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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 96	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 19—1—1860.	

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No. 74. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of South Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Mangalúr 11th January 1860.

In consequence of this province having been divided into two Collectorates from the 16th December, under orders of Government, dated 3d December 1859, without any previous notice being given, I fear that I shall find it nearly impossible to arrange for the separation of the accounts of North and South Canara from that date, and at the same time forward all necessary returns to the Presidency in proper time.

2. In fact, in the absence of instructions, I informed the Accountant General that I proposed to open separate accounts for the two districts, from 1st January 1860.

3. In reply, that officer informs me that my accounts as Collector of Canara should close on the 15th December, and the consequence is, that my usual returns which are nearly ready for despatch are useless, and the whole of the accounts for both divisions must be returned to the various offices in which the transactions to which they relate took place, and a general revision will be necessary, at a time when all the establishments will be sufficiently occupied in keeping up the current work.

4. When the Orders of Government reached me on the 11th December, I was upwards of one hundred miles from my head quarters, and as no provision was made for the due conduct of business in North Canara from the date of division, and the whole province must virtually remain in my hands until the Collector of North Canara could take up his appointment, I thought the most satisfactory, if not the only possible course under these circumstances, was to allow things to go on as usual up to the end of the year, and arrange for opening accounts for the two divisions from the 1st January.

5. As I now find, however, that the Accountant General requires a division of accounts from the date on which the order of Government declared the province divided into North and South Canara, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the difficulties in which I am placed, with a view to their sanctioning the arrangements I have proposed, but which cannot, it seems, be adopted without their formal permission.

6. I could easily adduce instances in which delay and confusion are certain to occur, if a revision of my accounts is deemed absolutely necessary, and the division cannot be made at the end of the year instead of from the 16th December; but I believe it will be sufficient, if I state that this step will cause great inconvenience, delay and confusion, whilst none will occur, if the course I have proposed for adoption meets with the approval of Government.

7. In anticipation of a favourable reply, I have forwarded the December demand Collection and balance statement for Canara to the Board of Revenue, informing them and the Accountant General, that I have applied direct to Government to sanction the opening of new accounts for North and South Canara from the 1st January 1860.

8. Should Government not see fit to comply with my request, I trust that their orders may be forwarded to me by telegraph, viâ Mercara.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1860, No. 96.

Referred to the Accountant General, and Board of Revenue in order, that, if they in communication with one another see no objection to the course proposed by Mr. Fisher in this letter, viz. of opening the accounts of North and South Canara from the 1st instant, they will at once issue the necessary instructions direct to that officer by telegraph reporting to Government what they may have done in pursuance of this order.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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pursuance of this order.

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10 Copies to
the Board of Revenue Dated 20th
1 Accountant General &
1 Collector of South Canara.

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On the subject of
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