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21st January 1874.

No. 139. Read the following letter from D. BARBOUR, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Honourable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 29th November 1873, No. 3139 :—

With reference to your letter, No. 1136, dated the 13th August 1873, I am directed to state that it appears from a statement furnished by the Accountant-General that the average cost of dieting prisoners under trial in the Madras Presidency for five years from 1868-69 to 1872-73 has been Rupees 49,103, which sum is a little less than the expenditure for 1872-73, but much more than that for either 1871-72 or 1870-71. I am to inquire, therefore, whether a permanent grant of Rupees 50,000 will not suffice for meeting the charges in question.

No. 140. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st January 1874, No. 92.

In reply to Mr. Under-Secretary Barbour's letter, No. 3139, dated the 29th November last, I am directed to say that this Government is not willing to accept less than Rupees 51,000 to meet the cost of dieting prisoners under trial in this Presidency as a permanent Provincial charge, as the actual charge in 1872-73 was over Rupees 50,000; the *number* of such prisoners is on the increase although the heinousness of crime is decreasing; the cost of provisions is rising, and the diet itself is better than it formerly was.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

1874.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

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

Dated 21st January 1874.

Read.

No. 92.

Enclosure.

JANUARY.
Nos. 139-140.

Provincial Funds.—Government of India informed that the Madras Government is not willing to accept less than Rupees 51,000 to meet the cost of dieting prisoners under trial in this Presidency as a permanent Provincial charge.

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No 3139

To The Chief Secy to the
Govt of Madras

Financial Deptt Sir,

With reference to your letter No 1136 dated the 13th August 1873, I am directed to state that it appears from the statement furnished by the Accountant General that the average cost of dieting prisoners under trial in the Madras Presidency for five years from 1868-9 to 1872-3 has been Rs 49,103 which sum is a little less than the expenditure for 1872-73, but much more than that for either 1871-2 or 1870-1. I am to enquire therefore whether a permanent grant of Rs 50,000 will not suffice for meeting the charges in question.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt,
J Berry
Under Secy to the Govt of India

Fort William,
Finl Deptt
The 29th Nov 1873.

Dept 23/

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Financial Department.

No. 92

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Financial Department.

Amount Rs. 57000 at 1/6 in Council 20.1.74

Sir,

In reply to Mr Under Secretary Barbour's letter No. 3139 dated the 29th November Cost, I am directed to say that this Government is not willing to accept less than Rs ~~50,000~~ 57000 to meet the cost of trying prisoners under trial in this Presidency as a Provincial charge, as the actual charge in 1872-73 was over Rupees 50000; the number of such prisoners is on the increase, although the heinousness of crime is decreasing; the cost of provisions is rising, and the

J. D.
See my 2? inst

~~Instead~~
Happens that I was wrong in respect that the amount fixed Provincial grants was calculated on an average of years: but I offered them no choice other than that was given in the last year

J. D. Hereupon made for no case

Financial 1873 Sept 19
Amount Rs 57000
Sent Govt of India
No 3139
Dated 29th Nov 73
Rs 57000

No 2257.

Enquiries as to the remuneration paid to Barristers will be made in connection with the charge for trials of persons under trial in the Madras Presidency

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No: 13 August 1873. Rec'd. "
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Fin. Department.

No. 2257

From The Under Secretary to the Government of India

Dated 29th November 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

I am not disinclined to
accept 50.000 R. - as
actually spent a little
more in one but year
of account but it is a
charge which is much
more likely to increase
than decrease: so also this

this kind of thing "Finance"!

L. O. S.

I am inclined to think we ought to agree to the proposal of the G. I. Unless I am mistaken, the amount allotted was for "Provincial service" & calculated ~~exes~~ was determined by reference to the average of the last few years - not to the last year: and ~~though~~ if so, this proposal is exorbitant. There is no reason why any ~~sum~~ head of Provincial service should be treated

in this respect differently from the rest. Moreover, I think we ought frankly to hope that with advancing intelligence and civilization such expenses will diminish rather than increase.

Jan 26/73

Sir. ask $5500. The number of pris. is a fair increase & what to increase with the advance of population - but really changes in the seriousness of crime & less or the decrease - Besides the price of provisions is increasing 2 or per cent dietaries - the average 2 years is insufficient

27/1 See note

With reference to his Lordship's
note I would observe that the
Provincial assignment was based
on the Events of the last year
alone - & that at a year of the most
stringent economy - owing to the
alterations demanded of us! We were
first required to cut our demands
down to the lowest figure! and
then told that a Deficit must not
be provided for by the reduction of 7 per cent!!

The sum at issue here is
trifling - but the principle involved
is serious - If we are not to take for
granted - and I am very averse to
this - we must be careful how we
accept liabilities which are not fully
adequately provided. I. O. L.

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To
The Secretary to the
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Fort 1874.
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From
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George,

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

Dated 21 Jany 1874
Rec'd.

No. 92
Enclosure.

Nos. 139-40.

Prov. Funds. Govt. inform
that the Madras Govt. is not
willing to accept less than
Rs 51,000 to meet the cost of
detaining prisoners under
trial in the Jails, as a
permanent prov. charge

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