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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

Treasury
No. 1356

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
21st May 1872.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To THE Collector of
Vizagapatam

SIR,

I beg to draw your attention my circular
109 dated 16th February there can have been no reason-
able cause why your reply should not have been
despatched in a month at furthest, as if your
Tahsildars delayed report it was obviously your
business to notice their delay and if necessary
complain to the Board. I should be glad if you
will submit your report by return of post, con-
sisting as far as your materials send and naming
the taluqs whose returns are still not forthcoming.
I have &c.

/ Signed / R. Taylor

Offr. Accountant General

/ True Copy /

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Apt. to the Acct. Genl.

Compt. Off.

his orders and not such a letter as should be
written from an Officer of one Department to
one of another and independent Department.

Vizagapatam
May 28, 1872

I have &c.
/ Signed / R. J. Melville
Ap. Collector

The

Miscellaneous No 4301.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 17 June 1872.

Read the following

No 532.

From R. J. Melville Esq^r
Acting Collector.

To J. Grace Esq^r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George.

Sir

I have the honor to
consideration and if necessary for submission
to Government. Copy of a letter received from the
Accountant General.

2. I would submit that the tone and
style of the letter is unusual and objectionable.
It is such a letter as might be written by a
superior to an inferior immediately under
his orders and not such a letter as should be
written from an officer of one Department to
one of another and independent Department.

Vizagapatam

May 28, 1872

I have the honor to
be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
R. J. Melville
Acting Collector

The

The Board presume that the Accountant General's letter is the result of an oversight. He will however be requested in future to address the Board when he finds that Collectors of Districts are deserving of blame in regard to their duties in connection with the Account Department, as it is for the Board and Government alone to censure these Officers.

(True Copy & Extract)
Signed J. Grose
Secretary

To the Accountant General

True Copy
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As sent to the Account Genl

Rev. 2237/72

Campbell

Revenue Department.

Treasury.

No. 710

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
2 July 1872.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of proceedings of Revenue Board 1301 dated 17th instant containing a Complaint of the Collector of Vellore against with copy of my letter 1356 dated 21st May complained of (addressed to him along with the other officers) and of the Circular for reply to which I was pressing.

2 I would in the outset assure Government that, in common with all the few officers who have held the post in which I am now acting, I gratefully acknowledge the support of the Board whose guidance too is more important than that of similar authorities elsewhere being that an officer accustomed to the different Account system of the larger part of India, might by accident issue instructions unavailing to the peculiar system of this Presidency.

3 The points in which I would select

the orders of Government is. - Should such a letter as that complained of be issued only through the Board? And is the Accountant General to notice the neglect, great or small, of local officers in matters connected with accounts only by report to the Board or to Government? Passing over the delay which such a process must necessitate, I would point out that if the Board is right it must be prepared to receive all complaints great and small, not as at present great or general neglects reported for its correction, and that I shall be compelled to trouble the Government with the complaints which I now address to the Board.

14 I should not have noticed the Collector's letter but that

it raises the whole question. Is the Collector in his capacity of Treasury Officer subordinate to the Accountant General with whom he is in account and who is so to speak Treasury officer of Government? or is the district Account department another and independent department from that for which the Accountant General is responsible to Government?

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

M. Kayser

Offr. Account. Genl.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2237.

From Acct. Genl.

Dated 2^d July 1872.

FOR ORDERS.

I think Mr. Melville has been over-sensitive in this instance. I look upon the Accountant Genl's letter not as a censure - but as a natural complaint of great delay in reply to a letter. I would say & adding that Colrs ^{have} are not the subordinates of

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Returning to the Acting Secretary
Comptroller & the Secretary
of the Government to the Board

ENCLOSURES, 2.

No. 210

Dated 2nd July 1872
Received 5th July 1872

To
The Acting Secretary
to Government

FROM THE ACCT. GENERAL
TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS.
No. 2237
Revenue 1872 DEPARTMENT.

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the Dept. of Accounts
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between the local Govt &
the acct. kept
at Madras.

6th July 72

~~W. H. H.~~

Read Progs - Bd Rev.

Musc. No 4807

2/17-6-72

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Read also taken from Acting Acct Genl
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Is it worth pursuing this matter which occurred many months ago. Mr. Taylor's letter was abrupt in tone. - but he is gone. - I should be disposed to shelve the matter till the next outbreak. -

I think it is too late to take any notice of this matter.

Note. Search has been made, as suggested by the Honble Mr. the Subst. for previous orders on this point, but none are to be found. The only papers found provide for the regulation of differences of opinion arising between the local Govt & the Acct. Genl. at Madras.

6th July 72

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Read Progs - Bd Rev.

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Read also letter from Acting Acct. Genl. N. 210 2/2-7-72.

The Govt agree with the Bd of Rev. that it is not the province of the Acct. Genl. to censure Collectors; but they are unable to perceive the language of reproof in Mr. Taylor's letter to the Col. of Vijayapatnam; he appears to be remonstrating & complaining of some serious delay in furnishing official returns, but does not go beyond this. All Colrs are bound to give prompt attention to the requisitions of the Acct. Genl. in matters within his supervision, and where this is not done, it will be for him to bring the neglect to the notice of the Board of Revenue, the chief control & authority according to the law & practice of his Pres. G.

23/11/72

Differences between the
Acet. & collectors -
how to be disposed of

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to the remarks of the majority
of the members of the

25-4/1.
1/2 January 1873