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FROM

THE HONORABLE R. S. ELLIS, C. B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the following remarks on the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 1549, of the 12th August last, on the relations between the Officers of the Account Department and the Local Governments.

2. While readily admitting the necessity for a strict observance by the Local Governments of general instructions issued to the Account Department by the Government of India, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that it will be desirable to modify the manner in which such instructions are communicated to the Local Governments.

3. The usual course at present is that a Resolution of the Government of India is ordered in the Financial Department to be communicated to the Officers of Account and to the Home Department. Under this arrangement it frequently happens that the Officers of Account receive the Resolution before it is communicated by the Home Department to the Local Government.

4. Thus action is occasionally taken by the Account Department, before the Government under which the Department is subordinate has been acquainted with the instructions of the Government of India.

5. I am to suggest, as the more convenient course, that the orders of the Financial Department should be communicated simultaneously to the Local Governments and to the Officers of Account.

6. With regard to paragraph 4 of the Resolution of the 14th August last, I am to suggest that, when forwarding a disputed question to the Government of India, the Officers of Account should forward simultaneously to the Local Government a copy of the letter in which they refer the question for the orders of the Government of India. I am to observe that this has been the practise in use for some years in this Presidency, and that it may be of advantage that its continuance should be authorized.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28*th January* 1869.

Chief Secretary.

Rud. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 28th January 1869.

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Offering certain suggestions, with reference to the Resolution of the Government of India of 12th August last, No. 1549, on the relations between the Officers of the Account Department and the Local Governments.

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To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.
Financial Department.

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I am directed to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council the following remarks on the Resolution of the Govt. of India No 1549 of the 12th August last on the relations between the officers of the Account department and the Local Governments.

While readily admitting the necessity for a strict observance by the Local Governments of general instructions

instructions issued to the Account Department by the Government of India, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that it will be desirable (slightly) to modify the manner in which such instructions are communicated to the Local Governments.

The usual course at present is that a Resolution of the Govt. of India is ordered in the Financial Department to be communicated to the Officers of Account and to the Home Department; and that these Officers receive the Resolution before it is communicated by the Home

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Fort St. George
28 Jany 1860

Financial Dept.

Memorandum on Government of India Financial Resolution No 1549 of 12th August 1859.

I trust I may be excused for bringing to the notice of the Chief Secretary and I hope of Government a paper which has been merely recorded.

It relates to the Account Department. The officers of that Department were at one time officers of the Government of Madras, then of the Government of India, then in a modified sense of the Government of Madras, and the present Resolution makes them distinctly

I think what Mr. under Secretary Waddeker says very true, but it has very recently been very vigorously represented by the Govt of Bengal and there is no doubt the whole question has been referred home & decided. Ell

I should be disposed to authorize a letter to the Govt. of India in the sense of the under Secretary's memorandum which I entirely concur. A.J.A. WDL

distinctly officers of the Government of India. Against this Order there is no appeal, but I think that the Government might make requests which would be granted, and which, if granted, would put a stop to several sources of grievance which have produced very bad feeling between various Offices and the Account Departt.

I will refer to Section 3. The practice in the second sentence of that Section is followed now, that is copies are sent, but how? The Financial Department passes a resolution, communicates it to Account

Officers and the Home Department. The Home Department lets it lie on its table for days, or weeks, as the case may be, and then communicates to Local Governments who have then to make known to Offices concerned. Meanwhile the Account Depart. acts on the resolution, and the Offices to whom its orders come refuse obedience. And as it seems to me, properly. They have had no orders from their own Government, and only recognize the orders of the Government of India then communicated through their own Government.

The remedy for this would be a request that no

no orders of any kind
be sent to the Account
Department without
copies being at the same
time sent to the Local
Government.

With regard to Section 4
I think Government
should ask that the
existing custom be con-
-tinued, viz. that the Account
Officer send the Local
Government a copy of
the letter in which they
forward the question
to the Government of India.

These may seem
trifling points, but
with reference to the first,
the Budget Orders in
almost all Departments
were

This seems reasonable.

This wd. also, I think be
an improvement. The Govt
should see how a case is stated

were received by the
Accountant General
3 or 4 weeks before they
were received here, and
I know from numerous
demi-official notes
how great was the irrita-
-tion produced, especially
in Departments subject
to post Audit, over which
the Deputy Accountant
General presides.

With reference to the
second the Officer whose
proceedings called for the
rule to which I allude
is still an Account
Officer of the Government of
India at Madras.

J.W.

Financial Department.

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To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.
Financial Department.

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will lay before the Right Honble the Governor General in Council the following remarks, with reference to the Financial Resolution of the Government of India, No. 549, of the 12th August last.

2. On the question of the posting on which the Officers of Account are placed, the Government of Madras desire to make no remark. But with reference to the 3rd paragraph of the resolution, which speaks of the copies of all orders sent to Account Officers being sent to the Local Governments, I am

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Shd. not he recd. yet by Secretariat Munshi? Let them, if they might add the words, if the papers have not already arrived?

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to remark that this has been the practice for some time. But in the mode of sending the copies, I am to point out, respectfully, that a change may be made, without inconvenience & with advantage.

3. The very usual (not invariable) course is that a resolution is ordered in the Financial Department to be communicated to all the Officers of Account and to the Home Department. The Home Department communicates to the Local Government some days later. The result of this has been that, here, the Account Dept. having received its orders has called upon other departments to act

[illegible] we think

[illegible] This letter will be signed by the Chief Secretary to the Govt. but I would use "I" instead of "We" in the first person of the Govt. as in [illegible]

A.P.N.

W.W.

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act in accordance, & in reply, has been told that it, the Department receiving the call, had received no orders from its superior authority the Local Government, and therefore declined to obey. In this it appears to this Government the department concerned is quite right. It has no order from its own Government.

4. The remedy for this evil which has occasionally, once or twice, caused much unpleasantness, I am simply that the Financial Department's orders should, whenever communicated to all officers of Account, be also communicated by

I think I should say this. 2nd para. I think might do. I would use "I" instead of "We" in the first person. I would not say "I am to point out" but "I would point out". I would say "I am to request" instead of "I am to point out". I would say "I am to request" instead of "I am to point out". I would say "I am to request" instead of "I am to

by the same order
to the Local Government
& all parties concerned
would then have
their information at
the same time, and
the evil alluded to would
be wholly done away.
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to para: 4 the Govern=
ment of Madras think
that it would be well
that a practice which
has been several years
in use here should be
continued by authority,
viz: that when forwarding
a disputed question
to the Govt of India
the officers of Account
should forward a
copy of the letter in which
they lay the matter
before

before the Government
of India, to the Local
Government.

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