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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 10. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd November 1870, No. 1586:—

Referring to the Orders of Government, Financial Department, No. 440, dated 28th October 1870, on the Budget Estimate of the Paper Currency Department for 1871-72, I have the honour to submit the following explanation for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. Deputy Treasurer.—This person was drawing 100 Rupees a month, Rupees 40 from the late Bullion Depôt, and Rupees 60 from the Paper Currency. On the amalgamation of the Assay and Bullion Departments, the Government disallowed* the 40 Rupees. In paragraph 2 of their Order under acknowledgment, the Government observed that, on the receipt of the report called for at the end of six months on the result of the working of the reduced establishments of the Assay and Bullion Office, they would determine whether any addition should be made to the salary of the Deputy Treasurer. I beg respectfully to state, for the consideration of Government, that the Paper Currency Department, with its treasury, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer, being about to be transferred to the Accountant-General's Office at the Fort, the question of the Deputy Treasurer's salary would not form a part of the Assay Master's report. The same reason which induced Government to sanction the transfer to the Currency Department of Rupees 140, which the Treasurer was drawing from the late Bullion Depôt, applies with equal force in the case of the Deputy Treasurer also, whose duties and responsibilities have in no way been affected by the change in the Bullion and Assay Office, as he has all along been chiefly employed on the work of the Paper Currency Department, where he takes out notes from the stock in hand for stamping the Commissioner's signature, examines and packs them up. He issues notes daily to the Bank of Madras to the extent of about a lakh of rupees, as well as to the Exchange Department, and to the several Collectorates, and he further assists the Commissioner in taking charge of the daily balance of the Exchange Department. Taking into consideration the arduous and responsible nature of the duties devolving upon the Deputy Treasurer, which have not in the least been lessened by the amalgamation of the Assay and Bullion Departments, and the fact of his having been in receipt of Rupees 100 a month for the past 3½ years, and, as the Government have been pleased to authorize the continuance of the salary drawn by the Treasurer, I submit that it will be entailing a great hardship if the Deputy Treasurer is to get only Rupees 60 a month, and I earnestly beg that Government will be pleased to re-consider his case, and grant sanction to his drawing his full salary, Rupees 100, from the Paper Currency Department from 1st October 1870, and to include the difference of 40 Rupees in the Currency Budget of 1871-72.

* Order, dated 14th September 1870, No. 384.

Paragraph 2, dated 14th September 1870, No. 384.

I may add with reference to Mr. Rozario, the Deputy Treasurer, that Colonel Carpendale has spoken to me about him, stating that he was a very valuable servant to Government, and expressly recommended that his pay should not be in any way lessened.

3. ONE SHROFF AND SIX COIN ASSORTERS.—In paragraph 3 of the Order, the Government disallowed these men, because the Accountant-General, who will have the future management of the "Currency Office," is not prepared to say whether this establishment is necessary, but that, if that officer should find it necessary, they would be prepared to apply to the Government of India for sanction. I beg to be allowed to state that, during the past year, a sum of 42,88,000 Rupees were received into the Currency Treasury in lieu of notes. From this amount, 5,314 bad Rupees were found on examination as follows:—

	RS.
Defective coins	4,549
Peacock do.	21
Uncurrent do.	294
Counterfeit do.	14
Florins	5
Light do.	361
Defaced do.	70
Total ...	5,314

Thus, it will be seen that were it not for the Shroff and Coin Assorters, there would have been no chance of detecting these bad coins, or of preventing them from being put into circulation again. Since the date of the order under reference, this office received from the Madras Bank one and a half lakhs of rupees in lieu of notes, at 50,000 Rupees each time, and the defective coins found among them amounted to Rupees 473.

Moreover, the Coin Assorters have to remove daily, the note-boxes, coin bags, &c., as often as they are required, from the Treasury to the Commissioner's and Exchange Rooms, a work which has all along been done by the servants of the late Bullion Depôt whose services had been dispensed with. The present men are now engaged, in addition to their regular work, in assorting the 55 lakhs of rupees held in reserve under orders from the Head Commissioner, who directed that all light weight rupees which might be found amongst them should be set aside, and that a report of the result of the examination be made to him.

Under the above circumstances, the services of one Shroff on 14 Rupees, and six Coin Assorters at 8 Rupees each, are indispensably necessary in the Paper Currency Department, and they are now being continued. I, therefore, beg that Government will be pleased to sanction the continuance of this establishment, authorize the Accountant-General to pass their salaries from 1st October 1870, and include them in the Currency Budget for next year.

4. CONTINGENCIES.—In paragraph 5 of the Order, the Government reduced the provision made in the budget on account of contingencies from Rupees 3,000 to Rupees 1,500. I beg to state that the actual expenditure under this head, incurred during the past six months, from 1st April to 30th September 1870, amounted to Rupees 913-8-0. A similar sum will, in all probability, be required for the remaining six months, thus making a total of Rupees 1,827. A sum of Rupees 500 should also be added to meet the travelling expenses of one of the

Assistants to the Accountant-General when proceeding to audit the accounts of the Circle Offices of Issue of Calicut, Trichinopoly, and Vizagapatam, so that the probable total amount that may be required to meet the contingencies of the Department will amount in all to Rupees 2,327, which sum I beg the Government will be pleased to insert in the outgoing budget.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1870, No. 489.

