

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st September 1858.

No. 28. Read the following letter from the Auditors of the Account of the Administrator General; to THOMAS PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 31st August 1858.

SIR,

1. We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Judicial Department, No. 1118, dated 16th Instant, and in compliance with the request contained therein, beg to submit the following Statement of the gross receipts of the Administrator General in commission and fees, the expenses and net deficit for the years 1855-56-57, and the first half of 1858.

Year.	Commission.	Fees.	Total.	Expenses.	Deficit.
1855.....	7,991 10 1	6 2 11	7,997 13 0	9,295 13 3	1,298 0 3
1856.....	9,096 3 0	85 10 2	9,181 13 2	9,744 14 4	563 1 2
1857.....	6,348 8 3	542 3 3	6,890 11 6	9,642 13 2	2,752 2 4
Total...	23,436 5 4	634 0 4	24,070 5 8	28,683 8 9	4,613 3 9
Average...	7,812 1 9	211 5 5	8,023 7 3	9,561 2 11	1,537 11 8
1st half 1858...	2,541 1 5	205 6 0	2,746 7 5	4,770 7 5	2,024 0 0

2. From this Statement it will be seen that the expenses have exceeded the gross receipts by Rupees 4,613-3-9 during the three years 1855, 56 and 57, and by Rupees 2,024 during the first half of 1858, which excess has had to be met by the Administrator General from the monthly allowance of Rupees 700 granted to him by Government.

3. The particulars of the expenses during the above period are as follows:—

Year.	Establishment.	Extra Writers, Stationery, &c.	Total.
1855.....	9,036 14 8	258 14 7	9,295 13 3
1856.....	9,383 3 1	361 11 3	9,744 14 4
1857.....	9,410 0 8	232 13 2	9,642 13 10
1st half 1858...	4,596 9 0	173 14 5	4,770 7 5

4. The Administrator General has not made any reduction in his office establishment since our last report on the subject, for the reasons given in para. 5 of his letter to Government, dated 12th June 1857; nor do we consider it will be practicable for him to do so, until a vacancy occurs in the Managership, when, as recommended by our predecessors, the salary will be reduced to Rupees 200 per mensem.

5. With regard to the probable average commission of future years, we see no grounds for assuming that it will exceed that of the past three years. Act VIII of 1855 has not had the intended effect of increasing the business of the office, the provisions of Section XXX being successfully evaded by private Executors and Administrators; and under the latter part of Section LXV of the present Mutiny Act, the majority of Military Estates are disposed of by the Military Secretary to Government.

We have, &c.

(Signed) B. CARDOZO,

(„) J. T. MACLAGAN,

*Auditors of the Account of the
Administrator General.*

No. 29. To the Secretary to the Government of India, dated Fort St. George, 16th September 1858, No. 1266.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Chapman's letter of 30th June 1858, No. 1013, requesting, in reference to the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 13th April, No. 29 of 1858, to be furnish-

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ed with any suggestions on the subject of the further allowances of the Administrator General in the Madras Presidency, that this Government may desire to offer.

Letter to Govt. of India, 6th November 1855, No. 817	
Pro. of Govt. of India, Finl. Dept., 22nd Decr. No. 4897 of 1855	
Letter to do 26th April 1856, No. 427	
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Do from do 20th April " " 687	
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2. The correspondence noted in the margin, fully explain the present status of the Administrator General in regard to emoluments, and from the report of the Auditors of his accounts herewith forwarded, dated 31st August 1858, it will be observed, that the commission and fees received by him for the three years 1855, 1856 and 1857, i. e., for the 3 years following the enactment of Act VIII of 1855, have on an

average, fallen short of the expenses by Rupees 1,537 a year. This deficiency has had to be made good out of the Administrator General's fixed salary of Rupees 700 per mensem, so that he does in fact, in consequence, receive only Rupees 562 per mensem, for the discharge of his important and responsible duties. The commission for the first six months of 1858, is even lower than that of preceding years; and as Act VIII, 1858, has now been in operation for more than 3 years and a half, there is no reason to expect any improvement in this respect.

3. No reduction seems feasible in the establishment of the Administrator General, until a vacancy occurs in the office of Manager, when the salary affixed thereto will be reduced to Rupees 200 per mensem or by Rupees 100 a month and the emoluments of the appointment be, to that extent, enhanced.

4. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council can only recommend that the office be left on its present footing, so long as Mr. Teed is willing to hold it, unless any marked improvement should take place in the commission, which is very unlikely. Whenever Mr. Teed may vacate the office, it will be necessary to reconsider the emoluments in reference to the circumstances then existing. Unless means can then be found, which do not now exist, for combining it with some other office, it will be necessary to raise the emoluments, as the present rate of remuneration is altogether unsuited to the importance and responsibility of the office if held by itself.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Edw. F. Cartledge.

Sept 21st

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Judicial Department

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J. J.

To Mr. St. George,
16 September 1858.