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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 843.

FROM

THE HON. W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward copies of the marginally-noted papers, and to request that this Government may be informed whether the Government of India would have any objection to dispense with the detailed monthly Municipal accounts now required to be submitted under Order of the Financial Department, No. 414, dated 20th January 1871.

Procs. of Govt., dated 15th December 1874, No. 2101.
Letter from Accountant-General to Chief Secretary, dated 22nd February 1875, No. 647.

2. The submission of such accounts not only throws a considerable amount of additional work on the small office establishments of the various Municipalities, but as it is necessary to have them checked and compiled in the President's Office at the headquarters of each district so that they may be really of a reliable nature, it has been found, in some instances, necessary to apply for an additional establishment for the purpose, to be paid for from Municipal Funds.

3. The Municipal Act in force in this Presidency (Madras Act III. of 1871) does not contemplate the submission of more than annual accounts, which, in the opinion of this Government, are all that are really required for any practical purpose, and I am, therefore, to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that it was not without some right on their side that the Bellary Municipal Commissioners objected to assign any Municipal funds for the pay of a clerk whose entertainment has only become necessary since the submission of monthly accounts have been insisted on by the Accountant-General.

4. An application for increased establishment on the same ground has been received from Tanjore, and, in the case of other Municipalities, complaints of delay in submitting the accounts called for have been preferred by the Accountant-General, and such complaints will probably continue until special establishments have been sanctioned generally throughout the Presidency, or the call for monthly detailed accounts has been withdrawn.

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15*th April* 1875.

Chief Secretary.

From R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant General, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 22nd February 1875, No. 647.

Book Department.

With reference to official memorandum of Acting Under Secretary, No. 77, dated 19th February 1875, Financial Department, I have the honor to report that monthly abstract accounts of revenue and expenditure of the several Municipalities have been called for in accordance with instructions from the Comptroller-General in his letter, No. 271, dated 15th June 1874 (copy enclosed), and referred to in my reply to him, No. 4365, dated 19th August 1874, copy whereof was sent to you.

Exd. J. Wright.

Municipal Accounts.—Inquiry made as to whether the monthly abstract accounts of revenue and expenditure of the several Municipalities now required to be submitted may not be altogether dispensed with.

No. 271

Comptroller General's Office
Calcutta, the 15th June 1871

From The Deputy Comptroller General,

To The Accountant General,
Madras

Sir,

The monthly abstract accounts of Provincial, Local and Municipal Revenue and Expenditure required to be submitted by you to this office under order of the Financial Department No. 1114 dated 20th January 1871, not having been yet furnished by you, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to arrange for their due despatch commencing with the accounts for April last.

2. The accounts should be prepared agreeably to Financial Resolution No. 2452 of the 17th April 1873.

3 You are also requested to submit as soon as possible the accounts for March last in the prescribed form, shewing the progressive total of twelve months for

for each of the Major and minor heads
noted also of the detailed entries under
them.

I have &c.
(Signed) Webster Bird
Dy. Comptroller General

True Copy
Ramaiah
Head Asst to the Accountant General

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Work Department.

No. 647

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
22nd February 1875.

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

To The Chief Secretary to Government of MADRAS,
to Government,

Sir,

With reference to official Memorandum from Chief Secretary No 77 dated 19th May 1875, Revenue Department, I have the honour to submit the monthly Abstract Accounts of Revenue and Expenditure of the several Municipalities hereto called for in accordance with instructions from the Comptroller General in his letter No 271 dated 15 June 1874 (Copy enclosed) and referee to on my letter to him No 4365 dated 13 August 1874 (Copy whereof was sent to you.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signature illegible)
Accountant General

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Financial Department.

No. 843.

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of India,
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To
The Secretary to the
Government of India
Finl Department.

Dated 15th Oct 1875.

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Enquiry made as to whether the monthly abstract accounts of Rev. & Expenditure of the several Municipalities were required to be submitted, may not be altogether dispensed with.