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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 30-11- 1872.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 142. From W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Aska, 15th November 1872, No. 1977.

I have the honour to call the attention of Government to a notice, No. ——, dated 20th September 1872, lately issued by the Accountant-General in the Paper Currency Department, and to point out that it will cause serious inconvenience if carried out strictly according to the wording. The notice is to the effect that "encashment of Notes of the late Vizagapatam Circle in general circulation can be had either from the Collector at Vizagapatam or at the Currency Office in Cocanada or Madras." The notice does not say in express terms that Notes of the late Vizagapatam Circle can be encashed *only* at the three places mentioned, but that is, I think, implied, and my Treasury Deputy Collector and the Tahsildars who are in charge of Taluq Treasuries have read the notice as prohibiting the receipt of Vizagapatam Circle Notes even for Government dues at any Treasury unless they be enfaced "Cocanada." A considerable portion of the Currency Notes in circulation in the Northern Circars belong, as might be expected, to the Vizagapatam Circle. If the holders be suddenly told that these Notes cannot be cashed at any Treasury and that they must be forwarded to Vizagapatam, Cocanada, or Madras, they will consider that they are very badly treated, and considerable ill-will will be thus created against Government. I have had many verbal complaints on the subject, and, of course, there will be more hereafter until all the old Vizagapatam Circle Notes are enfaced "Cocanada." The evil has been somewhat aggravated by some Taluq Officers paying out Vizagapatam Notes which they refused to take back even on the next day. It was bad enough to refuse payment without throwing into circulation more temporarily useless Notes. Persons at Chicacole complained to me that they had been seriously inconvenienced by the Tahsildar refusing to receive on Wednesday the very Notes he had given them on Tuesday.

2. It is needless for me to expatiate on the hardship to poor people of being compelled to hold Notes when they require the change for their every-day wants, or to point out that it is likely to throw much discredit on the Notes, which will not be removed for a long time. The inconvenience or distress caused by the order of the Accountant-General will be remembered long after the cause shall have ceased to exist, and the distrust and dislike for the Currency Notes thereby engendered will probably last for years and exist when the reason therefor shall have been forgotten.

3. There may be financial reasons for the order invisible to those uninversed in the arcana of the Account Department; but I should have thought the object in view would have been more fully and legitimately secured by directing Government Treasuries to cash all Vizagapatam Notes offered and forward them to the Circle head-quarters, but to issue none. This may be the real purport of the order; if so, I trust that Government will be pleased to issue early orders sanctioning the receipt at all Treasuries of the now-refused and, therefore, discredited Notes.

Referred to the Accountant-General for his remarks. It would be well to remove any misapprehension by telegraphed instructions.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th November 1872.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 143. From the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 29th November 1872, No. 519.

Resource Department.

In returning the Acting Collector of Ganjam's letter of the 15th instant, referred for my remarks under your docket of the 28th idem, I have the honour to observe that Mr. Grahame has strangely misunderstood the purport of the notification issued by Mr. Taylor advising the public of the transfer of the office of issue of the Northern Circle from Vizagapatam to Cocanada.

2. That notification informs the public that after the closure of the Vizagapatam Currency Office the encashment of its Notes may be claimed, *i. e.*, as a legal right, at Vizagapatam, Cocanada, and Madras, and in like manner it is usual when opening a new office to advise the public that the encashment and issue of its Notes can be claimed only at the office of issue and at the Head Office at Madras, though as a matter of practice it is well understood that the Notes will be freely cashed at all the District Treasuries within the Circle to the extent of their available funds.

3. It was never for a moment intended to lessen the accommodation which had previously been given to the public in obtaining encashment of the Vizagapatam Notes at any of the District Treasuries or to limit the receipt of Notes in payment of Government dues, all Currency Notes presented for that purpose being a legal tender, and not under any circumstances, therefore, to be refused.

4. It is to be regretted that Mr. Grahame, when he found the inconvenience which was likely to arise from the construction which he placed on Mr. Taylor's notification, did not at once telegraph to me for instructions instead of allowing more than a month to pass without moving in the matter, during which time the public had every reason to suppose that they were being treated with bad faith by Government. In obedience to your instructions I have to-day sent him the subjoined telegram :—

"Cash all late Vizagapatam Notes as usual and receive them for Government dues."

