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No. 3. Read the following letter from WILLIAM FISHER, Esq., Resident of Travancore and Cochin; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Cochin, 8th November 1862, No. 73.

With reference to a proposition submitted for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council on the 28th May 1860, No. 33, Government in an order passed thereon, dated 12th June 1860, No. 367, approved of the closing of the Residency Treasury at Cochin, and desired the Resident to arrange with the Collector of Malabar for the tribute of the Cochin State being paid to him, through an Officer of his Establishment at British Cochin.

2. This arrangement was no doubt desirable, as a saving in salaries was thereby effected, and a guard dispensed with; but at the same time, it involves inconvenience which is the more felt, now that the Quilon Treasury is removed to Trevandrum.

3. There is considerable difficulty in paying Bills drawn on my Treasury in favor of parties residing in North Travancore and the Cochin State, and when in this neighbourhood on my annual tours, money for the payment of my Establishment, can only be obtained through the Dewan of Cochin, in exchange for orders on the Trevandrum Treasury.

4. All this may be avoided, now that the Bank of Madras has a branch Office in British Cochin, by the transfer of the tribute of the Cochin State from the name of the Collector of Malabar, to that of the Resident of Cochin in the books of the Bank, into which the money is now paid.

5. I have the honor therefore to request the sanction of His Excellency the Governor in Council, for the transfer of the credit in the manner suggested, as the measure would facilitate business, without, as far as I am aware, being in any way objectionable.

Referred to the Accountant General for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th November 1862.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 4. From H. A. MANGLES, Esq., Acting Accountant General; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th November 1862, No. 276.

Resource Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of docket without number, dated 13th instant, referring for my report a letter from the Resident of Travancore and Cochin, in which he proposes that the tribute of the Cochin State at present paid into the Branch Bank of Madras at British Cochin should be transferred in their books from the name of the Collector of Malabar to that of the Resident of Cochin.

2. This course would obviously necessitate the preparation of two separate monthly Treasury Accounts, one for transmission to the Resident of Cochin, the other to the Collector of Malabar.

3. The reasons assigned for the proposed change is, that there is considerable difficulty in paying Bills drawn on the Resident's Treasury in favor of parties residing in North Travancore and the Cochin State, and in obtaining money for the payment of his establishment when on circuit in that neighbourhood.

4. I do not attach much importance to the first argument adduced for the change. Bills drawn on the Resident's Treasury are drawn on Trevandrum only, a fact known to tenderers at the time of application, and who cannot therefore complain if they have to make their own arrangements for transmitting such sums to North Travancore. Parties resident in the Cochin State would probably tender for Bills on Malabar, which can be made payable at Cochin by the Collector, provided there are funds available at that place for such a purpose. The inconvenience experienced by the Resident himself would probably not occur above once or twice in

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the year, and even then it does not appear to be much felt as there seems to be no difficulty in getting orders on the Trevandrum Treasury cashed by the Dewan of Cochin. Moreover, advances might be drawn from the Bank on application to the Collector of Malabar to be adjusted by transfer receipts on return of the Resident to Head Quarters.

5. As the Branch Bank of Madras at Cochin has now to remit various forms of Account monthly to the Collector of Malabar, for which they receive no remuneration whatever from Government, but only the use of the small balance on hand, and moreover taking into consideration the extra work that must arise if accounts are to be kept with two Officers of Government instead of one, I do not think that Government can fairly make such a demand as proposed by the Resident from the Bank, unless they are prepared to sanction at the same time some monthly allowance to meet the extra labor.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1862, No. 479.

Resolved that a copy of the Acting Accountant General's report be furnished to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin, in reference to his letter of the 8th November last, No. 73. For the reasons given in paras. 4 and 5 of that report, the Government are not prepared to sanction the measure proposed by the Resident, viz., the transfer of the tribute of the Cochin State from the name of the Collector of Malabar to that of the Resident of Cochin in the books of the Branch Bank of Madras at British Cochin, into which the money is now paid.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. McMootry.

Political Department.

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