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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, dated 11th February 1899, No. 74.

Accounts, Madras, reports India has reduced estimates under 5. Salt, 7. Excise, 9. Customs and 30. Stationery and Printing by 190, 60, 10 and 8 thousand, respectively. Reductions to this extent not feasible. This Government strongly protests against Accountant-General interfering through medium of budget notes with provisions for administrative changes of the necessity for which he cannot possibly have any knowledge and to budget provisions proposed by Governor in Council being reduced by arithmetical processes of calculation. Please suspend action until receipt letter.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government of Madras, dated 13th February 1899.

Your telegram, 11th, budget notes. You are under some misapprehension about budget estimates. The Government of India have as yet passed no orders upon them, nor has Accountant-General gone beyond his prescribed duty in criticising the figures proposed by the local Government. The usual procedure is being followed which is laid down in Account Code 153 and the budget notes are merely the means of collecting the necessary information to lay before the supreme Government for settlement of the figure to be finally taken. The budget notes were made available to the Government of Madras at its express desire and contrary to the wishes of the Government of India—see my letter 982-a of February 23, 1895. They are a convenient way of communicating to the Accountant-General the points on which he has to take the orders of the Government of Madras as in the pressure of budget work. Separate correspondence and inquiry on each such point would be impossible. It will be a great convenience if Madras follows the usual procedure in considering the points raised and passing orders on them at the instance of the Accountant-General without a formal letter from the Government of India.

Order—No. 271, Financial, dated 19th February 1899.

It will be pointed out to the Accountant-General that the statement in his letter No. 496, dated the 7th February 1899, that the Government of India had made certain reductions in the estimates for 1899–1900, must be incorrect, as that Government has in a telegram, dated the 13th instant, intimated that it has "as yet passed no orders" upon the budget estimates.

9 ~~[Here enter letter No. 272, Financial, dated 19th February 1899.]~~

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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Extract from letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, No. 410, dated 1st February 1899:-

5 Salt and 7 Excise.

5. The Budget forecast of the combined Department of Salt and Excise, appears to be in excess of requirements. The Budget Estimate of the current year was finally accepted by the Government of India at Rs.30,17,000 whilst the revised estimate as now framed is Rs. 27,32,000 only and the largest expenditure recorded during any year of the past quinquennium did not exceed Rs.30,09,000. The expenditure of the years prior to 1897-98 include charges of Orissa salt transferred to Bengal from 1st April 1897. The figures accepted by Government for 1899-1900 compare as follow with the estimates of the current year and the accounts of 1897-98 under ~~me~~ minor heads.

	1899-1900	1898-1899. Budget	1898-1899. Revised	1897-98 Accounts
Salaries establishment and contingencies.	Rs. 27,50,000 -	26,27,000-	Rs. 25,07,000-	Rs. 25,02,000
Salt purchase and Freight.	5,44,000 -	3,90,000	2,25,000-	2,98,000
Total	32,94,000 -	30,17,000-	27,32,000-	28,00,000

The figure for 1899-1900 under salaries establishment and contingencies includes Rs. 27,000 for the better management of distilleries for which the sanction of the Secretary of State has not been obtained and about Rs.7,000 for Plague charges.. The retention of the entire provision on the first named account is necessary only if the Secretary of States sanction is received before the 1st March next. Otherwise the amount should be either reduced or excluded from the estimates. It further includes Rs.70,000 for

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stills and machinery required for the completion of 3 distilleries on the West Coast. This provision will have to be reduced by the amount of cost incurred in Europe as under article 1297 of the Civil Account Code, as amended by the 13th list of corrections dated 6th October 1898, the cost of Europe Stores for the joint use of Imperial and Provincial Departments is adjusted in the Home accounts. Even without these special items of proposed expenditure the estimate is Rs. 1,39,000 in excess of the revised Estimate of the current year, which, under orders of Government, includes a provision of Rs. 23,000 for the construction of 3 distilleries on the West Coast. All things considered, I think that the estimate under salaries establishment and contingencies can be safely reduced by Rs.2,00,000 viz. Rs.1,20,000 under 5 Salt and Rs.80,000 under 7 Excise. Under Salt Purchase and Freight, the Budget estimate of Rs.3,90,000 for the current year, has been redued in the revised to Rs.2,25,000 notwithstanding the transfer in the latter of the charges for ~~re-~~export and import of Salt ~~an~~ &c. from the minor head salaries establishment and contingencies to Salt Purchase and Freight. The charges under the latter minor head vary with the quantities of Salt actually taken into Store. I would, on a consideration of these facts, reduce the estimate for next year under this head also by a lakh of Rupees.

