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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 5th October 1858.

No. 8. EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION in the Financial Department under
under date the 17th September 1858, No. 168.

(*Vide* Diary, Financial Consultation, 21st September 1858, Nos. 12 and 13.).

(*Regarding the increase and diminution of Charge on account of Establishments, &c.*)

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, No. 399; dated 30th September 1858.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 618.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th September 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council, in the Financial Department, under date the 16th July 1858, No. 4626.

Read again a Resolution passed in this Department on the 24th July 1855, on the mode of bringing before the Government of India propositions involving charges on account of Salaries, Establishments, Gratuities, Public Works, and Military charges, and regarding the submission, by the Financial Secretary, of Periodical Statements of Increase and Decrease of charge.

Read again a Resolution passed in this Department on the 19th December 1856, respecting Decreases of Establishments to be reported to this Department.

Read the undermentioned Statements appertaining to Increase and Decrease of charges on account of Establishments, Salaries, &c., sanctioned by the Government of India, during the years 1856 and 1857,—prepared by the Financial Secretary, in accordance with the Resolution passed in this Department on the 20th July 1855, viz., Statements appertaining to the Government of India,

(Civil Department.)

(Military Department.)

Government of Bengal.

“ N. W. Provinces.
 “ Punjab.
 “ Fort Saint George.
 “ Bombay.
 “ Eastern Settlements.”

General Abstract of the above Statements.

Read also a Note by the Financial Secretary, dated the 22nd June 1858, furnishing a report on the Increases and Decreases of Establishments, Salaries, &c., in 1857.

RESOLUTION.—The Honorable the President in Council observes, that in the Resolution of this Government, dated the 20th July 1855, it was directed “ that the Financial Secretary shall, “ at the expiration of every four months, or as soon after as practicable, submit an Abstract Statement of the Increase and Diminution of charge from the commencement of the current year, “ and also a General Abstract of such Increase and Diminution in the preceding year.”

In accordance with this Resolution the Financial Secretary circulated Comparative Statements, for the years 1856 and 1857, but as it appeared to His Honor in Council that the form of these Statements was objectionable, it was directed that a report on them should be prepared, and that nothing but the General Abstract Statement mentioned above should, in future, be circulated with a General Report.

In conformity with the above mentioned order, the Financial Secretary submits a report on the Increases and Decreases shewn in the Statements for 1857. His Honor in Council approves of the form in which the report has been prepared, and is pleased to resolve that like reports shall in future be substituted for the separate Abstract Statements of Increase and Decrease of charge in the several Presidencies, including the Government of India and the Punjab. But he is of opinion, as suggested by the Financial Secretary, that it will be better to have the General Abstract Statement and report in future prepared *once a year*, instead of every four months, as prescribed in the Resolution passed in this Department on the 20th July 1855, and as the object of the returns in question seems to be to shew Increase and Decrease of Salaries and Establishments and nothing else, His Honor in Council considers that all entries on account of Churches built, Vessels bought, donations other than rewards to servants, and all charges not strictly of the same nature as the payment of Establishments, should be omitted in future from the column headed “ Casual.”

per mensem by the transfer from the temporary to the fixed Establishment of 25 Preventive Officers attached to the Calcutta Custom House; Rupees 660 per mensem on account of a temporary Establishment in the Office of the Commissioner of the Sonthal Purgunnahs; Rupees 792 per mensem by a reduction of the Arracan Flotilla; Rupees 1,808 per mensem in the temporary Establishment of the Bhowanipoor Lunatic Asylum; Rupees 1,277 in the Establishment of the Superintendent of Works of Irrigation in Behar and Shahabad; Rupees 5,020 per mensem in the Punjab, chiefly on account of Settlement Establishments; and Rupees 1,254 per mensem by the discontinuance of an Additional Sub-Collector in South Arcot.

The principal *Casual* charges are Rupees 60,630 under the Government of India, on account of Establishments in the Timber Department of the Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces, the conveyance of Mails from Majee in Arracan to Thayet Myoo, remuneration to Land measurers employed in the survey of cultivated lands in Pegu, and a grant for the erection of a Roman Catholic Chapel at Tounghoo; Rupees 90,481 in Bengal, on account of donations, rewards, &c., the purchase of the Brig *Minx*, and the building of Boats for the Harbour Master's Department; Rupees 12,873 in the N. W. P., on account of rewards and extra Police; Rs. 90,161 in the Punjab, for the construction of Churches, the preservation of newly planted Trees at Nowshera and in the Kohat District, the Settlement of the Shahpoor District, and in donations to the Lawrence Asylum and the Troops of the Rajah of Kuppertollah; Rupees 10,110 at Madras, on account of Establishments for the completion of the accounts connected with the revision of the assessment of North Arcot, and the removal of shoals between Doorapally and Dowleshwarem, and between the Sinteral and Enchampully Barriers, and Rupees 15,872 in Bombay, for the conveyance of Mails between Candeish and Nimar and Malligaum and Ahmednuggur.

