M.R.O. 1—77,006—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages 16

(2) Date of repair 22nd Oct 1939

(3) Initials of the Reference

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 372	Press / Mis.
57.	
Dated 6-9-	18 70.

5-7 8/8

Not to be folded or roughly handled

two

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
6th September 1870.

Read the following papers:—

No. 5. From P. F. BELLEW, Esq., Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th June 1870, No. 871.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, No. 394, dated the 31st August 1869, I have the honour to enclose a tabular statement exhibiting the receipts and issues of Government Currency Notes by all Treasury Officers during the past official year, or from 1st April 1869 to 31st March 1870.

2. The headings "Total Receipts" and "Total Issues" in the statement include all the notes received from Bank of Madras, from other treasuries, and from public in payment of Government dues, and in exchange for silver.

3. It will be observed from the tabular statement that the gross value of receipts and issues, during the year 1869-70, nearly balance each other; the former amounting to Rupees 92,57,530, and the latter to Rupees 92,76,410, against Rupees 78,20,450 and Rupees 1,04,71,160, respectively, in the previous year. On comparing the two years' transactions it will be seen that there is an increase of Rupees 14,37,080 this year in the receipts of notes, and a decrease of Rupees 11,94,750 in the issues. The cause of this decrease appears due to the restrictive orders of the Accountant-General in not permitting supplies of notes to be made to Treasury Officers equal to the former demand of the public.

4. Hitherto the Accountant-General obtained the returns of the receipts and issues of notes from all the Treasury Officers, and furnished this office annually with a compiled statement. In September 1869, however, at the request of the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, Calcutta, this work was transferred to my office by the Comptroller-General of Accounts, and the Accountant-General, Madras, issued orders to all the Treasury Officers to furnish me quarterly with the necessary returns commencing from the first quarter of the past official year. These returns are accordingly now received by me quarterly direct from twenty-five different treasuries, and checked and compiled in my office.

5. The Head Commissioner having requested to be furnished with a statement of these quarterly transactions, they are embodied in my Annual Administration Report.

6. I am happy to state, for the information of Government, that the working of the present system is extremely satisfactory, and I trust that the Accountant-General will soon allow the several District Treasuries to hold their former supply of notes to meet the demands of the public.

Referred to the Accountant-General for such remarks as he may wish to offer.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17*th June* 1870.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 6. From the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 24th June 1870, No. 88.

Resource Department.]

Adverting to the 3rd paragraph of the Assay Master's letter to your address of the 14th instant, referred for my remarks in your docket, dated the 17th idem, I have the honour to state that the restrictive instructions to which Mr. Bellew, I presume, alludes, were issued by me in obedience to orders received from the Financial Department, Calcutta, in which it is laid down that "Currency Notes "are not to be kept in any treasury so as to swell the cash balance beyond what "would otherwise be necessary," the object of that restriction being to enable the Government to work their treasuries with the lowest possible balance.

2. In almost all of the districts, however, the supply of notes has, I believe, been fully equal to the demand; but in Kurnool, and one or two of the other districts, where notes are largely used by the native merchants in making their cash remittances to Madras to save the premia payable on hoondies, I have occasionally been obliged to reduce the Collectors' indents to prevent the heavy accumulation of silver in those treasuries, and which the Government would otherwise have had to transport to Madras at considerable inconvenience and expense. In fact the effect of an unlimited supply of notes to those districts would be to make the Government the bullion carriers of the trading community, which, I submit, can scarcely be considered a legitimate function of the State in connexion with a paper currency.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1870, No. 372.

The Government consider the circulation of Currency Notes during the official year 1869-70 to be satisfactory, and concur in the views expressed by the Accountant-General in paragraph 2 of his letter above recorded.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
,, Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency.
,, Revenue Department, with the statement to be returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 6. From the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 24th June 1870, No. 88.

Resource Department.]

Adverting to the 3rd paragraph of the Assay Master's letter to your address of the 14th instant, referred for my remarks in your docket, dated the 17th idem, I have the honour to state that the restrictive instructions to which Mr. Bellew, I presume, alludes, were issued by me in obedience to orders received from the Financial Department, Calcutta, in which it is laid down that "Currency Notes "are not to be kept in any treasury so as to swell the cash balance beyond what "would otherwise be necessary," the object of that restriction being to enable the Government to work their treasuries with the lowest possible balance.

2. In almost all of the districts, however, the supply of notes has, I believe, been fully equal to the demand; but in Kurnool, and one or two of the other districts, where notes are largely used by the native merchants in making their cash remittances to Madras to save the premia payable on hoondies, I have occasionally been obliged to reduce the Collectors' indents to prevent the heavy accumulation of silver in those treasuries, and which the Government would otherwise have had to transport to Madras at considerable inconvenience and expense. In fact the effect of an unlimited supply of notes to those districts would be to make the Government the bullion carriers of the trading community, which, I submit, can scarcely be considered a legitimate function of the State in connexion with a paper currency.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1870, No. 372.