Under the circumstances brought to notice in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the foregoing letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, as a temporary measure, to sanction the grant of the additional salary of Rupees 40 to the Deputy Treasurer, and the employment of one Shroff on 14 Rupees, and six Coin Assorters at 8 Rupees each per mensem, with effect from the 1st October 1870.

2. As the Paper Currency Department is about to be transferred to the Accountant-General, the Government request that that officer will, as soon as he has had an opportunity of observing the working of the Department, report whether he deems it necessary to continue the additional salary and the establishment above referred to.

3. Pending such report, the Government are not prepared to authorize the inclusion, in the Budget Estimate for 1871-72, of the additional charge of Rupees 102.

4. They are also not prepared to authorize any increase being made to the contingent charges in 1871-72, as it is possible that the charges may be considerably less when the Paper Currency Department is placed under the Accountant-General.

5. Any provision which may be required to meet the travelling expenses of the Assistant Accountant-General, who is likely to be deputed to audit the accounts of the Currency Offices, will be entered by the Accountant-General in his own Budget Estimate.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Assay Master and Commissioner for Paper Currency.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE ASSAY MASTER AND
COMMISSIONER OF PAPER
CURRENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 7th.

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G. O., 7th December 1870, No. 489.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 10-11.

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Paper Currency Office
Madras 23rd November 1870

No. 1586.

From

Henry W. Graham Esqre
Commissioner of Paper Currency

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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2. Deputy Treasurer. This person was drawing 100 Rupees a month, Rupees 40 from the late Bullion Depôt, and Rupees 60 from the Paper Currency. On the amalgamation of the Assay and Bullion Departments, the Government disallowed the 40 Rupees. In para 2 of their order under acknowledgment, the Government observed that, on the receipt of the report called for at the end of six months on the result of the working of the reduced Establishments of the Assay and Bullion Office, they would determine whether any addition should be made to the salary of the Deputy Treasurer. I beg respectfully to state for the consideration of Government that the Paper Currency Department with its Treasury, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer being about to be transferred to the Accountant General's

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Para 2
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1870, No 384.

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Moreover, the Coin Assorters have to remove daily, the Note Boxes, Coin Bags &c., as often as they are required, from the Treasury to the Commissioner's and Exchange Rooms, a work which has all along been done by the servants of the late Bullion Depôt whose services had been dispensed with. The present men are now engaged in addition to their regular work, in assorting the 55 lacs of Rupees held in reserve under orders from the Head Commissioner, who directed that all light weight Rupees which might be found amongst them should be set aside, and that a report of the result of the examination be made to him.

Under the above circumstances, the services of one Shroff on 11 Rupees, and 6 Coin Assorters at 8 Rupees each are indispensably necessary in the Paper Currency Department, and they are now being continued. - I therefore beg that Government will be pleased to sanction the continuance of this Establishment, authorize the Accountant General to pass their salaries from 1st October 1870, and include them in the Currency Budget for next year.

4. Contingencies. In para 5 of the order, the Government reduced the provision made in the Budget on account of contingencies, from Rupees 3000 to Rupees 1500. I beg to state that the actual expenditure under this head, incurred during the past six months from 1st April to 30th September 1870, amounted to Rupees 913-8-0. A similar sum, will in all probability be required for the remaining six months, thus making a total of Rupees 1827. A sum of Rupees 500 should also be added to meet the travelling expenses of

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Henry W. Graham
Commissioner of
Paper Currency.

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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

The Commissioner of Paper Currency Madras

Dated 23d November 1870 No 1586.

Order thereon 7th Dec/70 No 4897

Under the circumstances brought to notice in paragraphs 2 & 3 of the foregoing letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, as a temporary measure, to sanction the grant of the additional salary of Rs 40 to the Deputy Treasurer, and the employment of one Shroff on 14 Rs and 6 Conscorters at 8 Rs each per mensem with effect

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Finance 1870 Departments
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From.
The Commissioner of Paper Currency.
Madras.

To.
The Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George.

Dated. 23d November 1870.
Rec'd. 26th
No 4273. Nº. 1586.

Submits explanations regarding the full salary of the Deputy Treasurer being drawn in the Paper Currency Department, and points out the necessity for the continuance of the services of a Shroff and 6 Conscorters, as also the insertion of Rs 2,327 for Contingencies in the Budget for 1871-72.

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3. Pending such report the Government are not prepared to authorize the inclusion in the Budget Estimate for 1871-72 of the additional charge of Rs 102-0-0.

4. They are also not prepared to authorize any increase being made to the Contingent charges in 1871-72, as it is possible that the charges may be considerably less when the Paper Currency Dept. is placed under the Accountant General.

5. Any provision which may be required to meet the travelling expenses of the Assistant Accountant General who is likely to be deputed to audit the accounts of the Currency offices will be asked by the Accountant General in his own Budget Estimate.

To The Assay Master
Comm[r] of Paper Currency
Accountant General

dated 9/12

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