
Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency.

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6th March 1867.
Paper Currency Department, Madras.

Financial Department

Statement of increase to the Establishment of the Paper Currency Department, Madras.

Extract from Home Department Government of India Financial letter No. 1 dated the 13th January 1898.

Nature of charge.	Proposition. Permanent. Increase per month.	Proposition. Permanent. Decrease per month.	Proposition. Temporary. Increase for month. Period.	Proposition. Temporary. Decrease for month. Period.	Grounds of Proposition	Limit Sanctioned (Communication).	Orders of the Government of India. Home Financial Department. Remarks	Financial Department. Remarks	Orders	Remarks
	Rs.	Rs.								

Enclosure in a letter from the Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency to the Chief Secretary to Government No. 88 dated 10th February 1807.

Statement of increase to the Establishment of the Paper Currency Department, Madras.

Dated 10th March 1807

Financial Department.

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Joint Master.
Comptroller Currency & Accts. General. 3 3 dis. 15/3.

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