Extract from letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, No. 410, dated 1st February 1899:-

9 Customs.

7. The Budget Estimate of the current year which was adopted at Rs.2,53,000, had been reduced in my revised estimate to Rs.2,38,000 with reference to the actuals of the past and current years. The figure accepted for next year, is Rs.2,54,000. It provides, as in the current year's Budget, for the full sanctioned scale of Establishments and for a large outlay on ~~Party~~ Petty construction and repairs. It also provides for a large ~~outlay~~ supply of livery and clothing to menial servants in outposts. But, as similar provisions in former years have not been ~~ate~~ utilized to the full extent I would reduce the total provision under this major head by Rs.10,000.

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Financial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 575

CHIEF SECRETARY
-7 FEB 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

The Accountant General
Madras

Order

No. 496

Dated 7th February 1899
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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Government of India has made certain reductions in the estimates proposed for 1899-1900

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Budget DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
7th February 1899.

No. 496

From

T. HESKETH BIGGS ESQ.
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

SIR,

Under instructions from the Financial Secretary to the Government of India, I have the honour to state for the information of Government, that the Government of India has made the following reductions in the estimates proposed for 1899-1900.

	From Rs.	To Rs.	
5 Salt	22,16,000	20,26,000	- 1.90
7 Excise	10,78,000	10,18,000	- .60
9 Customs	2,54,000	2,44,000	- .10
30 Stationery and Printing.	14,82,000	14,74,000	- .08

Under the last named head the Government of India further ~~requires~~ enquires why the charges on account of Stationery supplied from Central Stores, should show such a large increase as has been exhibited in the estimates for next year.

2. I am also directed to enquire whether the lump sum of Rs. 2,42,000 provided under 24 Medical Grants for Medical Purposes as a reserve for plague measures in "districts not under observation" may be struck out and whether the provision under Cinchona Plantations, may be reduced to about

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a lakh of Rupees.

3. On the receipt side, the Government of India, as at present ~~has adopted~~ vised, has adopted Rs. 14,000,000 as the Revised estimate of the current year under V Excise and enquires whether the Madras Government has any objection to place the Budget Estimate for next year at Rs. 14,400,000.

4. The second edition of my Budget Notes is due for despatch to the Government of India on Saturday, the 11th instant ~~instant~~. I have the honour to request that a reply to this reference may be sent to me on Friday.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Accountant-General.

Financial Dept.

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No. 74 d 11. 2. 99.

Telegram to the Govt. of India, Finance and Commerce Dept.

Accounts, Madras, reports India has reduced estimates under 5 Salt, 7 Excise, 9 Customs and 30 Stationery and Printing by 190, 60, 10, and 8 thousand respectively. Reductions to this extent not feasible. ~~Letter follows~~ This Govt.

Strongly ~~objects to~~ protests against Acct. General interfering through medium of Budget notes with provisions for adminis=trative changes ~~of which~~ of the necessity for which he cannot possibly have any knowledge and to ~~the~~ budget provisions proposed by Governor in Council being reduced by arithmetical

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Approved. I suggest the addition overleaf but leave it to the C.S. to insert or omit.

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Please suspend action until ~~of Arts 153 Volume I~~
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From
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 13th February 1899.

CHIEF SECRETARY
19 FEB. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SERVICE TELEGRAM.

From . . . Calcutta;

From . . . Finance;

To . . . Madras,

To . . . Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Your telegram 11th Budget Notes. You are under some misapprehension about Budget Estimates. The Government of India have as yet passed no orders upon them, nor has Accountant General gone beyond his prescribed duty in criticising the figures proposed by the Local Government. The usual procedure is being followed which is laid down in Account Code 153 and the Budget Notes are merely the means of collecting the necessary information to lay before the Supreme Government for settlement of the figure to be finally taken. The Budget Notes were made available to the Government of Madras at its express desire and contrary to the wishes of the Government of

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 240 F. & C. D.—4-11-95.—100 f India. See my letter 982 A of February 23. 1895. They are a convenient way of communicating to the Accountant General the points on which he has to ake the orders of the Government of Madras, as in the ressure of Budget work seperate correspondence and nquiry on each such point would be impossible. t will be a great convenience if Madras follows he usual procedure in considering the points aised and passing orders on them at the instance f the Accountant General without a formal letter from the Government of India.

(Sd.) H. H. Risley
Offg: Secretary to the Govt of India.

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C. No. 575. from the A.G.
No. 496 d. 7.2.1899.

Pages 5-6 supra

The Acctt. General reports that the Govt. of India has reduced the estimates ~~and~~ for 1899-1900 under 5 Salt, 7 Excise, 9 Customs & 20 Stationery & Printing, by 1·90; ·60; ·10 & ·08. The Accountant General had already in his letter No. 410, d/ 1st Feby/99, proposed reductions under 5 Salt & 9 Customs and ~~these~~ are being considered in the Revenue Dept.