The Government consider the circulation of Currency Notes during the official year 1869-70 to be satisfactory, and concur in the views expressed by the Accountant-General in paragraph 2 of his letter above recorded.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Accountant-General.
,, Commissioner of Issue of Paper Currency.
,, Revenue Department, with the statement to be returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

Paper Currency Office
Madras, 14th June 1870.

No. 871.

From

P. F. Bellew Esqre

Commissioner of Paper Currency

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

1. With reference to para: 2 of the Proceedings of Government, Financial Department, No. 374, dated 31st August 1869, I have the honor to enclose a Tabular Statement shewing the Receipts and Issues of Government Currency Notes by all Treasury Officers during the Official year, or from 1st April 1869, to 31st March 1870.

2. The headings "Total Receipts" and "Total Issues" in the Statement, include all the Notes received from Bank of Madras and from other Treasuries, and from Public disbursements of Government dues, and all exchange for silver.

3. It will be observed from the Tabular Statement that the gross value of receipts and issues during the year 1869-70 nearly balance each other - the former amounting

2

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 6th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 6th September 1870, *No.* 372.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 5—7.

Considering the statement showing the circulation of Currency Notes in this Presidency, during the official year 1869-70, to be satisfactory.

to Rupees 92,57,530 and the latter to Rupees 92,76,410 against Rupees 78,20,450 and Rupees 1,04,71,160 respectively in the previous year. On comparing the two years' transactions it will be seen that there is an increase of Rupees 14,37,080 this year in the receipts of Notes and a decrease of Rupees 11,94,750 in the issues. The cause of this decrease appears due to the restrictive orders of the Accountant General, in not permitting supplies of Notes to be made to Treasury Officers equal to the former demand of the Public.

Hitherto the Accountant General obtained the Returns of the receipts and issues of Notes from all the Treasury Officers and furnished this Office annually with a compiled Statement. In September 1869, however at the request of the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, Calcutta, this work was transferred to my Office by the Comptroller General of Accounts, and the Accountant General Madras, issued orders to all the Treasury Officers to furnish me quarterly with the necessary Returns commencing from the 1st quarter of the past Official year. These returns are accordingly now received by me quarterly direct from 25 different Treasuries and checked and compiled in my

5
9

No. 322 of 1870.

From,

John Charles Loch Esqre
Sheriff of Madras

To,

A. McRitchie Esqre
Registrar High Court
Original Side.

Sir,

With reference to letter from the Assistant Registrar dated 13th instant annexing copy of a Memorandum from the Accountant General dated 8th idem No. 876, I have the honor to acquaint you that the Records of this Office shew that a Salary of Rupees 210 per mensem was drawn by the Deputy Sheriff of Madras from January 1803 to 31st May 1863, his salary previously to that period having been only Rupees 35 per month; but I am unable to trace the Order of Government sanctioning the Salary of Rupees 210, or to ascertain the date of the Order.

It further appears by the Records that in addition to the salary of Rupees 210, the Deputy Sheriff drew a sum of Rupees 30 per month as palankeen allowance from the 21st December 1841 to 31st May 1863 - ces per Order of Government dated 9th May 1837 No. 728.

The Appointment of Deputy Sheriff was made in pursuance of the Letters Patent establishing the Supreme Court of Judicature at Madras bearing date the 26th December 1800.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) John C. Loch.
Sheriff of Madras

Sheriff's Office
Madras
18th July 1870

Pens. Lm Nº 789/70.
4525

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ papers.

From the Commissioner of Paper Currency — } dy 14th June 1870 No 971.

— Accountant General Madras } — 24 — — — — 88.

Order thereon Circulated 6th September 1870. No 3512

The Government consider the result of the free circulation of Currency Notes during the Official year 1869-70 to be satisfactory, and concur in the views expressed by the Accountant General in paragraph 2 of his letter above recorded.

A/A.

To the Auditor General.
— Comm.r of Supply of Paper Currency
Rev Depart — with the Stock of the said } dated 15/9

Read Letter from Accountant General Madras — No 24 — dated 14th June 1870.
— " — 29th " — Administration Report for 1869-70.

Read Letter from Commissioner of Paper Currency — No 971 — dated 14th June 1870.
from Accountant General Madras — No 24 — dated 14th June 1870.

Ordered that the Circulation Report for 1869-70 be printed.

No 88
Enclosure.

Ordered that the Statistical Abstract be printed and that the Government Order thereon be published in Rules and Orders of the Government of Madras.

Pub. 1/15
P. 994

6.

Govt. of {18 } Madras.

Fin.

To

The Accountant General

Dated Sept. 6 } 1870, No. 372.
Recd.

Nos. 5-7

Considering the Statement shewing the Circulation of Currency notes in the Presidency during the official year 1869-70 & Statis-factory.