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No. 61. Read the following Circular from the Comptroller General of Accounts, to all Accountants General; dated Calcutta, 31st December 1867, No. 65.

Further instructions regarding the adjustment of charges connected with the Abyssinian Expedition.

In continuation of my Circular, No. 64, dated 17th instant, I have the honor to forward, for your information and guidance, extract, paragraphs 1 to 5, of a letter addressed to the Accountant General at Bombay by Mr. C. Turner, the Officer deputed to that Presidency by Her Majesty's Government to scrutinize the charges of the Expedition to Abyssinia, together with the Form of the Monthly Lists in which the charges incurred by your Government on account of the Expedition should be communicated to the Accountant General at Bombay, with vouchers and other documents in support thereof.

2. The lists are to be forwarded to Bombay as soon after the close of the month as practicable; and your particular attention is drawn to paragraph 3 of Mr. Turner's letter, in regard to the descriptions of vouchers required to sustain charges of an extraordinary nature—hire of transports, transmission of telegraphic messages, &c.

3. The charges in question being debitable to the "Government of Bombay" in your Accounts, it will be necessary for you to enter the totals of the Lists in your Monthly Account Current with that Presidency referring to the separate Lists in the debit entries.

4. Any receipts forming a credit to the Expedition should be duly shown at foot of the Monthly Lists of Charges above mentioned.

Extract paragraphs 1 to 5 of a letter from C. TURNER Esq., to the Accountant General, Bombay; dated 5th December 1867.

1. I beg to inform you that, on the 2nd instant, I reported to the Secretary to Government that the object of my mission to Bombay, *viz.*, that of facilitating the settlement of the whole of the accounts of the Abyssinian Expedition, would, I conceived, be best attained by the whole of the charges of the Expedition being consolidated in a Monthly Account to be prepared at Bombay, and I suggested for the consideration of Government that such steps might be taken as would be necessary to ensure charges incurred in other Presidencies being incorporated with those brought to account in Bombay.

2. In furtherance of this object, I would propose that the several Heads of the Account Departments, both Civil, Military, and Public Works, &c., in each Presidency, should merely render to Bombay, as soon after the expiration of each month as possible, a simple List (on a form similar to the enclosed) of all such charges appertaining to their respective Departments as may be brought to account monthly, in order that—

Firstly.—They may be scrutinized by me as the Officer deputed by Her Majesty's Government for facilitating the settlement of the Accounts of the Expedition; and,

Secondly.—That they may be included in a Monthly Account of the expenditure of the Expedition to be prepared at Bombay.

3. Much time would doubtless be saved if copies of correspondence bearing upon charges other than of an ordinary nature are attached to the payment vouchers, and I would suggest that, with the first payments of the hire of transports taken up by Government, a copy of the Charter Party should be annexed to the payment vouchers; and, as regards public telegraphic messages, that a certificate should be given on a Monthly Abstract thereof by the Head of the Department transmitting the messages, to the effect that they had been incurred solely in connection with the Expedition.

4. I shall be glad if you will give the necessary directions for the Form alluded to in the 2nd paragraph to be used in your Department, and if you will communicate the substance of this letter to the Comptroller General of Accounts, asking that Officer to be pleased to give the requisite instructions for its adoption by the Accountants General of the other Presidencies, and for the several Military and Public Works Departments to follow the same course.

Deputy Comptroller General of Accounts.

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5. It will save much time, should, upon receipt of the Monthly Statements, further information be required upon certain items included therein, if I can communicate direct to the Heads of the several Account Departments concerned.

No. 1006.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras for information.

(Signed) THOMAS PEACHEY,
Dy. Comptr. Genl. of Accounts.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1868, No. 37.
To be recorded.
(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE ADJUSTMENT OF CHARGES CONNECTED WITH THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.

Office of Comptroller General of Accounts,
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