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Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

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Reduction of Expenditure.

Communicating to the Secretariat departments,
 &c., Resolution of the Government of India,
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce (Accounts and Finance), dated Calcutta, 10th February 1886, No. 649.

RESOLUTION.

It has been determined to appoint a Committee for the purpose of examining expenditure, whether Imperial or Provincial, and reporting to the Government, within as brief a period as may be possible, what economies are therein practicable. It is desirable that the committee should commence its labors so soon as its members can be conveniently brought together, and it is expected that early in the ensuing cold weather they will be able to submit their recommendations to the Government.

2. The question of expenditure has, within recent years, been on more than one occasion pressed upon the attention of the Government of India. On the one hand, it has been urged that since the commencement of the present decade, civil expenditure has very largely increased; on the other hand, the causes which have led to increase of expenditure have been fully explained by the Government of India in its communications with Her Majesty's Secretary of State. The documents relating to this matter will, in the course of their enquiry, be laid before the Committee; but the Committee will not fail to observe that, apart from the discussions which have hitherto arisen on the subject, the circumstances in which the Government now finds itself placed compel it to examine with renewed and anxious attention the possibilities of such an effective decrease in its expenditure as shall, in a sensible degree, contribute to relieve it of the financial embarrassments with which it is threatened. The time is opportune for such an enquiry. The Provincial contracts expire at the close of the ensuing Financial year. The Government is engaged in the prosecution of a large scheme of public works, having for their object the protection of the country against famine or possible dangers upon its frontiers, for the rapid prosecution of which the utmost economy is required in other branches of the administration. The uncertainty which prevails regarding the future relative value of gold and silver compels the Government to contract, so far as is possible, expenditure which, in other circumstances, may have been desirable or necessary, but which at present it can no longer maintain.

3. The Committee, while turning their immediate attention to the revision of the arrangements now in force between the Imperial and the Provincial Governments, will extend their enquiries to all departments of the Government, whether Imperial or Provincial. They will find that the labors of the Military Commission have led to a series of recommendations, some of which have been put into execution, while others await decision. Although it is not contemplated that they should travel over the ground which the Military Commission examined, they will not, on that account, decline to consider whether greater economy cannot be attained in connection with the working of the several branches of the military administration. They will review so much of the proposals for military economy as have been already approved by the Government of India, but have not hitherto been carried out, and will report their views as to the most suitable steps to be taken in order that effect should be given to such proposals. Similarly, the Committee will study the enquiries which have been

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made and the measures which have been adopted in recent years with a view to reform or to the introduction of greater economy into the several departments of the Government. It is not desired that the Committee should propose any material modification in arrangements which have in recent years been carried out after mature deliberation under the sanction of the Secretary of State, but they will be expected to pursue a similar line of enquiry so far as regards departments or branches of the administration with which the changes effected in late years have not definitely dealt, or in which the reforms hitherto effected may prove to have failed to secure the economy aimed at. Bearing in mind the heavy cost to which the Government of India is committed in regard to Imperial railways and military works, the expenditure, whether Provincial or Imperial, under other heads of the Public Works, must be scrutinised with especial care.

4. Finally, the Committee should examine thoroughly the subject of the home charges, and specially the report presented to the Government of India in 1884 by Colonel Conway-Gordon, R.E., and should work out and submit such recommendations in regard to economies as their examination may suggest to them. They will, at the same time, turn their attention to the division of the military charges between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of India, and will advise the Government of India whether the present distribution of these charges seems to call for revision, and if so, what are their practical recommendations on the subject.

5. The Government of India in the Financial department will issue to the Committee the further instructions necessary for their guidance, the method to be pursued by them, and the procedure of enquiry, and will cause them to be furnished with all necessary information. The Committee will keep the Government of India in the Financial department regularly informed of the progress of its enquiries, and will carry out its labors in close communication with that department.

6. His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to nominate the following gentlemen to be members of the Committee:—

Mr. C. A. ELLIOTT, C.S.I., LL.B., C.S., Chief Commissioner of Assam. } President.
 Hon'ble Mr. Justice CUNNINGHAM.
 Hon'ble Dr. W. W. HUNTER, C.S.I., C.I.E., LL.D., C.S.
 Hon'ble RAO BAHADUR MAHADEO GOVIND RANADE, M.A., LL.B.
 Mr. J. WESTLAND, C.S., Comptroller and Auditor-General.
 Lieut.-Colonel A. J. FILGATE, R.E., Accountant-General, Public Works department.
 Mr. H. W. BLISS, C.S., Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue, Madras Presidency.
 Mr. ROBERT HARDIE, Secretary and Treasurer, Bank of Bengal.

With the above-named general members of the Committee His Excellency will be prepared to associate, on the recommendation of each local Government or Administration, one or at most two local members, who will sit with the general members when they visit the locality, and correspond with them at other times.

Order—

Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be communicated to all Departments of the Government of India; to all local Governments and Administrations; to the Heads of Departments subordinate to the Department of Finance and Commerce; to the Comptroller and Auditor-General; to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers; and to the President and to each member of the Committee.

Ordered also, that the resolution be published in the *Gazette of India*, for general information.

(Signed) D. BARBOUR,
 Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras.

ORDER—dated 23rd February 1886, No. 182, Financial.

Communicated to Departments of the Secretariat and the Accountant-General. The Resolution will also be republished in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat,
 Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Raitt.