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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 241. From A. C. LYALL, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 7th October 1874, No. 2526.

As it would seem from the correspondence ending with the letter from the Financial Department to the address of the Government of Madras, No. 5462, dated the 9th ultimo, regarding the destruction of poisonous snakes, that the meaning of the Resolution* of September 1871 may possibly have been misunderstood, I am directed to point out that the Resolution conveyed no intention to give a grant from Imperial Funds to meet the expense for killing poisonous snakes. All that was intended was to withdraw a previous prohibition and to indicate a mode of trying the experiment which appeared most conducive to success. The experiment was ordered to be carried out in selected districts in order that it might be tried under favorable circumstances, and by selected officers who took an interest in it, and it was clearly laid down that rewards for the destruction of dangerous animals were to be paid within Budget limits.

* Home Department Resolution, No. 4202, dated 11th September 1871.

No. 242. From E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 9th September 1874, No. 5462.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communications noted in the margin respecting a claim, on behalf of the Provincial Services of the Madras Presidency, for an allotment of Rupees 2,43,200-14-10, as follows, for meeting the expense of rewards paid in 1872-73 and 1873-74 for killing venomous snakes, *viz.* :—

Letter, No. 255, dated 13th February 1874, and enclosures.
Letter, No. 925, dated 29th May 1874, and enclosures.
Letter, No. 1195, dated 18th July 1874.
Telegram, dated 27th August 1874.

	1872-73.			1873-74.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Nellore	1,27,389	15	0	73,855	9	0
Chingleput	22,428	12	6	13,150	1	0
Other districts	5,622	9	4	754	0	0
Total ...	1,55,441	4	10	87,759	10	0

This expenditure was for killing venomous snakes only, while the rewards for killing snakes and wild animals amounted in the five years from 1861-62 to 1865-66 to only £7,222 and in the four years from 1866-67 to 1869-70 to £13,471. At 2 Annas a-head the rewards paid in the Nellore District represent a destruction of 1,019,120 venomous snakes in 1872-73 and of 590,844 in 1873-74, or in all 1,609,964 venomous snakes killed in one district, whether in the forests or near human habitation is not stated.

2. When the prohibition against the grant of rewards for the destruction of venomous snakes was withdrawn by the Government of India in 1871 it was stated that such rewards might be experimentally given, at the discretion of local Governments, only to a limited extent. The object in thus limiting the scale of experiment was to restrict the expenditure within defined limits.

3. The cost of these experiments is clearly a charge against the Provincial revenues and should be adjusted accordingly. As, however, the Government of Madras expected help from the Government of India, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction a special grant of Rupees 50,000 in aid of the Madras Provincial revenues for the year 1874-75 to meet what would have been a fair expenditure in the two years on the experiment as it was intended to be tried.

4. I am also to state that these experiments should in future be carried out at the cost of Provincial Funds.

Copy forwarded to the Home Department for information, and to the Comptroller-General and the Accountant-General, Bombay, for information and guidance.

(Signed) E. F. HARRISON,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1874, No. 1837.

Resolved that the following letter be addressed to the Government of India.

2. The Revenue Department will be requested not to sanction any expenditure in future either for "killing venomous snakes" or for killing "wild animals" without ascertaining from the Financial Department whether funds for the purpose can be assigned from the grant* transferred by the Government of India from Imperial Revenues to Provincial Services.

* Rupees 24,780.

3. The Collector of Nellore will be called upon to specify the localities in which the venomous snakes were killed in that district during the years 1872-73 and 1873-74.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Collector of Nellore.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c.,

&c.

Dated October, 28*th*.

Recd.

G.O., 28th October 1874, No. 1837.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 241—244.

Allotment for killing Venomous Snakes.—Instructions issued to the Revenue Department regarding future expenditure for killing venomous snakes and will animals, and the Collector of Nellore directed to specify the localities in which the venomous snakes were killed in that district during the years 1872-73 and 1873-74.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1838.

FROM

THE HON. D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 9th September 1874, No. 5462, sanctioning a special grant of Rupees 50,000 in aid of the expenditure of Rupees 2,43,200 erroneously incurred and debited to Provincial Services during the years 1872-73 and 1873-74.

2. I am respectfully to state that this Government are unable to accept the decision which the Government of India have arrived at in this matter.

3. In their Resolution, dated the 30th March 1872, No. 2086, transferring certain charges, which were included up to that time in the Imperial Civil Budget under "Miscellaneous," from Imperial Revenues to Provincial Services, the Government of India distinctly stated in paragraph 6 of the Resolution that "under these Orders the whole of the expenditure hitherto charged under the grant 'Miscellaneous' * * and all normal and inconsiderable miscellaneous charges will be met for the future from the allotment for Provincial Services. *Should, however, any unusual and considerable miscellaneous expenditure become necessary anywhere, the Imperial Government will, on the application of the local Government, bear it.*" The charge for the "Destruction of Wild Animals" was one of the items transferred, the provision for which did not exceed Rupees 24,780.

4. I am to submit that the expenditure incurred in "Killing Venomous Snakes" during the years 1872-73 and 1873-74, under the authority of the Government of India, was an "unusual and considerable expenditure," and one which the Government of India should, under the terms of the Resolution above cited, "bear."

5. I am especially to draw attention to the fact that, when this experiment was instituted at the *express desire* of the Supreme Government, the practice of giving rewards for killing snakes had been discontinued, and also to the fact that, in consequence of this discontinuance, the Provincial assignment included no provision whatever for this purpose. Had it not been for the positive orders of the Supreme Government no expenditure would have been incurred at all. Further, the Resolution of the Supreme Government did not give the slightest indication that the expenditure would not be regarded as "Imperial;" indeed, its tenor led to the natural inference that the Supreme Government contemplated a general measure applicable to all India and Imperial in its scope and nature.

