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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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To

THE CHIEF SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

FORT WILLIAM, *the 24th January* 1873.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 774 dated 13th December 1871, on the subject of the proposed assignment of a sum of Rs. 65,000 per annum for the household and tour expenses of His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

2. In reply, I am to say that, under the circumstances represented by the Government of Madras, the Governor General in Council is pleased, in anticipation of the approval of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to sanction an assignment of Rs. 75,000 per annum, instead of Rs. 65,000, as formerly proposed by the Government of India, and to approve of the proposal of the local Government to meet from that assignment the expenses shown in the second of the two memoranda forwarded with your letter.

3. The assignment of Rs. 75,000 should not, I am to say, be regarded as final. Actual expenses to that limit should only be passed, and savings should lapse at the end of the year.

4. The Account Department will be informed that it is no longer responsible for the audit in detail of charges, which, as now arranged, are to be met from the fixed annual assignment. Only a lump sum on account of actual expenses need be charged in each case.

5. The new arrangement should take effect from the commencement of the next financial year.

6. Referring to paragraphs 6 and 7 of your letter, I am to say that the orders directing that the furniture allowance of the Government House should be shown as a Public Works charge, and that Rs. 5,000 should be added to the provincial assignment on that account, were passed after full consideration, and that it was not the intention of the Government of India to interfere with the discretion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, or to limit the amount that might be spent in any year to a maximum of Rs. 5,000.

7. Referring to paragraphs 8 and 9 of your letter, the Governor General in Council desires me to say there was not the least intention on the part of the Government of India of assigning a higher rank to the Government of Bombay than to the Government of Madras. The allotment to Bombay is higher than that to Madras only because the expenditure of that Government has

always largely exceeded that of Madras, owing to the expensiveness of the Bombay Presidency, and the more frequent moves of the Bombay Government. The items of expenditure also are not the same in the two cases.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Offg Under Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above letter, and of that to the Government of Bombay, No. 520 of this date, be forwarded to the Home Department.

Ordered also, that extract, paragraphs 1 to 5, of the above letter, and also a copy of the memorandum alluded to in paragraph 2, be furnished to the Accountant General, Madras.

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Forwg. letter from the Govt. of India sanctioning an assignment of Rs. 45000 per annum for the Governor's Household & Tour Expenses of H.E. the Govr. of Madras.