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No. 15. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay; dated Simla, 15th October 1868, No. 3005.

In reply to your letter, No. 957, dated 2nd July last, forwarding, for favorable consideration, copy of a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, representing the very great inconvenience to which holders of Government Promissory Notes are subjected by the delay arising from the necessity of transmitting the Notes to Calcutta for renewal, I am directed to observe that any alteration of the present practice would involve a reconsideration of the agreements between the Government and the Banks. The Bank of Bengal would demand compensation, and the Banks of Madras and Bombay would look for an increased rate of payment for the additional duties imposed upon them.

2. This alone would appear to be a sufficient reason for rejecting the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce.

3. Besides, a similar proposal was fully discussed in 1859, when the management of the debt was in the hands of the Government, and it was rejected on its merits, on account of the risks of error and fraud, the expense involved in copying the Registers which are all kept in Calcutta, and the general increase of correspondence which would follow from the interchange by every mail of Advice Registers of all the renewal entries, &c., made during the interval.

4. All these reasons equally exist now. On the other hand, the inconveniences of the present system are not serious. The value of the paper is certainly not affected by the delay in having to send up to Calcutta for a new Note, and the delay does not exceed the time actually taken up in the transmission by post to and fro.

5. Under these circumstances, the representation of the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, cannot be complied with.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras for information, and for communication to the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, with reference to his letter, dated 19th June 1868.

Copy to Comptroller General of Accounts.

(By Order).
(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1868, No. 503.
Communicated to the Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Govt. of {1868} Madra

FINANCIAL.

To

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

Madras.

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Dated November, 5th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 5th November 1868, *No.* 503.

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Communicating letter from the Government of India, forwarding copy of a letter addressed by them to the Government of Bombay, stating that the present practice of having to send Government Promissory Notes to Calcutta for renewal cannot be departed from.

No. 503 - 5 Nov. 1868.

Communicated to the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay.

15 Nov. 1868.

To the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay.
--- Accountant General ---

Encloses Govt. Resolution
Financial Dept. 26 Oct. 1868
Requesting to be favored with
Copy of
Govt. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal
Calcutta

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Copy of a letter dated 5 Oct. 1868
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Asst. Secretary

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Simla
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H^d/ E. H. Lushington
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