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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th June 1868.*

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6. It must be left to each Local Government and Administration to settle what shall be the standard Table of Distances between places in the territories under its control. The examples in the North-Western Provinces and the Central Provinces show that the Civil Offices of Account and Audit can effectively initiate the preparation of such a Table as the Local Government, after consulting its Administrative Officers and its Public Works Department, may approve. The difficulty exists in ascertaining the distances of the main lines of road to or between places in the interior; and with regard to these the Officers of Account and Audit can collect the materials for

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a Table by collating the distances between the same places charged for at various times by different Officers. A Table thus prepared and supplemented by information obtained from the Poly-metrical Tables of the Post Office and the Quarter Master General's Department, and from other sources, might be authoritatively established, after review by the Local Government as to its completeness and its accuracy as regards both the statement of distances and the selection of the shortest routes.

7. Copies of the Table which may be prescribed as the standard should be furnished to the several Departments of the Government of India.

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be sent to—

The several Local Governments and Administrations.

The Comptroller General of Accounts.

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

(Signed) R. P. HARRISON,
Comptroller General of Accounts
for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Referred to the Accountant General, who will be good enough to state whether his office can undertake the preparation of such a standard table of distances as is alluded to by the Government of India, in communication with the Collectors of Districts and Officers of the Public Works Department. Mr. Lushington will submit, for approval, a form of the proposed Table with reference to those said to have been already prepared in the North Western and the Central Provinces, with such suggestions as may occur to him on the subject.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.
27th December 1866.

No. 349.

No. 9.

MEMORANDUM.

Post Audit Department.

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FORT SAINT GEORGE,

9th January 1867.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant General.

No. 10. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 18th May 1868, No. 42.

Post Audit Department.

With reference to my Memorandum, No. 349, dated 9th January 1867, I have the honor to state that I called upon all Collectors to furnish me with a statement showing the distances between the several places in their districts, and that the Memoranda which were received from those Officers were sent to the Postmaster General, the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and the Quarter Master General of the Army, with a request that they might be checked, and that such assistance might be rendered to my department as would enable it to compile the Table of Distances required by the Government of India. The Officers named have, however, all replied that they are unable to give any assistance towards completing the work.

2. It seems to me that the Quarter Master General (copy of whose letter on the subject is enclosed), is the proper Officer to assist in this work, as his Department is continually engaged in drawing up maps, and should, therefore, be in possession of much valuable information regarding distances, roads, &c.

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3. This department has no means of verifying the correctness of the Memoranda referred to in my 1st paragraph, and cannot draw up a thoroughly reliable Road Book without assistance. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the different departments I have mentioned, and especially the Quarter Master General's Department, may be directed to render me the required assistance.

From the Quarter Master General, to the Deputy Accountant General, Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 14th May 1868, No. 3974.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, dated 6th instant, No. 586, I have the honor to observe that all the information that this office could furnish in regard to distances between towns and villages in the several Collectorates, &c., is to be found in Colonel Scott's book of "Routes," and in G. O. G., dated 30th January 1857, No. 25. I beg to refer you to these official records, to enable your Department to correct, if necessary, the particulars which have been furnished to you by local Officers of Districts, and to obtain any further information that is desired to complete the Tables prepared by them.

2. You will observe that the G. O. G. above quoted was published to obviate the necessity of applications to this department for certificates of distances; and I would invite your attention to the Order of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 22nd September 1865, No. 449, by which the Governor in Council was pleased to relieve this office from the duty of checking mileage bills.

3. The twenty-two documents received with your letter under reply are herewith returned.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1868, No. 279.

In his letter of the 18th ultimo, the Accountant General complains that he is unable to obtain any assistance from the Officers mentioned in preparing a Table of Distances, which may serve in calculating travelling allowances.

Postmaster General,
Controller of Public Works Accounts,
Quarter Master General.

2. Mr. Lushington specially complains of the Quarter Master General's Department, which he considers should most aid. To relieve this department, however, from such work, a special Table was drawn out in 1857, and published authoritatively, for the guidance of all departments in regulating charges for travelling batta.

3. Scott's Road Book is, also, a recognized authority, which is available to the Accountant General.

4. The Government consider that, with the returns which the Accountant General has received from the Collectors, and the authorized Table and Scott's Road Book, above noticed, he should be able to prepare the Table of Distances. When completed, it might be sent, for such correction as may be necessary, to the Post Master General, Controller of Public Works Accounts, and Quarter Master General, who will be requested to make this revision from a comparison of the tables in use in their respective offices. This course will, it is believed, secure very sufficient accuracy, with a minimum of trouble to the several departments.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.

" Postmaster General.

" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

" Quarter Master General.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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M. M. M. M.
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Post Audit Dept.

No. 319

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Fort Saint George
Accountants Office
9th January 1867

F. Hutchinson
Accountant General

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Copied
W. Ramanathan

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Dated Fort William, 31st October 1866.

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DA & AG. Office
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3. The 22 documents received with your letter
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I have &c
Signed/ C. Cooke. Colonel.
Quarter Master General.

/True copy/

D. H. Spence
Acting Chief Assistant.

P. C. H.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
18th May 1868.

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TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
TO THE *Chief Secretary*
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Your most obed^t. Servant
F. A. Cunningham
Accountant General.

C. A. Cunningham
Accountant General

Finan^l Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Letter from Acct General — 9 Aug 1867 — 249.

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(Here enters 18th May 1868
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Order thereon to ~~June~~ 1868 No 279.

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From
The Accountant General

To the Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 18th May 1868
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Regarding that orders
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Memo for orders.

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Post master General
Caretaker of Public works,
Quartermaster General.

J.P.

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The Hon. General
Postmaster General
Controller of Public Works, &c.
Quarter Master General of the Army

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Dated 4 June 1868.

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