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30th December 1874.

No. 227. Read the following letter from N. R. POGSON, Esq., Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 19th December 1874 :—

Herewith I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of the Observatory and Meteorological Departments for the official year ending 31st March 1876.

2. The triplicate copies have been forwarded to the Accountant-General, at whose office the actuals for the year 1873-74 have to be filled in.

No. 228. ORDER THEREON, 30th December 1874, No. 2172.

The Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent submits the Budget Estimates of Charges for these departments for the official year 1875-76.

2. The estimates were received in the Government Office on Saturday evening the 19th December 1874, on the close of the office for the Christmas holidays, and two months and eighteen days after the date on which they were due.

3. The Governor in Council resolves, therefore, to draw the special attention of the Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent to the rule prescribed in G.O., dated 15th April 1862, No. 289, *viz.*, that "Heads of Departments and Officers who have to furnish Budget Estimates in the Madras Presidency, send them in the first instance to Government so as to reach that office by the 1st October in each year," and to direct that he will in future arrange to submit the Budget Estimates for each year to Government on the 1st of October.

4. The Accountant-General is requested to draw the attention of all Heads of Offices to this rule.

5. The estimate for the "*Observatory*" amounts to Rupees 19,300, against the grant of Rupees 19,300 for 1874-75, and the actuals for 1873-74 of Rupees 16,895. The actuals given in the estimate do not correspond with those obtained from the accounts rendered by the Accountant-General. The Government Astronomer should have obtained the necessary figures from that officer and have inserted them in the proper column of the estimate.

6. The estimate includes Rupees 2,000 for electrical clocks. Provision for the purpose was made in the estimates for the current year, but no explanation has been given why it is not to be availed of.

7. The estimate is passed for Rupees 19,300.

8. The estimate for the "*Meteorological Department*" amounts to Rupees 15,200, and is of the same amount as the grant for 1874-75, but the actuals for 1873-74 did not exceed Rupees 13,554. The allotment in the estimate under "Contingencies" appears excessive. The estimate being for Rupees 1,280, while the actuals are not more than Rupees 453. The allotment may be safely reduced to Rupees 780, which will still leave an ample margin for any unforeseen charges.

9. The estimate will be altered accordingly, and passed for Rupees 14,700.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Government Astronomer.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

Madras Observatory, December 19th 1874.

From

N. R. Pogson, Esq.,
Government Astronomer and Meteorological Superintendent.

To the Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael
Chief Sec. to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to submit the Budget Estimates of the Observatory and Meteorological Departments for the official year ending 31st March 1876.

The triplicate copies have been forwarded to the Accountant General at whose office the Actuals for the year 1873–74 have to be filled in.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
N. R. Pogson
Government Astronomer &
Meteorological Superintendent

Govt. of India.

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To

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated December, 30th

Recd.

G.O., 30th December 1874, No. 2172.

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Budget Estimate of Charges for the Observatory and Meteorological Departments for the Official year 1875-76, reviewed and passed.

Financial Department.

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correspond with those obtained from the accounts rendered by the Accountant General. The Govt Astronomer should have obtained the necessary figures from that officer, and have inserted them in the proper Column of the Estimates.

6. The Estimate includes Rs 2000 for electrical clocks. Provision for the purpose was made in the Estimates for the current year, but no explanation has been given why it is not to be availed of.

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excessive. The Estimate being for Rs. 1280, while the actuals are not more than Rs. 453. The allotment may be easily reduced to Rs 780 which will still leave an ample margin for any unforeseen charges.

9 The Estimate will be altered accordingly, and passed for Rs 11700.

To

The Government Astronomer
The Accountant General } dft. 2/11/75.

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The Govt. Astronomer

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