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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
for the month of January 1860.*

Read again letter from the Assistant Government Agent at Chepauk, dated 17th November, No. 1656, and recorded in Proceedings of the 21st ultimo, No. 678.

Read also the following letters:—

No. 5. From HUGH D. SANDEMAN, Esq., Sub-Treasurer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 1st December 1859, No. 895.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the printed Proceedings of the Madras Government, under date the 21st ultimo, No. 678, on the subject of a plan proposed by Major Snow, Assistant Government Agent at Chepauk, for the purpose of the more easy payment of Carnatic stipendiaries.

2. The form of receipt (on the coupon principle) proposed by Major Snow is, I think, an improvement upon the one now in use, which involves a waste of type, and of paper, while one of the primary conditions of the long memorandum printed upon the reverse appears to be a dead letter; viz. the prohibition of pledging seals as a security for debts.

3. The Civil Auditor will doubtless give his opinion on the question of pre-auditing the printed abstracts. I would therefore, simply notice that the present system of post-audit appears to have worked well, and I therefore see no necessity for a change. Mr. Waterfield's plan to post-audit the Registers sent by me to him for that purpose after paying the stipendiaries appears to me to be the preferable one.

4. With reference to the form A. of proposed stipend receipt; I would suggest that the amount of monthly pension be exhibited in each coupon, as well as in the heading of the document itself.

5. In the payment of so large a number of stipendiaries receiving their portions month by month instead of by the quarter, some little trouble must necessarily occur, but I can conceive no more simple plan than, 1st, that the Agent should on (or shortly after) the 1st of each month, send to this office a printed Register with the names of stipendiaries as they existed at the close of the preceding one; 2ndly, that I should pay each stipendiary on the presentation of his coupon sheet after comparing with the Register, and taking the coupon for the month as my voucher, and 3rdly, after completing the payments for a whole month that I should submit the entire Register to the Civil Auditor for post-audit, which he would do in the aggregate and under one signature. In order to prevent confusion, stipendiaries will have to appear for payment in numerical succession, as proposed by Mr. Waterfield, and approved of by the Government.

No. 6. From W. WATERFIELD, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 2nd December 1859, No. 89.

In obedience to the Orders of Government, No. 678 of the 21st November, I have the honor to observe that there is one great objection to the scheme as it stands at present. Major Snow proposes to introduce a system of *pre-audit*. In this case the Sub-Treasurer must look to the audited abstracts for his authority and not to the receipts granted by the Paymaster. But each abstract is to contain the names of some 500 stipendiaries, and it is scarcely possible to ensure the attendance of all these persons at the Treasury at the same time. To disburse a portion of an audited abstract reserving the remainder would be a highly irregular practice, and, if the parties through sickness or absence failed to appear within the month, the Sub-Treasurer would be unable to furnish the Accountant General with correct vouchers for the amount of his monthly payments. This defect may however be remedied by a trifling alteration in the plan. The printed abstracts should be sent, not to the Civil Auditor, but to the Sub-Treasurer for a guide. In this way the post-audit would continue and in fact the offices of the Civil Auditor and Accountant General would be no way affected by the changes.

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There would be a slight addition to the work of the Sub-Treasurer's office, as he would no longer be able to pay a receipt upon the mere signature of the Paymaster, but must refer to the monthly list to see that the number be entered in that also. However I think this would be counterbalanced by the proposed appointment of an extra clerk; and, if the stipendiaries are to be compelled to draw their allowances in person, this is absolutely necessary; as no one now in the Treasury is able to identify them. The rules approved by Government in their Order, No. 650 of the 8th ultimo, will of course continue unchanged.

It will be necessary that the fact of the stipendiaries' existence should be verified even more carefully than at present; but of this the Paymaster is no doubt aware in proposing his scheme, and it would be desirable also that, in the event of lapse, the undischarged coupons should be recovered from the heirs at once, as is now done with the seals of deceased pensioners.

I may add that I think it would be a convenience if the amount of the stipend were repeated with the number upon each coupon.

The 2 forms which accompanied the foregoing Order are herewith returned as requested.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 3rd January 1860, No. 3.

1. The Assistant Agent represents that the present mode of paying the Carnatic Stipendiaries is very cumbrous and inconvenient, and he proposes therefore:—

1stly.—To issue *one* certificate of form A to each stipendiary on the 1st January of each year, with coupons attached to it for each month in the year.

