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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

PORT WILLIAM, the 4th February 1876.

Read the following:—

No. 374, dated 9th July, 1874.

From—The Secretary of State for India,
To—The Government of India.

I forward, for your Lordship's information, a copy of a Marine letter from the Government of Madras, dated 31st January 1874, No. 5, requesting that one-third of the cost of certain stores provided in England may be charged to "General Revenues," and the remaining two-thirds to "Port Funds."

2. A request of a somewhat similar character was made by the Government of Bombay in Public Works letter No. 4, dated 20th January 1873, forwarding an indent for instruments and drawing materials. The Bombay Government then proposed that the cost of the supplies should be charged to Imperial and Provincial Funds in equal proportions.

3. In the Duke of Argyll's reply to this communication (Public Works Despatch to Bombay, No. 11, dated 20th March 1873), the Bombay Government were informed that the whole cost of the instruments, &c., would be treated as an Imperial charge, and that when any portions of the supplies in question were appropriated to provincial uses, the matter should be adjusted by credit being given to the Imperial revenues for their value.

4. It seems desirable that a similar course should be pursued with regard to the marine stores now in question, as a division of the cost between the two services, in certain stated proportions, can rarely agree with the actual appropriation of the supplies.

5. As a principle of some importance is, however, involved, I have thought it right to communicate with your Government on the subject. Should you agree with the opinion above expressed, I request that you will instruct the Madras Government and the other subordinate Governments accordingly, in order that in future indents the cost of stores obtained from England may in each instance be made chargeable to one specific account or head of service.

Copy of Marine Letter from Fort St. George, dated 31st January 1874, No. 5.

We have the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Accountant General, Madras, and to request that your Grace will issue the necessary instructions for the adjustment of the value of the stores sent out for the Marine Department in this Presidency by the vessels named in the margin of the letter, as well as the freight thereof, in the proportion of one-third to General Revenues, and two-thirds to Port Funds.

No. 505, dated 23rd January, 1874.

From—R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Accountant General, Fort St. George,
To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George.

In the invoices noted in the margin, the stores are stated to be debitable to General Port

Ex Despatcher, dated 11th July 1873.
Correction to ditto, dated 25th July 1873.
Ex steam-ship, Sea Gull, dated 31st October 1873.

Funds, whereas the Master Attendant, Madras, has intimated that only two-thirds of the value and freight thereof are so debitable, the remaining one-third being chargeable against General Revenues. I have the honor, therefore, to request that you will report the circumstance to the Secretary of State for India, in order that he may enter the same in his books.

No. 40, dated 4th February, 1876.

From—The Government of India,
To—The Secretary of State for India.

With reference to your Lordship's Financial despatch No. 374, dated 9th July 1874, we have the honor to state that we concur with your Lordship in

We have issued the necessary instructions on this point to local Governments.

ORDERED that the above be distributed for information and guidance as follows:—

To the several Departments of the Government of India.

To the several local Governments and Administrations.

To the Comptroller General and to the several Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General in independent charge.

To the several Chiefs of Departments administered by the Government of India in the Financial Department.

Under Secy. to the Government of India.

To The Government of
Madras

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22^d February 1876. M 378.
Grinnell Park.

Copy to the B. Atlantic. Moore

O. S. C. P.—No. 570 C. P.—10 2-76.—300

Dr. sent. of Jan 18
Recd. 30

Sept 26 - first frost & snow
Oct 28 - 2nd snow

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Accounts. Papers from the
Government of India showing
that when stores are in-
stantly for from England
for the purposes of the
Merial and Provincial
Services, the whole cost
should be treated in the
Home Accounts as an
Imperial charge, the
necessary adjustment
being made in India,
communicated to all
Departments.