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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 15th August 1861.

No. 107. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Financial Department, dated 9th August 1861, No. 416.

Communicating the resolution of the Government of India, directing the discontinuance of the Estimate required to be submitted on the 1st October of every year and requesting that early warning be given by the Local Governments to the Financial Department of the Government of India, of any unforeseen expenditure being likely to arise in the course of the year 1861-62.

(Vide Proceedings Financial Department, dated 9th August 1861, Nos. 18 and 19.)

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1861, No. 1,025.

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(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 8th July 1861, No. 8,401.

Read the following :—

From the Auditor General of India; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 1st July 1861, No. 359.

In paragraph 41 of Report, No. 10, of the Budget and Audit Committee, approved in Resolution of Government, No. 876, dated 26th January 1861, it has been provided that in addition to the Budget Estimate and in substitution of the former Sketch and Regular Estimate, an Estimate of the Receipts and Disbursements of the current year, based upon the actual accounts of four months, shall be submitted by the several Deputy Auditors General on the 1st October of each year.

2. In former days, when the attention bestowed upon the financial situation of the country and upon the periodical returns and accounts was very much less watchful than it is now, and when the territories affected were more compact and the number of Officers rendering accounts was smaller, it is probable that the preparation of these intermediate Estimates may have been indispensable.

3. Under existing circumstances, however, it seems to me that such a necessity no longer exists, the object in view having been sufficiently attained by other parts of the new system of Audit and Account, especially the monthly returns of estimated and actual Receipts and Disbursements on which, in fact, the revised Estimates must be founded; and the expenditure of the year having been definitively fixed by the Budget sanction, the only points on which any intermediate Estimates can be needed are unexpected changes in any of the principal branches of income, or additional expenditure arising from unforeseen contingencies, such as wars, famines, and the like. For variations, however, of any magnitude of these descriptions, the rough monthly Estimates prepared by the Financial Secretary seem to afford sufficient provision, and even without these, special reports of any probable change of circumstances materially affecting the finance of the Empire, to be submitted when necessary by the local Heads of Departments, would appear to afford sufficient security without the addition of detailed financial Estimates, which add so much to the labour of the Department of Account, and must necessarily, without the aid of additional establishment, retard the preparation of more important returns.

4. At the present moment, there is a still stronger motive for relinquishing this intermediate Estimate in the relief which will be afforded to all the Departments of Account at a time when all their energies and attention are necessarily required for the successful introduction and perfecting of the Budget system, which in many of its details is still incomplete, and for enforcing a uniform and correct system of account which through a large portion of the Empire is as yet new and imperfectly understood.

5. I beg respectfully to submit this question for the re-consideration of Government, as I feel convinced that it will be for the public advantage, and a very material relief to all Officers having accounts, if the call for the October Estimate is abandoned.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 8TH JULY 1861.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council agrees with the Auditor General in thinking that the Estimate required to be submitted on the 1st October of every year, may be dispensed with, and he accordingly approves of its discontinuance.

2. In addition, however, to the Register that is maintained in the Financial Department of grants made in excess of the Budget, a memorandum of probable expenditure arising from unforeseen contingencies will be kept up in that Department, and with this view His Excellency in Council desires that the several Local Governments and Administrations, &c., be requested to give early warning to the Financial Department of any such expenditure being likely to arise in the course of the current year 1861-62.

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution, together with a copy of the Auditor General's letter, be sent to the Governments,* Departments,† Administrations,‡ and Officers,§ noted in the margin, for information and guidance.

* Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North Western Provinces, Punjab, and Straits Settlements.
† Foreign, Home, Public Works, and Military.
‡ Chief Commissioner of Oude; Commissioners of Nagpore, Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces, and Pegu; Residents, Hyderabad, Baroda, and Indore; Governor General's Agents, Central India, and Rajpootana.
§ Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North Western Provinces, and the Punjab; Civil Paymasters of Ditto; Auditor General of India.

Ordered, also, that a copy be published in the *Gazette*.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1861, No. 416.

Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and also published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

(True Extract.)

Signed / J. D'Silva
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ Revenue do.
„ Judicial do. ✓
„ Military do.
„ Public do.

Ed. F. Cartledge.

List of Rules &c.

Proc. of Govt.
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Dt 9th
Rd 10th & 13 Augt 1861.

No. 1206

Copy the Resolution of the Govt of India directing the discontinuance of the Estimate required to be submitted on the 1st Octr of every year & requesting that early warning be given by the local Govts to the Fe Dt the Govt of India if any unforeseen expenditure seems likely to arise in the Course of the year 1861/62.

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