2ndly.—On or after the 1st of every month to forward printed abstracts, each containing the names of a certain number of stipendiaries to the Civil Auditor, under his signature, the Civil Auditor to forward them on, after audit, to the Sub-Treasurer.

3rdly.—That one of the writers in the Department of the Pay Master of Carnatic stipends should be transferred to the office of the Sub-Treasurer, to be associated with the person who disburses the stipends, for the purpose of identifying the stipendiaries.

4thly.—That the Vakeel system be abolished except as regards persons of rank, and Gosha females—and that in their case, relatives, servants or females, be employed whenever feasible.

2. Major Snow's proposal was referred for the remarks of the Sub-Treasurer and Civil Auditor, and their replies are above recorded. The Sub-Treasurer thinks that the new form of receipt on the coupon system is an improvement, but that the amount of monthly pension should be exhibited in each coupon as well as in the heading of the certificate itself. He sees no necessity for the introduction of pre-audit. Mr. Waterfield's plan to post-audit the Registers sent to him for that purpose, after paying the stipendiaries, appears to him to be the preferable one, and he can conceive no more simple plan than,

1stly.—That the Agent should on (or shortly after) the 1st of each month, send to his (*i. e.* the Sub-Treasurer's) office a printed Register with the names of stipendiaries as they existed at the close of the preceding one.

2ndly.—That the Sub-Treasurer should pay each stipendiary on the presentation of his coupon sheet, after comparing it with the Register, taking the coupon for the month as his voucher and:

3rdly.—After completing the payments for a whole month, that he should submit the entire Register to the Civil Auditor for post-audit, which he would do in the aggregate and under one signature. In order to prevent confusion, stipendiaries will have to appear for payment in numerical succession, as proposed by Mr. Waterfield, and approved of by the Government.

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3. The Acting Civil Auditor objects to the pre-audit. He is of opinion that the printed abstracts should be sent, not to the Audit office, but to the Sub-Treasurer for a guide. In this way the post-audit would continue, and in fact the offices of the Civil Auditor and Accountant General would be in no way affected by the changes. There would be a slight addition to the work of the Sub-Treasurer's office, as he would no longer be able to pay a receipt upon the mere signature of the Paymaster, but must refer to the monthly list to see that the number was entered in that also. However he thinks this would be counterbalanced by the proposed appointment of an extra clerk; and if the stipendiaries are to be compelled to draw their allowances in person, this is absolutely necessary, as no one now in the Treasury is able to identify them. The rules approved by Government in their Order, No. 650 of the 8th ultimo, will of course continue unchanged. It will be necessary that the fact of the stipendiaries' existence should be verified even more carefully than at present, but of this the Paymaster was no doubt aware in proposing his scheme, and it would be desirable also that, in the event of lapse, the undischarged coupons should be recovered from the heirs at once, as is now done with the seals of deceased pensioners.

4. The Governor in Council has attentively considered the foregoing remarks on Major Snow's proposed plan for the payment of Carnatic stipendiaries, and proceeds to record the following observations on the subject.

5. He is of opinion with the Acting Civil Auditor and Sub-Treasurer, that there should be no *pre-audit*. It seems to him also objectionable that the stipendiaries should be identified at the *Treasury*, as the identifying officer would act under no check. The place for identification is properly the *Agency office*.

6. The plan might however be thus modified. An annual certificate should be prepared in form A for each Pensioner, but as recommended by the Civil Auditor and Sub-Treasurer, the amount of monthly stipend and its number should be entered in English in each coupon. The first of the Memoranda endorsed on the present form and declaring all stipends of 1855, except those to the immemorial family, to be strictly life-grants, should also be retained and printed on the back of the heading of the new certificate.

7. At the prescribed time in each month the stipendiary should bring his certificate with the coupon of the month sealed to the Agency office, where it should be examined and counter-sealed, not signed by the Agent's seal.

8. The Agency seal should be affixed by the Head Uncovenanted Assistant in the Agency Department, or, in his unavoidable absence, by some one of the establishment specially deputed by the Agent for the purpose. It should be affixed in the Agent's presence. The seal should be of a peculiar form, should be used for counter-sealing stipend coupons and for no other purpose, and should always be in the custody of the Agent when not in actual use.

