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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
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No. 73. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 13th June 1870, No. 1196 :—

Expenditure.—Administration and Public Departments.]

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RESOLUTION.—In a Resolution, dated 29th July 1869, the Public Works Department challenged an expenditure for duffries in Executive Engineers' Offices in British Burmah, adding that “ this class of servants might be dispensed with in all but the Chief Engineers' and the Controllers' Offices, but at the same time the Local Administrations may be allowed the opportunity of establishing the necessity for them in other offices.”

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4. It is not expedient to regulate the charge for duffries in Executive Engineers' Offices by the standard of any Civil Offices, while the Public Works Department must have ample and conclusive experience for guidance in the Engineers' Offices themselves. A large number of these offices having managed without duffries, these servants may be denied to any other offices of the same class, that cannot show any such decided excess of clerical work as to support their demand. This seems a safer guide than to declare arbitrarily that offices of a certain strength shall have duffries and others not. Those which would be excluded by the rule, would urge

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5. Accordingly, the Governor-General in Council considers that it would be better to regulate the charge on account of duftries by the experience of like establishments in the same Department.

6. In the Berars, duftries have been dispensed with by the Deputy Commissioner.

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Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Home and Public Works Departments; the Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, Punjab, Madras, and Bombay; the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, and British Burmah; and the Resident at Hyderabad.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Assist. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1870, No. 891.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat, and to the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Revenue Department.

„ Military „
„ Public Works „
„ Accountant-General.

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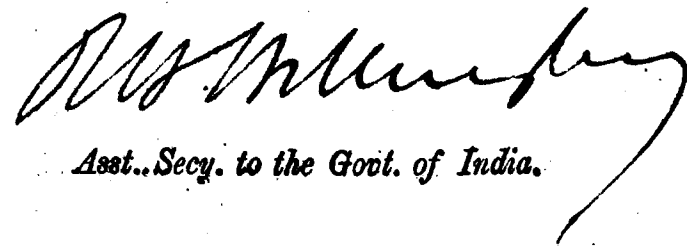
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