Extract on pp 1-3 supra
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~~Draft minutes in linked file~~

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2. The Accountant General states that the Govt. of India further enquires why the charges on account of stationery supplied from Central Stores should show such a large increase. The increase is explained in remark (d) on page 5 of LO No. 910 Finl., d/ 20th Oct./98,

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to be due to the inclusion of provision to meet about 100 additional indents from the Educational Dept. The Accountant General's attention may, it is submitted be drawn to this. The estimate, it will be observed, though ·64 more than the revised estimate for the current year, is less than the actuals for the last year by ·04.

3. The Accountant General further enquires whether the lump sum of 2·42 lakhs provided under 24 Medical - Grants for Medical Purposes as a reserve for plague measures in "districts not under observation" may be struck out. It is submitted that it would be unwise to eliminate the provision as in the absence of it and in case of necessity there will be always difficulty in finding money for

reappropriation

Page 174 of C.B.E. 1899-1900.

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reappropriation.

4. The enquiry as to whether the provision under Cinchona Plantations may be reduced to about a lakh and the receipts under X Excise to 144 lakhs may, it is submitted, be referred u.o. to the Revenue Dept for very early remarks -

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Financial Department

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~~C.N. 515~~ Pages 5-6 supra

H. E. the Govr.

N O T E

In his letter No.496, d/ the 7th instant, the Acct. Genl. reported that the Govt. of India had made the following reductions in the estimates proposed for 1899-1900 :--

	From	To
5 Salt	22.16	20.26
7 Excise	10.78	10.18
9 Customs	2.54	2.44
30 Stationery and Printing	14.82	14.74

Pages 1-3 supra

x NB Six days earlier

~~Vide estimate flagged~~

The Acct. Genl. had already in his x letter No.410, d/ the 1st instant proposed reductions under 5 Salt and 9 Customs. These were still under the consideration of Govt. It was deemed necessary to telegraph to the Govt. of India protesting against the reductions as not being feasible, as well as against the action of the Acct.

Telegram to the Govt. of I. No. 74 Finl. d/ 11.2.99 on pp. 7-8 supra

Acct. Genl. in interfering ~~with~~ through the medium of his budget notes with the provisions for administrative charges, of the necessity for which he could not possibly have any knowledge, and to budget provisions proposed by Govt. being reduced by arithmetical processes of calculation. The Govt. of India was at the same time requested to suspend action until the receipt of a letter from this Govt.

2. C.No.638 is a telegram in reply from the Govt. of India. ~~[illegible]~~ India states that this Govt. is under some misapprehension about the budget estimates; ① that the Govt. of India has ~~not~~ as yet passed no orders upon them, nor has the Acct. Genl. gone beyond his prescribed duty in criticizing the figures proposed by the local Govt; ② and that the usual procedure which was laid down in article 153 of the C.A. Code is being followed. In the first place ~~(1) T~~ the assertion that the Govt. of

Telegram from the G of I. (7+8) dated 13.2.99 on pp. 10-13 supra

pages 5-6 supra

This is in direct conflict with the A.G.'s letter in C. No ~~638~~ 575 (~~flagged XXV~~) where the A.G. stated that "under instructions from the Financial Secy. to the Govt of India" he had the honour to state that the "Govt. of India has made" — !!

Cnl

② The procedure to which objection was taken is opposed to §153.

Cnl

~~Cn 575~~
Pages 5-6 supra

Vide Extracts on pages 1-38 supra

The coincidences are, it is submitted, too strong to permit of the idea that the A.G. has been so careful to confine himself to his duties as India would make out, or that India itself has discovered these sources of reduction

Cnl

Telegram d 13.2.99 in pp 10-13 supra

of India has as yet passed no orders upon the estimates is opposed to the distinct statement made by the Acct. Genl. in his letter of the 7th instant, where he expressly ~~states~~ says that the Govt. of India "has made the following reductions etc." It so happens also that whereas he first proposed a reduction of 3 lakhs under 5 Salt and of .10 under 9 Customs he subsequently reported that these heads were reduced by the Govt. of India by 1.90 and .10 respectively, the second of the figures corresponding exactly with the reduction he [illegible] proposed.

3. The Govt. of India goes on to say that the budget notes are merely the means of collecting the necessary information to lay before the Supreme Govt. for settlement of the figures to be finally taken and that the notes were made available to the Govt. of Madras at its express desire and contrary to the wishes of the Govt. of India. Its letter No.932 A,

d/23rd Feb. 1895, is quoted in support of this assertion. This letter will be found recorded in G.O.No.215, Finl., d/7th March 1895, and it will be seen from it that the request of this Govt. that copies of the budget notes relating to this Presy. ~~may~~ might be supplied to it was distinctly negatived. It was stated that the budget notes ~~were~~ are confidential office notes of the Financial Sectt. of the Govt. of India and that the Acct. Genl. receives a copy of them only by reason of his confidential relations to that office, that it was therefore not possible to place them at the disposal of a local Govt. even un-officially. As however there was no objection to the Acct. Genl. taking the fullest use of the budget notes for the purpose of any information required of him by the local Govt., the Govt. of India ~~hoped~~ that the objection to communicating the notes themselves would not be found to be a real inconvenience to this Govt.

