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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th November 1860.

No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 19th October 1860, No. 524:—

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated 4th September, 1860, No. 9,663.

Read the following papers on the subject of sending duplicates of contingent bills to the Civil Auditor's Offices.

Endorsement from the Home Department, No. 1,536, dated 18th July, with enclosures.
Telegram from the Bombay Civil Auditor, dated 25th idem.
Letter from ditto, No. 590, dated 9th ditto.
Ditto from Government of Bombay, No. 546, dated 14th ditto.
Report from Officiating Civil Auditor, Fort William, dated 3rd ultimo.
Letter from Civil Auditor, Bombay, No. 744*a*, dated 24th July.

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1. *Resolution.*—It appears that the Bombay Civil Auditor has issued a circular, dated 14th June 1860, directing, with a view to save trouble, that all contingent bills should be sent to his Office, in duplicate.

2. The Bengal Civil Auditor, on the other hand, has, with the same object in view, issued a circular, dated the 23rd June, 1860, requesting that bills should never be submitted in duplicate.

3. The Director General of the Post office in India, in submiting these circulars for the consideration of Government, expresses his opinion in favor of the Bengal Auditor's plan. The Bombay Government is also in favor of that plan, and is strongly opposed to the one proposed by the Bombay Auditor.

4. Upon the grounds urged by the Officers concerned in support of their respective plans, the Governor General in Council considers that the course proposed by Mr. Sandeman, (the Bengal Auditor) is the best; and he accordingly directs, that it be adopted as the general rule in all the Civil Auditor Offices in India.

5. In respect to the arguments urged by the Bombay Auditor, that every Collector now keeps a regular register as well as a duplicate copy of contingent bills, His Excellency in Council remarks, that there is no necessity for this duplication of work; that if the register is sufficient for all purposes, the keeping of duplicates, either in the Collectorates or in the Audit Offices, should be dispensed with; and that whenever a reference to the contingent bill is required, the Accountant General can afford the necessary information.

6. As regards the solicitation of the Bombay Auditor, that in deciding on the present case, this Government will issue orders prohibiting the interference of the local Governments in the internal arrangements connected with the Audit Offices, such as the mode of drawing up and preferring bills, &c., the Governor General in Council is pleased to comply with that solicitation, so far as to request the several local Governments to abstain from interfering with the *internal* arrangements of the Audit Offices in the several Presidencies. But he deems it necessary that the Auditors, before introducing any radical changes in respect to the returns demanded from district officers, should forward any proposals they may wish to make to the local Governments, for submission with their remarks to this Department.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Home Department, for communication to the Director General of the Post Office in India, and that the original papers received therefrom be returned.

Ordered, also, that a copy be sent to the Government of Bombay, in reply to its letter above adverted to.

Ordered, further, that a copy of the Resolution, and of the entire correspondence above referred to, be sent to the local Governments* and the Civil Auditors† mentioned in the margin, for information and guidance.

* Bengal, Madras, North Western Provinces, Punjab, and the Straits Settlements.
† Civil Auditors, Fort William, Madras, Bombay, North Western Provinces and the Punjab.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th November 1860.

Ordered to be communicated to the Accountant General, and also to the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT, *Chief Secretary.*

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1860, No. 2,052.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for communication to Collectors. The correspondence received with these Proceedings need not be circulated; but the Board will be requested to draw up a brief memorandum of the course of audit adopted and advocated by the Bengal Civil Auditor, and approved by the Government of India, and circulate it for the guidance of the Collectors.

2. With reference to the concluding part of paragraph 6 of the Resolution, no change should be made in the form of accounts submitted to the Civil Auditor, without the previous approval of the Government.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5 ~~October~~ November 1860

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Govt in the Financial Department

Communicating the Resolution of the Govt of India regarding the mode of submitting contingent Bills, & the interference of the local Govts in the internal arrangements of the Audit Offices in the several Presidencies.

(Here enter 19th Oct. 1860 No. 524)

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for communication to Collectors. The correspondence received with these Proceedings need not be circulated; but the Board will be requested to draw up a brief memo: of the course of Audit adopted and advocated by the Bengal Civil Auditor, and approved by the Govt

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of India, and circulate it
for the guidance of the Collrs.

2. With reference to the con-
cluding part of Para 6 of the
Resolution, no change should
be made in the Form of accounts
submitted to the Civil Auditor,
without the previous approval
of the Government. ~~The accounts~~
~~and Returns in use in this~~
~~Presidency for transmission~~
~~to the several Audit offices, have~~
~~lately been revised in similar~~
~~forms, so that changes in those~~
~~of one office, would probably~~
~~give occasion to much increase~~
~~of labour in preparation.~~

12 Copies
To the Board of Customs.