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Government of Madras.

Financial **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 134. Read the following letter from the Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 12th February 1873, No. 663 :—

Audit Department.

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying correspondence between this office and the Acting Principal Assistant Collector of Ganjam.

2. It will be observed that Mr. Grahame challenges the right of the Audit Department to make inquiry regarding the return to duty of a subordinate in any office, and requests that he may be informed of the rule under which Heads of Offices are required to report the same to the Accountant-General.

3. There is no rule such as Mr. Grahame requires; but it has been the invariable practice of the Audit Office to obtain this information with regard to ministerial servants as well as gazetted officers, for it is obviously impossible to audit the pay bill of any Government servant unless all particulars regarding his presence on duty are known. As service for pension has to be verified by the Audit Department, the examination of claims to pay must be of the strictest nature as active service alone qualifies.

4. Government will observe that the question arose in the case of a Local Fund clerk, and I beg to be informed whether, in applying to men in this class of service the rules under which employés on Government establishments are treated, this office has rightly interpreted the wishes of Government.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1873, No. 238.

The Governor in Council has no doubt whatever of the propriety of the Accountant-General's action in so far as it relates to Government servants, but does not deem it necessary to extend the rule to the Local Funds' establishment.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General, with enclosures returned.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

~~Treasury.~~

Audit Department.

No. 663

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
12th February 1873.

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Department

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To

The ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, &c., &c.

Dated February, 1873.

Read.

Encl.

G. O., 18th February 1873, No. 233.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 134-135.

Approving of the Accountant-General's action in requiring Heads of Offices to intimate to him the return to duty of subordinates in their offices, but deeming the extension of the rule to the Local Funds' establishment unnecessary.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obdt. Servt

F. Richmond

Accountant General

To the Accountant General with enclosures
— Board of Revenue.

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From The ACCTT. GENERAL

to the GOVT. of MADRAS.

No. 663

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 12th February 1873
Received 13th February 1873

No. 287.

Enclosures. 2

Soliciting the Orders of Government whether he has rightly interpreted the wishes of Government in applying certain rules to Local Fund Establishments also which the acting Principal Assistant Collector of Ganjam objects.

With an Order