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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 23-7- 1869.

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No. 265. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 10th July 1860, No. 106 :—

1. In paragraph 4 of his letter to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, No. 2,461, dated 18th April last, prescribing the course to be followed in remitting collections and making payments on the abolition of the separate Treasury at Madras for the Madras Collectorate, the Accountant General, Mr. R. P. Harrison, observed, that he was of opinion, that under similar arrangements, the separate Treasury now kept up by the Collector of Sea Customs might also be abolished. The Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, No. 1,894, dated 19th idem, communicated Mr. Harrison's letter to Mr. Pelly, and requested his attention to paragraph 4 thereof. Mr. Pelly in his letter No. 352, dated 2nd instant, in reply to an enquiry, informs me, that he has not yet taken the subject of abolishing the Treasury in the Sea Custom Office into his consideration ; but that, when framing a new scale of Establishment for this Office, this matter will necessarily come under review, and be disposed of in connection with it. As the Government, however, in their Order No. 1,019, dated 21st ultimo, expressed their opinion, that the question regarding the arrangements to be made consequent on the discontinuance of the separate Treasury at Madras for the Collectorate of Madras, did not fall under Mr. Pelly's cognizance, I deem it proper to bring the matter at once to the notice of Government.

2. I do not anticipate the least difficulty in directing that all moneys payable to the Collector of Sea Customs should be paid either into the General Treasury or to the Madras Bank to the credit of the Sub-Treasurer. On the contrary, I am inclined to think, that public convenience is likely to be promoted by allowing the Madras Bank to be a medium for making payments to the Collector of Sea Customs.

3. I see no impediment to the separate Treasury now maintained by the Collector of Sea Customs, and his Treasury Establishment,* being discontinued from the 1st proximo. Mr. Sandeman, the late Sub-Treasurer, in his letter to my predecessor, No. 1,450, dated 13th April last remarks, "this step," i.e. of making the General Treasury a cashing medium for the Collector of Madras, "I would advocate as one "of economy, as well as of convenience which might well be extended, by making the General "Treasury the Bank of all Government Pay Offices and Institutions," and I am this day addressing Government in the Military Department on the subject of applying this principle to the Department of the Paymaster Presidency.

* 1 *Cashkeeper*...	@	100
2 *Shroff's*. @ 15	@	30
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No. 266. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1860, No. 1,217.

1. In this letter the Accountant General advocates the immediate abolition of the separate Treasury now kept up at the Sea Custom House, proposing that persons having to pay money to the Collector, should pay it to his credit, either into the Madras Bank or into the General Treasury. He proposes that this arrangement should have immediate effect.

2. The Government agree with Mr. Lushington that there is no reason for deferring this useful reform till the general revision of the office establishment of the Madras Custom House ; and he directs that it take effect on the 1st proximo as proposed. It will be at the option of payers to make their payments at the Madras Bank or at the General Treasury ; and they will receive credit at the Custom House on the production of the receipt or acknowledgment.

3. The Treasury or Cash Establishment of the Custom House will be discharged from the date above mentioned, including the peons who have been engaged on the duties of that Department.

4. It appears to Government that this arrangement may be extended with much advantage to the Madras Salt Katcherí, as regards the wholesale dealings; which, according to a report from the Collector lately before Government, amount to 95 per cent. of the whole transactions. For the retail sales it will be more convenient to the buyer to pay in cash. The Board of Revenue will take the necessary steps to give effect to this suggestion without delay.

See para. 7 of the Order of April 26th, No. 645.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dep.

No 1217

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Revd. date the 23d July 1850

Read the following

letter from the Acting

Accountant General

Recommends the abolition
of the separate Treasury now
kept up by the Collector by Sea
Customs.

(Here enter 11th July 1850
No 10)

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See Paragh the order of April 28th No. 645.

Copies to Mr. B. of Rev. Dispt. 23d
3 " Acct. Genl. "
3 " Civil Auditor "

Abolition of the establishment
Treasury kept up by the
Collr of Sea Customs.

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Revenue 1860 Dept to
Pro: of Govt for July
No 1217.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dy 23d July 1860.
Further Pro: 28th July /60 No 1266
From the Ag Chairman of the
Chamber of Commerce D/4th
August /60 Coll 1811
in Pro: 10th aug
No 1328

Ordering the abolition
of the Treasury or Cash
Establishment of the Sea
Custom House from the
1st Proxmo.

From B of Rev 22 May /60 Cor 1307.

From the Actg Accte
Genl Dy 22d Augt /60
Cr No 1750. in Pro 29th augt
No 1473.

Pro. of the Bd of Rev 9th Oct
1860 Cr No 2215 in Pro 13th Oct
No 1810

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