

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd September 1862.*

No. 220. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th September 1862, No. 2,106.

General Department.

In continuation of letter from this Office, No. 1,911, dated 27th August 1862, I have the honor to report that 166 Huts are required in the North Arcot District.

2. I beg that instructions may be issued to the Chief Engineer to allot funds to the District Superintendent of Police as before.

No. 221. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1862, No. 1,562.

Referred to the Public Works Department, in continuation of Proceedings 12th instant, No. 1,490.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Minute by the Honorable the President, dated 12th November 1861 :—

1. Since my assumption of the Government of Madras, I have never been able to obtain a clear and comprehensive view of the Revenue and Expenditure of this Presidency, such as would be exhibited in a detailed estimate similar to that which is always framed and submitted annually to the Legislatures of all British Colonies.

2. The information which I have been able to obtain has been in the form of detached returns from different Departments, varying in form and in minuteness of detail, or in that of a very voluminous nominal return of the names and salaries of the individual officers employed in various Departments of the Civil Service : it has either been fragmentary or too detailed to admit of easy reference.

3. An estimate of expenditure, such as ought to be furnished, would exhibit at a glance the relation borne by the different Establishments, or branches of Establishments to each other, and to the Revenue out of which they are to be paid. It would enable the Government to see at once what is required for the actual service of the Presidency, and what is to a certain extent extraneous.

4. With reference to Revenue, it would exhibit the relative productiveness of the different sources of Revenue, and would afford grounds for discussing improvements and modifications which, when fairly digested, might be submitted to the Government of India for consideration. In fact, without such a document as this, the Government must be content to work altogether in the dark as to its financial position ; with it, it will be enabled to perform its duties both towards the people placed under its control and to the Government of India and that of the Empire.

5. It appears to me that the present is a most favorable opportunity for the introduction of such a system. The preparation of the Budget for the Government of India will afford all or nearly all the data which are required, and little will be wanted but a methodical arrangement of the information contained in the Budget, given in plainer and somewhat more minute detail.

6. The following sketch will sufficiently explain the principle upon which the Estimate should be framed :—

1.—REVENUE.

1. In the first page of this there should be a statement of the authorities, such as Acts of Council, Regulations, &c., &c., under which the different taxes or duties are collected, showing the rates of charge ; this would serve as a sort of preface to the monetary statement.

2. A general statement of the probable amount of Revenue under each head of taxation should be drawn up in a tabular form. Under the head of Customs, the amount received from articles paying a specific duty should be kept separate and distinct from that paid by articles charged upon a general *ad valorem* duty.

3. It would be desirable, for the sake of comparison, that the amount actually received in the previous year under each head should be exhibited in a parallel column.

2.—EXPENDITURE.

1. This would have to be classified under several distinct heads, such as—

Executive and Legislative Council.

Judicial.

Police.

Revenue.

Military.

Marine.

Ecclesiastical.

Educational.

Public Works.

&c., &c., &c.

Under each of these heads the Estimate should show the cost of the personal staff of the Departments, then any contingent expenses and allowances. It is, however, unnecessary that it

should go into much detail. The designation of the office would appear in the first column, then the number of persons holding such office, then the rate of pay, then the total amount. Still, however, it would be necessary for the sake of comparison, that the information should be to a certain extent local and specific; for instance, each Collectorate should be kept separate in the Revenue Estimate as well as each District in the Department of Public Works. It would be needless for me at present to go into more particular details. What is required is that the Government should be able by a simple inspection of this document to ascertain its exact financial position, and then be able to deal with the various questions of reduction and retrenchment which, in its existing relation to the Government of India, are constantly brought before it, as well as with those of a more special local character which, however, require to be considered with reference to the means at its disposal.

W. T. DENISON.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1861, No. 2,203.

Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, in order that the necessary instructions may be issued for the preparation of the Return of Revenue and Expenditure of the description explained by the President for 1861-62.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

„ Judicial do.
„ Public do.
„ Ecclesiastical do.
„ Marine do.
„ Financial Railway do.
„ Educational do.
„ Law do.
„ Political do.
„ Military do.
„ Public Works do.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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