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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 29th August 1865.

Read the following papers:—

No. 245. From F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Accountant General, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 24th July 1865, No. 41.

Post Audit Department.

I have the honor, with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 21st instant, No. 1015, to state that, since I wrote my letter to Government, No. 42, dated 10th ultimo, I have received the Auditor General of India's Circular, No. 4, dated 9th idem, in paragraph 30 of which are the instructions quoted by Mr. Robinson, in his letter (paragraph 3) communicated with the above Proceedings.

2. I have to-day written to the Auditor General of India for instructions as to the nature of the audit of contingent charges in this office, and upon receipt of his reply, I shall submit the explanation called for by Government.

No. 246. From R. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Deputy Accountant General, Madras, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 14th August 1865, No. 22.

Post Audit Department.

I have the honor to forward a copy of the reply of the Auditor General to the reference under your Order, No. 1015, dated 21st ultimo. It will be seen therefrom that the responsibility of this Department has been in no way decreased. That of countersigning officers may not be held to extend to check of calculations or of other arithmetical details; their knowledge of facts, of distances, of requirements, must needs be far greater than mine. Novel or objectionable charges they should reject, allowing them to be re-charged under explanation; an explanation which has passed the jealous scrutiny of better informed officers is little likely to be cavilled at by me.

From R. P. HARRISON, Esq., Auditor General of India, to the Accountant General, Madras; dated Fort William, 8th August 1865, No. 354.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, No. 48, dated 24th July last, relative to the degree of check which should be exercised by your office over contingent expenditure, and, in reply, to refer you to the orders of Government in the Financial Department, No. 1490, dated 31st ultimo, which require that you should look carefully into Bills which may appear to have been countersigned on insufficient ground, and bring such cases to the notice of the local Government.

2. In the Bengal Accountant General's Office, the practice is to see that, as regards contingent charges, the expenditure is authorised; that the Budget grant is not exceeded; and that no irregular charges are made;—and upon these points a thorough check should be exercised by the controlling Offices of Account.

(True Copy).

(Signed) R. TAYLOR,
Acting Deputy Accountant General.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1865, No. 1200.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

2. It would appear that the same amount of scrutiny as that hitherto exercised in the audit of contingent charges is to be maintained.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
„ Accountant General.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

From the Accomtant General dated 24 July & 14 Aug: 1865 No: 414+22.

Order thereon 29 August 1865 No. 1200

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To the Insp. Genl of Police
" Acct General