

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 686	Press ~~His~~
Dated 19.10.1838	

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 19th October 1858.

No. 20. From S. D. BIRCH, Esq., Sub-Treasurer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th October 1858, No. 658.

SIR,

I do myself the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Political Department, No. 678 of this day's date, accompanied by a letter from Mr. Clement Dale, Receiver of the Carnatic Property, referred for the early report of this Office.

2. Mr. Dale's proposal is to open a *Banking Account* with the General Treasury in his capacity as "Receiver of the Carnatic Property," I beg to observe that no Public Officer has ever been permitted to open such an account with the Treasury, and I am of opinion that it would be highly inexpedient to permit it, especially in the present instance.

3. Mr. Dale urges two grounds for his request, security and facility in the transaction of business, but as he admits that both these objects will be attained equally well by opening an account with the Bank of Madras, in the usual manner, I need not discuss them.

4. The only other reason he advances is a belief that Government might prefer the account being kept at the Treasury, as "it might prevent large sums being drawn out of the Treasury until actually disbursed to the Claimants," but of this he also disposes by stating that he considers it highly improbable that "Creditors will permit" his "Cheques to remain unrealized beyond a very short period;" and in this view I entirely concur.

5. The chief reason urged against a compliance with Mr. Dale's wishes, when the matter was discussed between us, was, that such an account as he proposed to open would entail a responsibility upon the Government that I considered it my duty to avoid. Mr. Dale proposes to open a *Banking Account*, which in the signification of the term, as accepted here, implies the power to draw Cheques payable *to order*. In the ordinary course of business the Treasury would have to pay simply to Mr. Dale himself, or, if he opened an account with the Bank, (as no doubt he will do, if his present application is refused,) to the Bank and here the responsibility of the Government ceases, but if he is to be allowed to open a *Banking Account* with the Treasury, he will draw his Cheques payable to order, and these may pass from hand to hand. When presented at the Treasury, it will be the duty of the Establishment to see that all the Endorsements on them are correct, and that the money reaches the person for whom it is intended; this would not be a matter of much difficulty where large sums are payable to well known Firms or Individuals, but such claims are likely to be very in few comparison with those which will be advanced for small amounts by parties wholly unknown at this Office.

6. Being anxious to meet Mr. Dale's wishes, I gave the question under reference much consideration, when it was first mooted by him, but I have been unable to draw any other conclusion than the one I have arrived at, that no ground which could be advanced would outweigh the risk and responsibility which would attach to Government in complying with his application.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 686; dated 19th October 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Receiver of Carnatic Property in reference to his letter of the 16th Instant.

The Government think it objectionable that Mr. Dale should open an account with the Treasury as proposed, and it appears unnecessary as his object will be equally obtained by his opening an account with the Bank of Madras.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. A. Wilson.

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For George
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The Sub Treasurer
To The Chief Secretary
to Govt.

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Intimate Report
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