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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 11*th December* 1869.

No. 33. Read the following letter from the Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras Observatory, 7th December 1869.

I have the honour most respectfully to request a re-consideration of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 29th October 1869, in regard to the curtailment of my estimated expenditure for the publication of Astronomical, Meteorological, and Magnetical Observations in 1870-71. The publication of the past Proceedings of the Observatory has long since been ordered by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, upon the urgent recommendation of the Astronomer Royal of England. The Superintendent of the Great Trigonometrical Survey, who in consultation with myself was last year desired to prepare a Code of Instructions for more closely defining the precise nature of the future operations of the Observatory, also insisted in his report upon the necessity of prompt publication of results as of vastly more importance than the accumulation of unreduced observations. My own exertions and those of my son have been almost exclusively devoted to the task of preparing the results for Press, throughout the past half of the current official year. The new Meteorological Department will be rendered comparatively useless without speedy distribution of the reports for 1868 and 1869, and the sum estimated was for both Departments, not for the Observatory alone.

2. But for inevitable and most distressing interruptions, I should have been able to have done much in the way of commencement before the end of the current year ; but as it is, I can far better resign Rupees (4000) four thousand of the current year's printing estimate than Rupees (3000) three thousand of the next. If this arrangement can secure sanction for the original amount in the ensuing year I shall be very glad, and shall make publishing my chief care, until all arrears are brought up, and safe provision has been made against the accumulation of fresh ones in years to come.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1869, No. 603.

Under the circumstances represented by the Government Astronomer in the foregoing letter, and on the understanding that a sum of Rupees 4000 will be resigned from the assignment made for printing in the current year's Budget, the Governor in Council authorizes the Accountant-General to include in the Budget Estimate of the Government Astronomer for 1870-71, the sum of Rupees 3000, disallowed in G. O., dated the 29th October 1869, No. 514.

2. The sum of Rupees 4000 above referred to may, at the end of the year, be transferred to the Government Press, where the expenditure is likely to exceed the Budget allotment.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
,, Government Astronomer.
,, Supervisor of the Government Press.

Exd. J. Wright.

Observatory alone.

Govt. of {1869 Mar. 1870.

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To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 11th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 11th December 1869, No. 603.

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Madras Observatory, December 7th 1869. B 16

From

N. R. Pogson, Esq.,
Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent.

The Hon. R. S. Ellis. C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George.

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Sir

your most obedient Servant

W R Pogson

Government Astronomer

and Meteorological Superintendent

Rec'd 29 Dec'r/69 No 76-11

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From the Government Astronomer ... } (R. 9. 7. December/69)

Order thereon 11 Dec'r/69. No. 603.

Under the circumstances represented by the Government Astronomer in the foregoing letter, and on the understanding that a sum of Rs. 4000 will be assigned from the appropriation for printing in the current year's Budget, the Governor in Council authorizes the Account General to include in the Budget Estimate of the Government etc:

Astronomer

Rec'd 1st Dec'r/69 Read 3rd Dec'r/69

From Government Astronomer

To Chief Secretary to Government

Dated 30th George

Received Observatory Dec 7th 1869

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Letter regarding re-consideration of Printing Estimates for 1870-71.

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To the Accountant General
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To

The Accountant Genl
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Dated Dec 11
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G. O., 11 Dec 1869, No. 683

Nos. 33 & 34.

Authorizing the Accte Genl
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Estimate of the Govt. Autonomer
for 1870-71, the sum of
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of 29 Octr 1869 - No 574.

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