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No. 11. Read the following letter from A. MACDONALD RITCHIE, Esq., Administrator General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st May 1860, No. 679.

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, copy of my letter to the Sub Treasurer of Fort Saint George, under date the 23rd ultimo, and copy of his reply; and to solicit the instructions of Government thereon.

From A. MACDONALD RITCHIE, Esq., Administrator General, Madras, to the Sub Treasurer, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd April 1860, No. 647.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the enclosed receipt of the Administrator General appended to the Bill of Exchange for Rupees 13-4-9, presented for payment at the General Treasury, was returned.

By Clause 4, Rule I of the "Rules for the Office and duties of the Administrator General," you will find that, it is incumbent on the Administrator General to grant receipts of the kind above adverted to, to prevent any exclusion from the Account Books of whatever sums he may realize, and to assist the Auditors of Accounts in checking such sums with the entries in the Cash Book.

The Order of Government, No. 430, on the letter of the Accountant General, dated 15th March last, No. 487, although directing the Administrator General, in future, to give his receipts on Bills of Exchange by endorsement does not supersede Clause 4, Rule I above referred to.

I request therefore you will be good enough to receive the receipts in future.

From H. D. SANDEMAN, Esq., Sub Treasurer, to A. M. RITCHIE, Esq., Administrator General, dated April 1860, No. 1508.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 23rd instant, bringing to my notice that a receipt appended to a Bill of Exchange for Rupees 13-4-9, was returned, and stating that it is incumbent on the Administrator General to grant receipts of the kind above adverted to, to prevent any exclusion from the Account Books of whatever sums he may realize, and to assist the Auditors of Accounts in checking such sums with the entries in the Cash Books.

2. The point at issue between us, appears to be this. On the one hand you are tied down to a particular form of receipt in order to preserve uniformity in your Books and to afford facility to your Auditors, while on the other, I, as a matter of account, require no further acknowledgment for a Bill of Exchange, or other monetary order, than an endorsement in the document itself, under which circumstances any additional acknowledgment is, in my Office, merely waste paper.

3. I have, of course, no objection to receive your additional receipts, provided the Bills are themselves endorsed, but as those additional receipts are superfluous for my purpose, I would suggest either that you move for an alteration of the rule under which you act, or enter the credit in your Books according to the authorized form without sending me any copy, the endorsement on the Bill itself being for me a full acquittal of the demand.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. MACDONALD RITCHIE,
Administrator General.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1860, No. 594.

It is observed that the Receipt Book, No. 4, to be kept under Rule I of the "Rules for the Office and duties of the Administrator General," is to contain copies of all the Administrator General's Receipts for Cash, Government Securities, or *other paper representing money.*

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These last words describe Drafts, Cheques, Bills of Exchange, &c., which are usually realized by endorsation.

2. When a party remits such a paper to the credit of any Estate, the rule prescribes the mode of acknowledgment, *i. e.*, by a receipt, copy of which receipt is to be entered in the Receipt Book. The Book thus kept will be a sufficient guide to the Auditors, and it does not occur to Government what more is required. Reference will, however, be made to the Auditors for their opinion.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From
The Administrator
General. Madras
No. 679.

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No 732.

Forwards copy of his letter to the Sub. Treasurer relative to a Receipt & Appendix to the Bill of Exchange for Rs. 13-4-9 presented for payment at the General Treasury but returned & solicits the instructions of Govt. thereon.

With an Order.

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