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The way in which this letter has been turned in India's present telegram is ~~[illegible]~~, [illegible] to be noted. ~~[illegible]~~
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4. The Govt. of India further states that the budget notes are a convenient way of communicating with the Acct. Genl. the points on which he has to take the orders of this Govt., as in the pressure of budget work separate correspondence and enquiry on each such point would be impossible. The Govt. of India therefore considers that it will be a great convenience if this Govt. follows the usual procedure in considering the points raised and passing orders on them at the instance of the Acct. Genl. without a formal letter from the Govt. of India. It will be seen from the action taken on the letter from the Acct. Genl. No. 410 of the first instant that this Govt. had every disposition to take into consideration the points raised by that officer and to pass the necessary orders and that it was only on receipt of the second letter of the 7th instant from the Acct. Genl. intimating that

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the Govt. of India had already made certain reductions in the estimate proposed for 1899-1900 , two cases being still under consideration with reference to his first letter, that the telegram of the 11th instant was addressed to the Govt. of India.

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The latter portion of the foregoing note does not describe the case quite correctly. The AG's recent second letter brought matters to a climax, but the system of his utilizing his budget notes to reduce this Govts' estimates has been growing for the last two or three years. It was really introduced by Mr. Harrison who extended the practice every year. It must sooner or later have worked its own destruction. It is submitted that India may be informed that this Govt. is quite willing to work according to its system provided that it sees the budget notes themselves on all disputed points and also receives copies of all notes

Pages 7-8 [illegible]

Vide also opposite p. 8 "I would propose raising"

This is perhaps unnecessary, and would be visiting on the present A.G. the sins of his predecessor.

of the AG on information supplied to him by this Govt. ~~[illegible]~~ or that failing this arrangement it must ask that the recognised mode of correspondence between ~~a~~ ~~local~~ the Supreme & local Govts should be followed; and that it protests against a subordinate officer interfering in any way with its estimates [or expressing himself in regard to them in the terms used by Mr. Beggs on p. 66 of the C.B.E. for 1899-1900. "The Budget Estimate for next year is as usual pitched too high"]

[illegible] 14.2.98

The function of the Local Govt. is to prepare the Budget and to fix the figures in it in accordance with its knowledge of the facts and this it does with great patience and care. But Mr. Harrison introduced a system under which he professed to be able by arithmetical processes to arrive at results far more accurate than Govt. That ~~his~~ the A.G's criticisms and

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Suggestions are often valuable is undoubted and Govt. is always quite ready to receive ~~and~~ them and to accept them when on further reference to the Dept. good reason appears for doing so. But what it is necessary to make a stand agst. is this; that as in this case India the orders Items in Budget which [illegible] behind our backs to make certain reductions or alterations which we must carry out. If India wd. communicate these orders to us direct every effort wd. be made in communication with the A.G. to fix the figures correctly. I think therefore we shd. insist on seeing India's Budget notes and that the A.G. shd. communicate to us all letters he sends to India about the Budget. On these terms and on these alone we shd. consent to a continuance of the indirect and objectionable system which has been allowed to grow up here. If India won't accept this we shd. claim

A.E.A.

A.E.A.

I don't suppose India will agree to this. A.E.A.

I agree with the C.S.'s note. The provisions of Secs 153 & 1572 of the C. Acct Code are being defeated by the present system. If the Govt. is responsible for the Budget estimates the amounts should not be altered on the recommendation of an outside officer viz the A.G. The cooperation

our right and the due courtesy of address by India itself. It seems to me wrong that the Fin.l Dept of India shd. send confidential instructions to an officer in this Presidency in regard to functions which it is the duty of the Govt. of that Presidency to discharge. It places the Acct. Genl. in the position of a spy and the Govt. in that of being spied on and destroys all the harmony and comfort of our relations with the A.G. It places the Local Govt. in a position which it shd. not occupy.

14/2/

of the letter is valuable & welcome, but it is Govt. who must prepare the Budget & not he.

The A.G. should be politely informed that there must be some mistake in the statemt. made in his letter No 496 d/ 7 th that the Govt. of India has made the reductions named by him, as India has wired on the 13 th Inst in answer to ours that "the Govt. of India have as yet passed no orders upon the budget estimates." If India does ~~so~~ make these reductions we shall then have just ground for serious complaint.

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Pages 5–9 supra

Let H.E. see.

I heartily concur.
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Addressing India re the alterations in the estimates

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C.No. 638. – Telegram from the G of I, Finance & Commerce Dept. d/ 13th February 1899. (A)

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