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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1929	**Press** ~~**Mis.**~~
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Dated 22 — 10 — 1864.	

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from W. BALMAIN, Esq., Officiating Civil Auditor, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 10th October 1860, No. 1,166:—

SIR,

1. Several cases having lately occurred of Bills for Establishments and Contingencies, being submitted for audit years after the charges were incurred. I have the honor to request that Government will lay down some rule for the guidance of this office.

2. It appears to me that after the elapse of a certain period the ordinary rules of audit should not be held applicable and if good reason for the delay is not adduced; the Civil Auditor should be authorized to refuse audit till the sanction of some authority superior to the Officer incurring the charge, has been obtained. The limit of one year might be fixed as time sufficent to allow of bills being sent for audit.

3. I need not remark that after an interval of two or three years the Officer signing and submitting it, can have but small knowledge of the correctness of the bill. In many cases he will have come to his appointment subsequent to the charge being incurred. As an example, I beg to forward a bill and expla natory letter received from the District of Cuddapah. The preparation of the bill appears only to have been suggested by some unadjusted item in the account requiring a voucher.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1860, No. 1,929.

1. In this letter the Officiating Civil Auditor requests that some definite rule may be laid down for the guidance of his Office in respect of Bills for Establishments and Contingencies submitted for audit long after, or as he represents it, years after the charges were incurred.

2. The Government are fully alive to the objections and to the inconveniences arising from such a state of things, and they agree with Mr. Balmain that some measure is necessary to enforce the more regular and punctual submission of such Bills. They would therefore request Mr. Balmain to furnish them with more particulars of the cases referred to, accompanied by suggestions of the rules he would recommend.

3. The Bill and explanatory letter stated in paragraph 3 of Mr. Balmain's letter to have been forwarded to Government as an example, have not been received.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Civil Auditor.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22d October 1860.

Read the following letter
from the Offg Civil Auditor

Requests that some rules be
laid down for the guidance of his
office in respect to the Audit of bills
for Salaries and contingencies which
are not submitted within a reasonable
time after they become due.

(Were under 10th Octr 1860 № 1166)

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3 Copies
To the Offg Comb Auditor
Desp 23

Copy int. a Letter t. Engr. of 18th May 1861 No. 71.

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No 1929.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
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From the Ag C. A. of 26th Jany 1861 C. A. 269 in Pro.
15 March No 656.

(9) Audit of Bills

Respecting Bills for establishments and contingencies being submitted for Audit long after the charges were incurred.

Copy to the Fin. Dept.
15 March 61.
No: 656.
No 360 & 361.