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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th December 1861.

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 4th December 1861, No. 603 :—

Requesting to furnish to all Officers charged with the administration of Local Funds copy of the Resolution of the Government of India, requiring the submission of estimates of expected receipts from and expenditure of the above Fund for the ensuing official year.

(Vide Financial Proceedings, 4th December 1861, Nos. 20—22.)

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1861, No. 2,271.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance.

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

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 24th October 1861, No. 12,651.

Read again Proceedings in this Department, No. 11,241 of the 21st August 1861, relative to the preparation of Budget Estimates for all Ceded Districts or Territories under the management of the several Residents, Commissioners and Political Agents in the usual form for the purpose of check and control, but not for incorporation in the Imperial Budget.

Read report of Officiating Accountant General of India on the above, No. 820, of the 24th September 1861.

RESOLUTION.—With a view to ensure uniformity of practice in the check and control of expenditure in the case of Municipal and all other local Funds, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to extend the principle enunciated in the above Resolution to all such Funds, and directs that a Budget Estimate of expenditure chargeable to the various local Funds be submitted by the officers charged with their control through the local Governments to the proper Department of the Government of India, and when sanctioned, that the estimate be forwarded to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General concerned, who will be guided thereby in admitting charges passed by local Officers, on the distinct understanding that the limit of the estimate is to be strictly observed, and that the available assets at credit of each Fund shall in no case be exceeded. If the receipts of the year fall short of the anticipations of the estimate, a corresponding reduction must be made in the expenditure, as local Funds cannot be allowed without special permission being first had and obtained to overdraw the credits under Debt Account. The local Funds being in a position analogous to that of a private drawing account at a Bank, the receipts and charges of these local Funds will not be incorporated in the Imperial Budget of Income and Expenditure, but there is no reason why these Funds should not be subject to the same watchful scrutiny on the part of the Officers of Account as are all other expenditures.

Ordered, that copies of the above Resolution be sent to the Governments, Departments, Administrations and Officers noted below, for information and guidance :—

1. Home, Foreign, and Public Works Departments of the Government of India.
2. Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, Punjab, Madras, and Bombay.
3. Chief Commissioner of Oude; Commissioners of Nagpore, Pegu, and Tenasserim and Martaban Provinces.
4. Residents, Hyderabad, Baroda and Indore.
5. Agents Governor General, Central India, and Rajpootana.
6. The Audit Board; the Auditor General of India; the Accountant General to the Government of India, and all Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, and Civil Paymasters.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secy. to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1861, No. 603.

Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be furnished through the proper Departments to all Officers charged with the administration of Local Funds, and that they be directed to submit yearly to the Accountant General within a date to be fixed by him, estimates of expected receipts from and expenditure of Local Funds for the ensuing official year.

2. The Government do not understand that more is desired by the Resolution than that the Finance Department should have the means of seeing that the expenditure on objects which have to be provided for from local sources is not in excess of the proceeds of those sources. It is observed that in this Presidency local Funds have not been allowed to be overdrawn. The Government do not suppose that it can be meant that lists of works to be executed, or objects to be carried out from local Funds, should be laid before the Government of India for their consideration and sanction. Such a course would involve the submission to the Supreme Government, of details which would be of no possible value, would retard and embarrass the proceedings of the Local Government, check all improvement, and be in complete contravention of the declared desire of the Secretary of State, that local matters should be left to the local Government, and that the action of the central Government should be confined to matters of general and Imperial interest.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue and Public Works Departments.
„ Military Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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