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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1337 Press Mis.

315-316

Dated 13 15 May 10 1869

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No. 315. Read the following letter from the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 13th April 1869, No. 14 :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, in the Revenue Department, No. 880, dated 2nd instant, directing me, with reference to a letter from the Collector of Nellore, to explain why, in arranging for a remittance from that district, I corresponded directly with the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, instead of through the Collector of the district.

2. In reply I have the honor to state that in addressing the Treasury Officer direct, I followed the course sanctioned by Government in their Order of the 17th February 1864, No. 286.

3. This Order expressly permits the Accountant-General to correspond directly with the Treasury Officer in the matter of remittances, and indicates the course which the latter Officer should pursue both when the Collector is present at head-quarters and also when he is absent. In the one case, he is required immediately to obtain the orders of the Collector; in the other, he is also to refer the matter for the Collector's orders, unless it be of an ordinary character, or too urgent to admit of delay. If these instructions be duly carried out—and it rests with the Collector to see that they are—I fail to perceive how the simple fact of the communication being addressed to the Treasury Officer can, in any degree, lessen the authority of the Collector, as seems to be supposed both by Mr. Dykes and the Board of Revenue.

4. The course thus sanctioned by Government was ordered after a full consideration of the Accountant-General's letter of the 9th February 1864, in which was forcibly shown the inconveniences which would inevitably arise, if direct communication were not allowed in the matter of remittances; and it was not supposed, therefore, that this Order had been set aside by the later one of the 18th May 1867: otherwise I should certainly have availed myself of the permission, given in paragraph 4 of the latter Order, to obtain sanction for the continuance of the former practice in respect to remittances, it being far more necessary at the present time than it was even then, that the utmost promptitude should be observed in acting upon instruction to remit, as we are working with far lower cash balances, and the demands upon us are heavier and more pressing than at any former time; any delay, therefore, in responding to our calls for money would be fraught with serious consequences.

5. The Collector, I observe, takes exception to my having used the term "*your* talook balances" when addressing the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury; but this is surely an idle cavil. The talooks and their balances belong neither to the Deputy Collector nor to the Collector, but to Government; and Mr. Dykes might, therefore, I think, have inferred that in using the word "your," I could only refer to the district of which he, the Deputy Collector, was an Officer, and which therefore, in common phraseology, I designated as his.

6. The Order of Government of the 14th February 1864, though passed especially on a reference made by Mr. Dykes, appears, through some inadvertence, not to have been communicated to him.

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Your most Obedient Servant

F. Robinson
Accountant General

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Revenue Department

From 18th 1193

The Accountant General
Port Louis Comptl.

To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Departt
Port Louis Comptl

Dated 13th }
Rec'd 13th } April 1869.

No 111

Enclosure
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States that his Honor addressed the Treasury Officer directly is in accordance with the course sanctioned by Govt in their Order No 286 of 17 February 1864 which permits the Accountant General to Correspond directly with the Treasury Officers in matters of Accounts

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th May 1869.

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1869, No. 1,337.

Miscellaneous.

15th January 1867, No. 123.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

From The Accountant General
To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government in the Revenue Department No. 880 dated 2nd instant, directing me to report the circumstances which led to the Collector of Nellore to disburse from the Treasury of that District, without any arrangement for a remittance from that District, a sum of Rupees 1,000 belonging to the Orphan Fund in charge of the Assistant Collector in charge of the Taluq of Udayagiri.

2nd In reply I have the honor to state that in addressing the Senior Officers of Nellore the Assistant Collector was directed to draw on the Government in their Order of the 17th February 1868 No 280.

3 This Order (which I have the honor to enclose) was issued by me in correspondence with the Accountant General & Correspondent directly with the Treasury Officer in the matter of Remittances, and undertakes the course which times, and under the circumstances which then existed, was considered, I believe, the best under the circumstances.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signature illegible)
Accountant General
Fort Saint George
15th April 1869.

No. 114

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May, 13th.

Recd.

G. O., 13th May 1869, No. 1,337.

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Nos. 315-316.

Remittance from Nellore Treasury.—Accountant-General's explanation in having addressed the Deputy Collector, with orders as to the course to be pursued in future.

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Under date the 13 May 67

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(M.E. 13 May 67 Pg Nos 14)

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