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Resident's Treasury, Trivandrum.

Communicating to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin letter from the Government of India sanctioning conditionally the proposal that, in the absence on tour of the Resident, the Assistant Resident be entrusted with the duty of verifying the balance of the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

Letter to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, No. 868, Financial, dated 14th December 1896.

Under article 336 of the Civil Account Code, the cash balance of a treasury may be verified and the accounts signed, in the absence of the district officer on tour on the first of the month, by the senior gazetted subordinate of the district staff present at head-quarters not being the officer in charge of the treasury; the fact of the district officer's absence being distinctly noted. It is, however, provided that without the special permission of the Local Government in each case, a district officer may on no account allow more than two months to elapse without a personal verification of the cash balance to be reported to the Accountant-General. This article is binding on the Resident in Travancore and Cochin in so far as the Resident's treasury at Trivandrum is concerned.

2. The inconvenience of this rule as applied to the Resident has been urged by various officers who have held that post and only recently the necessity for some relaxation of the rule has been pressed upon His Excellency the Governor in Council. The duty of the Resident cannot conveniently be compared with that of Collector, if only for the reason that the former has two stations both of which may be considered as his head-quarters and because the States of Travancore and Cochin, which cover an area of upwards of 8,000 square miles, are totally unprovided with railways and include some of the most inaccessible tracts in India. Travelling is accordingly abnormally slow and the Resident's work being widely distributed, he is much hampered and impeded in the execution of his duty by the necessity of being present at Trivandrum once in two months. The Resident should spend some months every year in Cochin and at least a month or two in making himself acquainted with the more remote tracts of the Travancore State, such as the Kannan Devan Hills where a large amount of European capital is being expended. The climate of Travancore and Cochin makes it impossible, moreover, to visit many parts of those states except at stated periods of the year. The counting of money is a duty which can be performed during the absence of the Resident by the Assistant Resident, who is generally present at Trivandrum and is ordinarily a Captain in the Staff Corps. The balance in the Resident's treasury is as a rule less than that in an ordinary Collectorate and it is a waste of power and money to cause the Resident to travel from a quarter in which he may be usefully occupied for the performance of this duty.

3. In these circumstances I am to represent to the Government of India the desirability of making some concession in favour of the Resident as regards the operation of article 336 of the Civil Account Code. It is observed that under note 2 to that article the Collectors of certain districts in the Bombay Presidency have been permitted when absent on tour to entrust the duty of verifying the district treasury balance to any of their assistants or district deputies in permanent charge of talukas who may be conveniently situated, provided the Collectors themselves perform the duty in person once in four months at least and always when at head-quarters. A similar concession might, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be usefully granted to the Resident in Travancore.

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

READ—also the following paper:—

From R. A. GAMBLE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, the 15th January 1897, No. 227-A.

In reply to your letter, No. 868, dated the 14th December 1896, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the proposal made by the Government of Madras that the Resident in Travancore and Cochin should be permitted, when absent on tour, to entrust the duty of verifying the balance of the Resident's treasury at Trivandrum to the Assistant Resident, provided the Resident himself performs the duty in person once in four months and always when present in Trivandrum.

Copy, with copy of the letter replied to, forwarded to the Comptroller and Auditor-General for information and further necessary action.

ORDER—No. 93, Financial, dated 29th January 1897.

Communicated to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
Accountant-General.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

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