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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th March 1868.

No. 46. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 5th March 1868, No. 928.

Communicating letter from Government of India, stating that the 10th September 1866 is the date on which the Military Funds of the three Presidencies were taken over by Government. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 5th March 1868, Nos. 104 & 105).

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1868, No. 143.

To be recorded.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Hyd. F. B. Bantleman.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, Fort William, 31st January 1868, No. 535 ; to the Comptroller General of Accounts.

In reply to your letter, No. 1058, dated 11th January 1868, I am directed to state that the 10th September 1866 is the date from which the assets and liabilities of the Military Funds of the three Presidencies were taken over by the Government.

2. From that date, the pensions and other payments from the Funds have become chargeable to the General Revenues.

3. The Actuary's report, by which the state of the Funds at the date of their transfer will be determined, as a guide for allowing or refusing increased benefits to Members, will be made up to the 10th September 1866.

4. Accordingly, the old system of accounts of the Funds must be closed up to 10th September 1866, and all pensions and other charges which accrued after that date must be charged to the General Revenues.

5. This latter treatment of the subscriptions and the charges from 10th September 1866, is indeed not feasible in the accounts for 1866-67, the books for that year having been closed, and the transactions being in a suspense account for that year; but they should be adjusted to the heads of revenue and charged in arrear from 10th September 1866 in the accounts for 1867-68, and this can be done without deranging the financial results of the latter year, seeing that the excess of payments over receipts will be met by writing off an equal amount from deposits to miscellaneous revenue, in accordance with the 5th paragraph of the Secretary of State's despatch, dated 23rd August 1867.

6. The individual accounts with members of the Funds, the payments to them under the rules and the recoveries from them, will be managed by the new office, which will be formed in the Military Department.

7. Funds for the payments will be provided by the Civil Department, and the payments will be adjusted in the Civil accounts on the audit of the new Military Funds' Office, in the same way precisely as the expenses of the Trigonometrical Survey were disbursed and adjusted in 1865, in the Civil Department, on the audit of the Military Audit Department.

8. In the 7th paragraph of his despatch, dated 23rd August 1867, the Secretary of State requested the Government of India to "take care that such instruc-
" tions be given as are necessary to ensure the prompt recovery of the subscriptions
" and donations of subscribers who are in India, and that as requested in the Finan-
" cial despatch of the 4th June 1866, already referred to, every subscriber on
" returning to this country be furnished with a certificate showing the state of his
" account with the Fund."

9. The responsibility for promptly realizing subscriptions and donations will rest with the new Military Funds' Office, and an annual report on the outstandings, in which they should be classified so as to show any amount, that may be unduly in arrear, should be submitted by that office to the Military Department, for communication to the Financial Department.

10. The Comptroller General of Accounts and the Accountants General, Madras and Bombay, will communicate, as hitherto, to the Military Funds' Offices, the amount of recoveries of subscriptions and donations which may be credited monthly in the accounts of the various Public Departments.

11. On an Officer proceeding to England, the Accounts Department which grants him a last pay certificate will arrange for showing in the certificate the state of his account with the Funds to which he subscribes.

ORDERED that a copy of this letter be sent to the Military Department, the Public Works Department, the several Accountants General, and the Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, THE 13TH OF FEBRUARY 1868.

No. 696.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(By Order,)

(Signed) B. E. BACON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 928, 5th March 1868.

Communicated to the Financial Department and the Controller of Military Accounts.

(True Extract.)

H Macdonald *Major General,*
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department. *With 5 spare copies*
" Controller of Military Accounts.

Rd. A. W. Cooke.