9. The sealing, instead of signing, would save the Agent the labor of counter-signing, as he now has to do, some 3,000 receipts a month.

10. A printed Register of the stipendiaries as they then stand should be sent each month by the Agent to the Sub-Treasurer. This would furnish an additional check, and the trouble of referring to it in the Treasury to see that the number of the coupon was entered in it, would not be great.

11. The coupon would be presented at the Treasury, where it would be paid to bearer on its appearing to be properly sealed and that its number was one of those entered in the Register. The coupon would be detained by the Sub-Treasurer as a voucher.

12. The rule sanctioned by Government under date 8th November, in respect to the order of payment for these stipends will still be maintained. Stipendiaries should be required to attend in person at the Agency office every month, to get their coupons counter-sealed, except persons of rank, Gosha women, or those unavoidably absent from sickness, or infirmity, or other good cause, the existence of which should be fully proved. These might employ Vakeels under the existing rules.

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13. On the death of a stipendiary, his heirs should be required to deliver up his pension certificate with the undrawn coupons to the Government Agent before the arrears were paid to them.

14. The Mint Master will be directed to prepare the seal for the Agent, and the Superintendent of the Government Press, to print the list, certificates and coupons.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Political Department.

Memorandum.

From the Assistant Government Agent at Chepauk.

Dated 17th November 1859, No. 1656

From the Sub-Treasurer.

Dated 1st December 1859, No. 895

From the Acting Civil Auditor.

Dated 2nd December 1859, No. 89.

I approve of the plan with the modifications suggested by Mr. Pycroft. The Pensioners should be identified and their coupons stamped every month in the Agents Office, and the Pensioners may then be allowed to employ any body they please to present the coupons and receive the money. It would be sufficient if a single list were sent by the Agent to the Pay and Audit Office at the beginning of every year, provided the list were complete and correct. I have written to the Agent at Chepauk to the effect that the list should be sent to the Pay and Audit Office at the beginning of every year, and that the list should be sent to the Pay and Audit Office at the beginning of every year.

The Assistant Agent represents that the present mode of paying the Carnatic Stipendiaries is very cumbersome and inconvenient.

He proposes:—

1. To issue one Certificate of form A to each Stipendiary on the 1st January of each year, with coupons attached to it for each month in the year.

2. On or after the 1st of every month to forward printed abstracts, each containing

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a certain number of Stipendiaries to the Civil Auditor under his signature - the Civil Auditor would forward them on after audit to the Sub Treasurer.

3. - One of the writers in the Dept of the Pay Master of Legation Stipends should be transferred to the office of the Sub Treasurer, to be associated with the person who disburses the Stipends for the purpose of identifying the Stipendiaries.

4. - The Assistant Agent would also advocate the abolition of the Vakeel system, except as regards persons of rank, and gosha females - and in their case would advise the employment of relatives, servants or females, whenever feasible.

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It seems to me, as to Messrs. Spandeman and Waterfield, that there should be no pre-audit.

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The plan might I think be thus modified.

An annual Certificate should be prepared in form A for each Pensioner, but as recommended by the Civil Auditor and Sub Treasurer, the amount of monthly stipend and its No. should be entered in English in each coupon. The first of the Memoranda endorsed

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At the prescribed time in each month the Stipendiary should bring his certificate with the coupon of the month sealed to the Agency Office, where it should be examined and counter sealed - not signed - by the Agent's Seal.

The Agency Seal should be affixed by the Head Un-covenanted Assistant in the Agency Department, or, in his unavoidable absence, by some one of the establishment specially deputed by the Agent. It should be affixed in the Agent's presence. The seal should be of a peculiar form - should be used for counter sealing

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Proceedings of Govt.

Dated 3rd Jan'y 1860

With reference to the letter from the Sub-Treasurer and Acting Civil Auditor respecting Major Snow's proposal for the more easy payment of Ecclesiastical Stipendiaries, observe that the Govt have attentively considered Major Snow's remarks and propose certain observations on the subject direct the Unit Master to prepare the seal for the Agent and the Supdt. of the Govt Office to print the List, certificates and coupons.

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From the Acting Civil Auditor — (" " 2nd " " " " 89.)

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