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1872, No. 1594.

The Accountant-General's letter will be communicated to the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

2. Mr. Grahame will use his utmost endeavours to remove the misapprehension which has prevailed.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Ganjam.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Department

Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
24 November 1872

No. 619

From
F. Lushington Esqre
Accountant General

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

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2 That Notification informs the Public that, after the closure of the Vizagapatam Currency Office, the Encashment of its Notes may be claimed, i.e. as a legal right at Vizagapatam Coconada

GOVT. OF INDIA, 1872. 30 NOVR.

FINANCIAL.

To

The ACTING COLLECTOR of GANJAM, &c. &c. &c.

Dated Fort Saint George, 30th November 1872.

Read.

G. O., 24th November 1872, No. 1584.

NOVEMBER
Nos. 142-144.

Communicating the Accountant-General's opinion respecting the notification issued by him regarding the encashment of the late Vizagapatam Currency Circle Notes with the request that the Collector will endeavour to remove the misapprehension which has prevailed in respect to these Notes.

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Sir
Your most Obed. Servt.

F. Cruickshank
Accountant General

Gazipore Cultivation Collectors Office
No 1871 Cauzie Abdul Hai, Esq. Sessions Judge
Ghazipore

Sir

I have the honor to solicit the favor of Government's orders on the following case, which has been referred to me by the Collector of Ghazipore.

On the 9th February 1872 Ram Lochun Roy Chowkeedar of Mouzah Kuttaha Pergunnah Zahoorabad was murdered by some unknown persons, and his body was found in the morning lying on the high road leading from Ghazipore to Zahoorabad.

The Police Darogah Ram Lochun Singh reported the case to the Magistrate, and the Magistrate referred it to the Collector for enquiry and report.

The Collector has submitted the proceedings of the enquiry held by him, and has recommended that a reward of Rupees Fifty be granted to Ram Lochun Singh, Police Darogah, for the zeal and activity displayed by him in the investigation of the case.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Ram Lochun Singh
Officiating Collector

To
The Commissioner of Benares

Dated 9th March 1872

Feb. 1872 Dept. A.

From

The Accountant General
Madras

To The Chief Secretary to
Govt Fort St George

Dated 29th November 1872
Rec'd 8 Dec.

No 1519 No 24.

Subject

Report the encashment of the Late Vizagapatam Circle Notes

G O 30th Jan 1873 No 143

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

W. Parkes
Acting Collector, Ganjam

Copied by
M. Rajagopalam
Ag. 3rd Clerk

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the
Ag Collector of Ganjam dated 15 Novr 1872 No 1977.
Accountant General. dated 29 Novr 1872. No 579.

Order thereon 30 Nov: 1872 No 1594.

The Accountant General's letter will be communicated to the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

2. Mr Grahame will use his utmost endeavours to remove the misapprehension which ~~has prevailed~~ ~~to be allowed to grow~~

Confirmed

To The A.G Coll.r of Ganjam. dispd 30.11.72.
Printed copy sent on the 7/12
" Accountant General. dispd 7/12

Received 29 Nov 1872
Accountant General's Office

From the Collector of Ganjam
To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George
No 1977
Dated Berhampore 15th November 1872
Received 29th do
Answered 30th do

Reports the situation of Government to a notice of 20 lakhs cash issued by the Accountant General in the Public Treasury at this place, and requests that a similar notice may be issued at Chicacole & Vizianagram where Treasuries are established & Tahsildars are in charge.

Extract from Proceedings of the Madras Government
Financial Department
No 1594
Dated 30th November 1872

Read the letter from the Collector of Ganjam
No 1977 dated 15th November 1872

Ordered, that the Accountant General be requested to issue the necessary instructions for the establishment of Treasuries at Chicacole & Vizianagram.

(True Extract)
C. Purushotham
Asst Secretary

To
The Accountant General
The Collector of Ganjam

Govt. of {1872} Madras

Financial

To

The Sy. Coll^r of Gunjam

Dated Oct^r 30
Recd. } 1872, No. 1874

Nos. 142 145

Conng. the Account Guild. Explanation respecting the Notes issued by him regarding the encashment of the late Vizagapatam Currency Circle Notes, with the request that the Coll^r will endeavour to remove the misapprehension which has prevailed in respect to these Notes