Why the increases in the Temporary charges so largely exceed the savings by lapse cannot be stated with certainty. In former years, as I have said, the returns were imperfect, and it is possible that there are some deficiencies in those of 1857. But this is not probable, and I see little ground for thinking that the full amount of actual lapses has not been reported. To ensure this with more certainty for the future, however, it may be desirable to check the departmental returns with returns from the several Auditors, and if this is done, it will be desirable that a report on the Increases and Decreases be furnished from this Department annually instead of once in 4 months as heretofore.

By what means the continually increasing charges are to be avoided it is difficult to say. It is notorious that the business of almost every Department is increasing to a large extent; that the Establishments of most Departments are far from being on an efficient footing; that there is a greater demand for Clerks and Subordinate Officers of every description than was ever before known; that the price of wages has risen, and that in addition to Military operations, expensive measures of Civil reform have yet to be introduced; and when this is borne in mind and it is remembered how large the increases of Establishments, &c., have been within the last four* years, notwithstanding that the Rule of this Department to pass no charge, of the absolute necessity of which the Government is not satisfied, is rigidly adhered to, it appears hopeless to expect that the administration of the country can be properly carried on, and the Finances at the same time placed on a satisfactory footing, by mere measures of retrenchment, or checks on the grant of additional Establishments.

* Gross Annual increase.

	Permanent.	Temporary.	Casual.
1854, ...	23,07,732	14,28,264	94,955
1855, ...	15,03,723	17,36,136	2,55,042
1856, ...	30,78,372	18,32,868	4,94,807
1857, ...	13,33,848	26,87,616	3,23,738

The more practical question seems to be by what means the necessarily increasing expenditure of the Government can be met; and if the circumstances of present time are not considered a bar to the institution of enquiries, I would suggest that the Local Governments be called upon, without delay, for an expression of opinion as to the manner in which additional taxation may best be introduced. It is a question, I am aware, that has often been under discussion, and as often put aside on account of the difficulties with which it is beset; but I am not sure that it has received that full degree of attention it requires, and as I believe it to be indispensable, under existing circumstances, that some measures for obtaining a larger Revenue should be had recourse to, it appears to me desirable that the nature of those measures should be dis-

cussed, and if possible resolved upon, in time to allow of their being introduced when our authority is again fully established throughout the Country.

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

The 22nd June 1858.

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EXTRACT from a Statement shewing the Increase and Decrease of charges on account of Establishments and Salaries, as also charges on account of Donations, Rewards, &c., sanctioned during the years 1856 and 1857.

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Departments.	1856.					1857.				
	Permanent.		Temporary.		Casual.	Permanent.		Temporary.		Casual.
	Incr.	Decr.	Incr.	Decr.		Incr.	Decr.	Incr.	Decr.	
Abkarry.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....
Customs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	220	40,770	238	797	3,000
Departments Public Works.....	2,254	.....	1,065	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Donations, rewards, &c.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,014	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ecclesiastical ..	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	.....	.....	.....	.....
Education.....	2,198	.....	24,711	.....	.....	382	50	.....	.....	.....
General.....	2,096	.....	230	.....	.....	1,757	100	3,691	.....	.....
Judicial.....	2,220	3	2,463	1,820	.....	31,823	296	5,022	.....	.....
Marine.....	3,519	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	102	.....	.....
Medical.....	83	.....	556	.....	.....	401	.....	6	.....	.....
Military.....	1,162	.....	640	230	.....	174	.....	2,039	1,081	.....
Mint.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,532	147	.....	.....
Offices of Pay, Audit and Account.	1,203	.....	687	.....	.....	260	575	260	50	.....
Opium.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Political.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	282	24	2,953	.....	.....
Post Office.....	1,398	31	3,078	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Railway.....	654	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,992	1,169	4,017	1,326	7,110
Revenue.....	6,885	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sayer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Secretariat.....	1,711	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stamps.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stationery.....	208		1,667							
Survey.....										
Total...	25,903	34	35,097	2,050	1,014	37,533	44,516	18,475	3,254	10,110

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Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and also to the Civil Auditor and Military Auditor General for information and guidance with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 14th January 1857, No. 28.

(True Extract and Copies.)

T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Marine Department

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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