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5th July 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 12. From the Honorable A. F. BROWN, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 31st May 1867.

I have the honor, by desire of the Chamber of Commerce, to represent to you the great inconvenience and loss which are occasioned to the holders of Government Promissory Notes by the delay arising from the necessity for transmitting Notes to Calcutta for renewal. The time occupied in this process is never less than eight weeks, and, as during that period the Notes are not available for sale or deposit, it is obvious that the value of the paper is depreciated, and the holders subjected to direct loss.

2. The Chamber beg to propose that authority be granted by the Supreme Government to the Bank of Madras, which has now the charge of the Loan Office, to renew such Notes as are presented to it for that purpose, under such arrangements as may be considered advisable, consistent with the object of a speedy completion of the renewal.

3. The Chamber also venture to propose that authority should be given to the Bank of Madras to convert Notes into stock, in pursuance of the Notification which appeared in the *Gazette* under date January 10th, 1867.

4. The Chamber trust that the above proposals will be supported by this Government, as conducive to public convenience and to an increased market value for Government paper in this Presidency, and that the Government will be pleased to communicate with the Government of India, in order that measures may be taken for carrying them out as early as possible.

Referred to the Accountant General, for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10*th June* 1867.

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

No. 13. From the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 25th June 1867, No. 109.

Book Department.

Adverting to the Order of Government in the Financial Department, dated 10th instant, forwarding for my remarks a letter from the President of the Chamber of Commerce, pointing out the inconvenience and delay attending the present practice of sending Government Securities to Calcutta for renewal, and suggesting that the authority to renew such Notes, or to convert them into stock, should be delegated to the Bank of Madras, I have the honor to state that I most fully concur with the Honorable Mr. Brown as to the expediency of the change sought by him. A similar proposition was, however, made in 1859, strongly supported by the Madras Government, but it was refused by the Supreme Government after mature consideration, and I see no reason to believe that the present proposal would be now more favorably entertained.

Vide G. O., No. 535, dated 23rd September 1859, Financial Department.

2. The delay in replying to this reference was caused by a search for the former correspondence, which it was supposed had been transferred, with the other records belonging to the Loan Department, to the Bank of Madras.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1867, No. 296.

On consideration of the objections raised by the Government of India, in respect of the renewal of Notes at each Presidency, in their letter of the 9th September 1859, No. 7682, a copy of which was furnished to the Chamber of Commerce with the Proceedings of this Government of the 23rd idem, No. 535, the Governor in Council is not prepared to recommend the proposals now made by the Chamber of Commerce in their Chairman's letter, dated the 31st May last.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Chamber of Commerce
Madras 31st May 1867.

From

The Honble A. F. Brown
Chairman Chamber of Commerce

To

The Honble A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor by desire of the Chamber of Commerce to represent to you the great inconvenience and loss which are occasioned to the holders of Government promissory notes by the delay arising from the necessity for transmitting notes to Calcutta for renewal. The time occupied in this process is never less than eight weeks, and as during that period the notes are not available for sale or deposit, it is obvious that the value of the paper is depreciated and the holders subjected to direct loss.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. F. Brown

Chairman

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Dated 10th June 1867

G. J. Cumberland
Chief Secretary

To
The Accountant General.

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From
F. Lushington Esqre
Accountant General

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

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Accountant General.

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From
The Accountant General
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The Chief Secretary
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No. 294.

Reporting upon the proposition of the President of the Chamber of Commerce pointing out the inconvenience and delay attending the present practice of sending Government Securities to Calcutta for renewal.

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Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
Accountt General.