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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department :—

Communicating Resolution of the Government of India, approving of the modification suggested with regard to pre-payments for supplies of Stores from the Ordnance to the Civil Departments. } (Here enter 26th May 1862, No. 400.)

ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1862, No. 1,260.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 30th April 1862, No. 2,937.

Extract of Proceedings of the Board of Audit, No. 295, dated 14th February 1862.

Read Memorandum from the Military Finance Department, No. 6,109, dated 4th instant, forwarding, for consideration, letter from Examiner, Ordnance Department, Calcutta, No. 5,056, dated 13th ultimo, in which it is stated that, under present circumstances, it would not be advisable to enforce pre-payments for supplies of stores from the Ordnance to the Civil Departments, because the executive duties of Magazine Officers are quite sufficient to employ their time, and the corrections which are constantly made in the Ordnance Department rate book by the addition of new articles for Royal Regiments, &c, &c., render it necessary that all valuation invoices should be issued from the Examiner's Office and hence that the recoveries of cash should be made by him. A draft Notification on the subject is also appended by the Examiner, for publication in the *Government Gazette* and in *Army General Orders.*

Circular of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, Madras, No. XIV. of 14th July 1857, with Circular of the Accountant General, Madras, No. 1,038, dated 11th idem.

Observations.—The Board observe that the object of the Orders of Government of the 19th August last, was the establishment of a direct check on the part of controlling officers over the receipt and expenditure of Departmental stores, and the provision of such stores by Departmental Officers on the most advantageous terms. The Orders of Government do not require that payment for stores should invariably be made prior to delivery, and as difficulties have presented themselves in the application of the principle of pre-payment to the Ordnance Department in Bengal, a modification is suggested by the Military Finance Department at the instance of the Ordnance Examiner in Calcutta, under which the Ordnance Examiner will recover the value of all stores issued, as heretofore. The Board see no objection to this modification of previous arrangements; and as the Ordnance Examiner states that it would be a great assistance to all the Offices of Account if the following Notification were published by Government in the *Calcutta Gazette*, the Board resolve to submit the same to Government, with their recommendation that it may be issued by the Financial Department of the Government of India, for the guidance of all Officers concerned:—

NOTIFICATION.

Agreeably to Resolution of the Financial Department of the Government of India, No. 10,258 of the 19th August 1861, Gazette page 2,759, Civil Departments are to pay cash for Military stores issued to them from Magazines; demands, therefore, for such payments from the Examiner, Ordnance Department, are to be promptly responded to, cash to be paid into Local Treasuries, and Treasury Receipts to be forwarded to the Examiner.

Ordered, that extract of the above proceedings be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Financial Department, for consideration and orders, and to the Chief of the Military Finance Department, for information.

Financial Depatment, Fort William, the 30th April 1862.

Resolution.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council approves of the rule proposed, and directs that the Notification suggested be published for the guidance of all Officers concerned.

A copy to the several Departments, Governments, and Administrations.
" to the Audit Board.
" to the Auditor General of India.
" to the Accountant General of India.
" to the Military Finance Department.
" to the several Deputy Auditors and Accountants General.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. DRUMMOND,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt of India.

ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1862, No. 400.

Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments. The Notification will be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette for the guidance of all Officers concerned.

(True Extract.)

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Public Works do.
„ Military do.
„ Public do.
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„ Marine do.
„ Political do.
„ Railway do.
„ Superintendent of the Government Press.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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