6. Under these circumstances, and the fact that the grant made to Provincial Services in March 1872 was less than the average expenditure for the preceding three* years, for the "Destruction of Wild Animals" and was clearly not intended to provide for any "unusual" expenditure such as that contemplated by the Government of India, I am to request that the Governor-General in Council will be pleased again to reconsider the matter and assign to this Government the money which has been expended under the authority conveyed in Resolution, dated 11th September 1871, No. 4202.

		Rs.
*1868-69	... ...	46,472
1869-70	... ...	36,132
1870-71	... ...	24,589
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		35,731
	Grant ...	24,780
	Difference ...	10,951

7. I am further to bring to the notice of the Government of India that, consequent on the "unusual" and large expenditure adverted to, the Provincial Services estimate of this Government for 1874-75 shows a large deficit balance, and that, in the event of this Government not receiving the equivalent of the expenditure incurred in killing venomous snakes, they will be under the necessity of at once stopping many useful works which are in progress, and which are urgently required in the interests of the public service.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
28*th October* 1874.

Acting Chief Secretary.

Lzd. A. S. Rodgers.

1874.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From
The Acting Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George,

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 28th October 1874.

Read.

No. 1838.
Enclosure.

Allotment for killing Venomous Snakes.—Certain remarks submitted to the Government of India with reference to its Resolution sanctioning a special grant of Rupees 50,000 in aid of the Madras Provincial revenues for the year 1874-75, and reconsideration of the decision solicited.

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Despatched 28/10/74.
Free spare copies sent on 29-10-74

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Financial Department.

No. 1838.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Financial Department.

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2. I am respectfully to state that this Govt are unable to accept the decision which the Govt of India have arrived at in this matter.

3. In their Resolution dated the 30th March 1872,

1872, No 2086, transferring certain charges, which were included up to that time in the Imperial Civil Budget under "Miscellaneous", from Imperial Revenues to Provincial Services, the Govt. of India distinctly stated in paragraph 6 of the Resolution that "under these Orders the whole of the expenditure hitherto charged under the grant "Miscellaneous" x x and all normal and inconsiderable miscellaneous charges will be met for the future from the allotment for Provincial Services. Should, however, any unusual and considerable miscellaneous expenditure become necessary anywhere, the Imperial Govt will, on the application of the Local Govt, bear it."

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The charge for the "Destruction of wild animals" was one of the items transferred, the provision for which did not exceed Rs 24,780.

4. I am to submit that the expenditure incurred in "killing venomous snakes" during the years 1872-73 and 1873-74, under the authority of the Govt. of India, was an "unusual and considerable expenditure", and one which the Govt. of India should, under the terms of the Resolution above cited, "bear".

5. The Govt of India in their Resolution, Home Department, (Public) dated the 11th Septr. 1871, No 4202, did not restrict this Govt as to the expenditure

*I would say I am especially to draw attention to the fact that when this experiment was instituted at the express desire of the Govt of India the practice of giving rewards for killing snakes had been discontinued - and also to the fact, that in consequence of this discontinuance the Provincial assignment included no provision whatever for this purpose - Had it not been for the

expenditure which should be incurred for killing venomous snakes. The only restriction which they placed was that rewards exceeding 2 Annas a head "should not be offered "throughout a whole province, or for an unlimited "period, but in selected "districts where the mortality from snake bite "is greatest, and for a "period not exceeding two "years."

6. This restriction has been faithfully complied with in this Presidency, inasmuch as the rewards authorized were restricted "to selected districts", and for the prescribed periods; and when the expenditure was found to be larger than was contemplated, the reward was at once reduced from 2 Annas to 1 Anna a head.

7. Under these circumstances, and the fact that the grant made to Provincial Services in March 1872 was less than the average expenditure for the preceding ~~four~~ three years, for the "destruction of wild animals" and was clearly not intended to provide for any "unusual" expenditure such as that contemplated by the Govt. of India, I am to request — " — that the Governor General in Council will be pleased again to reconsider the matter and assign to this Govt. the money which has been expended

1868-69.	— Rs	46,472
1869-70.	—	36,132
1870-71.	—	24,589
~~1871-72.~~	—	~~27,212~~
		3 | 107193
		35731
Grant	—	24780
Difference	Rs	10951

positive orders of the Govt. that no Expenditure under this head is incurred at all Further the Govr. in Council of the Govt: of India did not specify the slightest indication that the Expenditure would not be regarded as "Unusual" indeed its tenor led to the natural inference that the Govt: of India contemplated a continuance of the usual measure applicable to the Indian Empire in its scope & nature

Govt

under the authority conveyed in Resn. dated 11th September 1871, No. 4202.

7th I am further to bring to the notice of the Govt of India that, consequent on the "unusual" and large expenditure adverted to, the Provincial Services Estimate of this Govt for 1874-75, shows a deficit balance [of no less than Rs 1,74,996] and that, in the event of this Govt not receiving the equivalent of the expenditure incurred in killing venomous snakes, they will be under the necessity of at once stopping many useful works which are in progress, and which are urgently required

× Probable receipts
Rs. 89,21,000
Do. Expenditure — 90,95,996
Deficit Rs. 1,74,996

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required in the interests of the Public Service.

Ordered
28th October 1874.

Rs. A. 22/9/75

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Jud. 1874 DEPARTMENT.

No. 1339.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Financial Department.

№ 241. 244.

Dated Feb. 28 1874.

Allotment for killing Venomous Snakes. Certain Remarks submitted to the Govt of India with ref. to its resolution sanctioning a Special grant of Rs. 50000 in aid of the Madras Prov. Revenues for the year 1874-75, & re-consideration of the decision Solicited.